



# HEARTLAND FIRE TRAINING AUTHORITY

BOARD OF CHIEFS MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

8:00 AM

A Meeting of the Heartland Fire Training Authority Board of Chiefs held this Tuesday, April 2, 2024 was called to order by Chair Chief Don Butz at 8:00 am.

## **CHIEFS PRESENT:**

BRIAN BOGGELN – Alpine Fire Protection District  
BENT KOCH – Heartland Fire & Rescue  
ANDY LAWLER – San Miguel Fire & Rescue  
KEN KREMENSKY – Barona Fire Protection District  
BOB PFOHL – Viejas Fire Department  
MIKE SIMS – VICE CHAIR – Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Protection District  
DON BUTZ – CHAIR – Lakeside Fire Protection District  
JUSTIN MATSUSHITA – Santee Fire Department

## **CHIEFS ABSENT:**

None

## **STAFF PRESENT:**

JAY PETTERSON – Heartland Fire Training Facility, Training Manager/Academy Coordinator  
HEIDI SLABAUGH – Heartland Fire Training Facility, Administrative Analyst  
CLAY SCHOEN – Heartland Fire Training Facility, Treasurer/Controller

## **STAFF ABSENT:**

None

## **GUEST PRESENT:**

None

**MINUTES TYPED BY:** Heidi Slabaugh, Clerk of the Board

## **ROLL CALL**

**CLERK OF THE BOARD POSTED AGENDA FOR APRIL 2, 2024 MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW AND AGENCY POLICY.**

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### **AGENCIES:**

ALPINE FPD  
BONITA FPD  
CITY OF EL CAJON  
CITY OF LA MESA  
LAKESIDE FPD

CITY OF LEMON GROVE  
SAN MIGUEL FPD  
BARONA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS  
VIEJAS BAND OF KUMEYAAY INDIANS  
CITY OF SANTEE

TRAINING MANAGER JAY PETTERSON  
CLERK OF THE BOARD HEIDI SLABAUGH

HEARTLAND FIRE TRAINING FACILITY  
1301 N. MARSHALL AVE  
EL CAJON, CA 92020

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**APPROVE AGENDA OF THE  
APRIL 2, 2024 MEETING**

MOTION by SIMS, SECOND  
by KOCH to approve the Agenda  
of the April 2, 2024 meeting

MOTION CARRIES BY A VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. State Law prohibits taking action or discussion on any item not on the posted agenda. The Authority Commission may briefly respond to statements or questions by persons exercising their public testimony rights. If appropriate, a matter of business may be on a future agenda.

**2. CONSENT ITEMS**

Consent Items are routine matters enacted by a motion according to the RECOMMENDATION listed below. With the concurrence of the Board of Chiefs, a Chief or person in attendance may request discussion of a Consent Item at this time.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE  
DECEMBER 5, 2023 MEETING AND  
FINANCIALS AS PRESENTED**

MOTION by BOGGELN, SECOND  
by KOCH to approve the  
Minutes of December 5, 2023 meeting  
and Financials as presented

MOTION CARRIES BY A VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT

**3. CLOSED SESSION**

Direction given no action taken.

**4. FY 2024 – 2025 BUDGET APPROVAL**

**APPROVAL OF THE FY 2024-2025  
BUDGET AS PRESENTED**

MOTION by PFOHL, SECOND  
by MATSUSHITA to approve the FY  
2024-2025 Budget as presented

MOTION CARRIES BY A VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT

**5. ULTIMATE FIREFIGHTER CHALLENGE**

Jay Petterson will attend the meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at the County Ops offices at 9:30am to get more information on the event.

**6. OKLAHOMA BURN BUILDING RESEARCH VISIT OVERVIEW/PRESENTATION**

Captain Smith reported to the Chief's his findings on the Lonestar Burn Building versus the Draegar Burn Building, which is about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> less in cost. They are still waiting on the costs for shipping from Texas, where they are manufactured, and other considerations. Was looking for direction on placement and whether 2-story or 3-story noting that a 3-story would allow the Facility to keep there ISO rating if the Tower was to be out of service at any time. Direction was given to have the TO's decide on placement and to revisit.

**7. TRAINING BUDGET FUNDING – PLAN B**

After review and discussion, direction was given to work towards a secession Plan and to work on a model where HFTA pays the instructors and the agencies share the cost to reimburse HFTA based on average daily staffing.

**8. FACILITY PROPERTY INSURANCE**

After review and discussion, direction was given to purchase security cameras at the Facility.

**9. ISA AGREEMENT – SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE**

Southwestern College is taking the recommendation to their Board to raise the ISA Agreement from \$4.00 per seat hour to \$5.00 per seat hour at their April meeting.

**10. PARTNERSHIP – MIRAMAR COLLEGE**

After discussion a motion was made

**APPROVAL OF MIRAMAR COLLEGE MOTION by KREMENSKY, SECOND TO HOST CLASSES AT HFTA** by SIMS to approve Miramar College to host classes at HFTA

MOTION CARRIES BY A VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT

**11. HFTA INSTRUCTOR HOURLY RATE**

After review and discussion, direction was given to do a salary schedule, raising the Instructor pay hourly rate from \$55.00 to \$70.00 for FY 2025/2026.

**12. EMSTA COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP**

After review and discussion, direction was given to bring Southwestern College in to the conversation with EMSTA College.

**13. REPORTS – INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

Jay Petterson discussed the report as presented.

**ADJOURNMENT OF THE  
APRIL 2, 2024 MEETING AT 10:06  
WITH NO MOTION, MOVED INTO  
NEXT MEETING**