

MODESTO-CERES FIRE PROTECTION AGENCY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

MINUTES

December 4, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 3:30pm

ROLL CALL:

Present: President Joseph P. Lopez

Board Member Doug Dunford

Board Member Kevin Wise

Absent: Board Member Richard Collins

Other Attendees: DeAnna Christensen, David Gomez, Maria Garnica, Alex Mog,
Stacey Pratt, Javier Lopez

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider appointing Interim Fire Kevin Wise new Board Member

Motion: Doug Dunford

Second: Joseph P Lopez

ACTION: (Dunford/Lopez; 3/0/0) to appoint Interim Fire Kevin Wise new
Board Member

2. Consider appointing Interim City Manager of Ceres new Board Member

Motion: Joseph P Lopez

Second: Kevin Wise

ACTION: (Lopez/Wise; 3/0/0) to appoint Interim City Manager of Ceres
as new Board Member

3. Annually elect President per agreement section 9.1

- The following nomination was made for the position of President:

- President: Doug Dunford

Motion: Kevin Wise

Second: Joseph P Lopez

ACTION: (Wise/Lopez; 3/0/0) to appoint Doug Dunford President

4. Annually elect Secretary per agreement section 9.1
 - Motion for current secretary, Juana Lynch, to remain in position.
Motion: Doug Dunford
Second: Kevin Wise
ACTION: (Dunford/Wise; 3/0/0) to appoint Juana Lynch Secretary
5. Approval of the January 19, 2023, Meeting Minutes
Motion: Kevin Wise
Second: Doug Dunford
ACTION: (Wise/Dunford; 1/0/2) motion approving the minutes from the Meeting held January 19, 2023.
(Board Member Dunford and Wise-Recusal due to previous meeting absence)
6. Consider accepting the fiscal year 2022-2023 Annual Audit Reports for Modesto-Ceres Fire Protection Agency
 - David Gomez presented the financial statements audited by Vasquez and Company and related notes for the Modesto-Ceres Fire Protection Agency JPA for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023: Resolution # 2023-03
Motion: Kevin Wise
Second: Dough Dunford
ACTION: (Wise/Dunford; 3/0/0) accepting the fiscal year 2022-2023 annual audit report for the Modesto-Ceres Fire Protection Agency.
7. Consider approving a budget adjustment for fiscal year 2023-2024
 - David Gomez presented information regarding the budget adjustment for Fiscal year 2023-2024 defined under Exhibit A: Resolution # 2023-04
Motion: Doug Dunford
Second: Kevin Wise
ACTION: (Dunford/Wise); 3/0/0) approving the budget adjustment for fiscal year 2023-2024.
8. Consider adopting the fiscal year 2024-2025 Modesto-Ceres Fire Protection Agency Proposed Operating Budget.
 - David Gomez presented the fiscal year 2024-2025 Modesto-Ceres Fire Protection Agency Proposed Operating Budget: Resolution #2023-05
Motion: Kevin Wise
Second: Doug Dunford
ACTION: (Wise/Dunford; 3/0/0) adopting the fiscal year 2024-2025 Modesto-Ceres Fire Protection Agency Proposed Operating Budget.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

President Lopez expressed the need to reassess the fee for the parcels in the district due to the partner agencies having to subsidize for fire services provided in this district.

Options were discussed of potentially having to go to the voters to approve an increase in the property assessment fees or recommending that the County assist with covering the subsidy in these City/County pocket districts.

Board Member Wise agreed to investigate the reassessment of the parcels and present his findings at a future meeting.

MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business of the board, Joseph P. Lopez adjourned the meeting at 3:51 p.m.

Submitted by,

Juana Lynch
Secretary