



## **CRESCENT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

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### **MINUTES OF THE CRESCENT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**SPECIAL MEETING HELD  
NOVEMBER 18, 2021  
AT 5:30 P.M.**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Chairman Jim Nelson  
Vice Chairman Dave Short  
Director Jim Erler  
Director Rick Kelley  
Director Joe Gregorio

**ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Vanessa Duncan, Clerk of the Board  
Ryan Plotz, Legal Counsel

**ROLL CALL:**

Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Kelley.

**REPORT OF ANY ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Chairman Nelson noted there is no report out of closed session.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No public comment at this time.

**CONSENT CALENDAR - None**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Take action as necessary and appropriate.*

### **4.1 REVIEW AND APPROVE AGREEMENT TO RETAIN COLANTUONO, HIGHSMITH & WHATLEY, PC TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Receive staff report and presentation
2. Take public comment
3. Board Discussion
4. Review and APPROVE AGREEMENT TO RETAIN COLANTUONO, HIGHSMITH & WHATLEY, PC TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES

Vanessa Duncan, Clerk of the Board reported that Crescent Fire Protection District requires legal counsel for pending litigation before November 26, 2021. Michael Colantuono with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC came highly recommended as a potential defense counsel by both Nancy Diamond, past general counsel for the District and Ryan Plotz, the newly obtained general counsel for the District.

On a motion by Director Erler, seconded by Vice Chair Short, motion carried unanimously 5/0, the Board of Directors approved AGREEMENT TO RETAIN COLANTUONO, HIGHSMITH & WHATLEY, PC TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES.

#### **OLD BUSINESS - None**

#### **CHIEF'S REPORT - None**

#### **BOARD COMMENTS**

The Board expressed the need for another closed session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Erler adjourned the meeting at 5:37 pm of the Crescent Fire Protection District Board of Directors to the next regularly scheduled meeting on December 13, 2021 at 5:00PM.



Vanessa Duncan, Clerk of the Board  
Crescent Fire Protection District