



GEYSERVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2016 AT 7:00 PM

At the Geyserville Fire Station #1, 20975 Geyserville Avenue, Geyserville

1. OPENING GREETING:

- a. Meeting called to order by President Paul Bernier at 7:00 p.m.
- b. Pledge of Allegiance.
- c. Roll Call: Harry Bosworth, Tatsuo Okaya, Dane Petersen, Paul Bernier, and Rob Stewart were present. Fire Chief Marshall Turbeville was also present.
- d. Agenda Approval: It was noted that Paul Bernier called the meeting to order, not Past President Rob Stewart. **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Bosworth) to approve the agenda with that change. All ayes.**

2. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** Bill Tevendale relayed his concerns about bike and foot races which cause delays and road closures on West Dry Creek Road and Lambert Bridge Road. He noted that many agencies are involved in the race approval process, but no one sees the larger picture of potential dangers due to lengthened emergency response times. He plans to approach Supervisor Gore with his concerns, but first wants a message from as many agencies/affected parties as possible that safety is a concern with these events. Rob Stewart and Dane Petersen voiced their personal support and acknowledged Tevendale's safety concerns. Paul Bernier noted that this issue has been discussed independently with Gore.

3. **MINUTES:** **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Okaya) to approve the January 13, 2016 minutes with that change. All ayes.**

4. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Treasurer Dane Petersen delivered the financial report. Tonight's warrants total \$25,251.93. Fiscal year 2015/2016 operations fund expenses totaled \$480,086.21; fund balance is \$507,247.69. Fiscal year-to-date New Station fund, Apparatus fund, and Grant Training fund expenses totaled \$0.00 with fund balances \$468,029.48, \$552,950.11, and \$0.37, respectively. Anneke Turbeville noted that three of tonight's claims are subject to approval under New Business as purchase proposals.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** **A motion was made and seconded (Bosworth/Petersen) to approve the warrants. All ayes.**

6. **CHIEF'S REPORT:** The Chief's Report (see attached) was presented by Chief Marshall Turbeville.

7. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Paul Bernier reported that he and Rob Stewart attended the recent SCFDA meeting. The SCFDA agreed to support the recommendations from the fire study group, primarily the payment of REDCOM dispatch fees by the County. The earliest this would happen is June. The County has not changed their offer in the tax negotiations.

8. **REPORT FROM THE GEYSERVILLE FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION (GFEA):** Joe Stewart said he is looking forward to meeting with the Board of Directors on February 19th, sometime in the afternoon. Rob Stewart requested the meeting take place at 1:00 or 2:00 p.m., since he and Chief Turbeville have a 4:00 p.m. commitment.

9. **REPORT FROM THE GEYSERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION (GVFA):** Joe Stewart reported that the air unit chassis has been delivered to the site and the Department should have the air unit by June. Rob Stewart asked if it's true that the GVFA is no longer a fundraising group for the District; he wants

the GVFA to pay for solar power for the station. Joe Stewart said he supports the idea but feels it may be difficult to get firefighter support for raising funds for solar.

10. CORRESPONDENCE: Paul Bernier introduced the letter from the county about selecting a representative for the Zone 6 regional council. A discussion followed on the process outlined in the letter. **A motion was made and seconded (Petersen/Stewart) to select the Chief to be on the regional council. All ayes.** Paul Bernier will write a letter to the County reporting the District's representative and protesting the County's right to veto the regional council's decision.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **District Expansion & Consolidation:** Chief Turbeville reported that there was a meeting on January 16th; nothing has developed since then. After today's town meeting, Gore said he wants more information on the tax money leaving northern Sonoma county to other parts of the county. Regarding the tax rate agreement negotiations, Schell Vista is moving ahead with seeking 100% taxes from the County for the annexed area. Rob Stewart noted that Brian Elliott has recommended expanding our sphere of influence to encompass all those areas under consideration for possible annexation. Chief Turbeville noted that we should meet with the Cloverdale Board to make sure they are comfortable with inclusion in our sphere of influence. It was noted that expanding the sphere of influence does not necessarily mean those areas will be annexed, but it could increase our odds for tax dollars. Chief Turbeville pointed out that Schell Vista is doing a sphere of influence instead of annexation; we can watch to see how it works out for that District. Paul Bernier announced that the volunteer fire companies of Sonoma County are considering forming a fire district. A discussion followed on the possibilities and implications of this move.
- b. **Solar Committee Updates:** Rob Stewart had no report.
- c. **Geyserville Fire Employees Association MOU:** Rob Stewart has a meeting with Richard Reed, during which they hope to sign the MOU extension and work on a new MOU for the next three years. Stewart recommends bringing our firefighters up to Cloverdale pay, and completing a CalPERS actuary. **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Bosworth) to pursue an actuary for CalPERS. All ayes.** Paul Bernier asked for a pay rate comparison with Cloverdale firefighters. Rob Stewart asked Anneke Turbeville to get the Cloverdale firefighter pay and find out from Michelle Black what Cloverdale's CalPERS costs are for everyone.
- d. **Update on Labor Contract Negotiations with Cloverdale:** Rob Stewart feels that his approaches to Cloverdale have not been met with enthusiasm. He also said there is a potential for hefty charges for this service.
- e. **Plan Check and Inspection Services:** Though this is a separate issue from tax negotiations, the County sees it as the same. The feeling is that the District will wait to pursue this until after tax negotiations.
- f. **Discussion of Meeting Date/Time Change:** Fred Petersen has withdrawn this request.
- g. **Community Emergency Response Team:** Fred Petersen was not present to report on the team.
- h. **County Fire Study Update:** This was discussed earlier in the meeting under various topics.
- i. **Transition from EFS:** Anneke Turbeville reported that she has talked to other fire agencies which unanimously say the transition from EFS has saved them time and money. They all use Summit Bank and QuickBooks. **A motion was made and seconded (Petersen/Stewart) to move away from EFS. All ayes.** Anneke Turbeville will further research the next steps

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Multipurpose Room Agreement:** Ryan Petersen wants to use the multipurpose room to teach a hire equipment operator class and wants to know who pays rent and who doesn't. He argued that he is teaching a state fire marshal class and that the prior fire chief did not charge him to teach there. The directors agreed that Ryan Petersen does not need to pay for the use of the room or need a multipurpose room agreement. Chief Turbeville asked for further clarification on who should pay and who should not. The Board decided that if the use of the multipurpose room meets any of the following criteria, it is free:

- a. Benefits a firefighter or director
- b. Benefits the community or a member of the community the District serves
- c. Benefits the fire service

The current multipurpose room agreement will apply to all those not meeting one of these requirements.

- b. CSFA Membership: **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Bosworth) to approve the purchase proposal for CSFA membership. All ayes.**
- c. Water Heater: **A motion was made and seconded (Bosworth/Petersen) to approve the additional costs incurred with water heater installation by Dave Bernier. All ayes.**
- d. Job Shirts: **A motion was made and seconded (Bosworth/Stewart) to approve the purchase proposal for job shirts. All ayes.**
- e. Station 1 generator: **A motion was made and seconded (Bosworth/Petersen) to approve the purchase proposal for generator repair. All ayes.**

13. GOOD OF THE ORDER: Anneke Turbeville reminded the directors to fill out their Form 700s, due April 1. The Chief's Evaluations are also due; Anneke Turbeville will send those out. Harry Bosworth noted that the Steelhead Festival takes place this weekend. Rob Stewart announced he would not be at the next meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING: A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Bosworth) to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. All ayes.

Minutes approved as written- Motion/Second: Dane Petersen/Tatsuo Okaya

Clerk of the Board: Anneke Turbeville

Date: 3-10-16