



GEYSERVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

WEDNESDAY MARCH 12, 2014 AT 7:00 PM

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

1. OPENING GREETING:

- a. Meeting called to order by President Dane Petersen at 7:00 p.m.
- b. Pledge of Allegiance.
- c. Roll Call: Dane Petersen, Harry Bosworth, and Rob Stewart were present. Tim Barnard arrived after Public Discussion.
- d. Agenda Approval: Harry Bosworth wanted to mention that employee negotiations need to be done by the next meeting under Old Business. **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Bosworth) to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes.**

2. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** Fred Peterson pointed out the article in the paper addressing Bodega Bay's Measure A and noted that the Board and District need to be aware that the population has changed, as has Bodega Bay's. **Tim Barnard arrived at the meeting.**

3. **MINUTES:** **A motion was made and seconded (Bosworth/Stewart) to approve the February 12, 2014 minutes with those changes. All ayes.**

4. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Harry Bosworth delivered the financial report. He reviewed last month's expenses and fund balances. Fiscal year 2013/2014 operations fund expenses totaled \$506,088.10. Fiscal year-to-date building and apparatus fund expenses remained at \$0.00. Grant Training fund expenses totaled \$162.38. Fund balances are as follows: Operating Fund \$809,346.23; Apparatus Fund \$272,880.27; Station Fund \$6,693.54; and Grant Training Fund \$8,407.12.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** The warrants for February were reviewed and discussed. **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Bosworth) to approve the warrants. All ayes.**

6. **CHIEF'S REPORT:** The Chief's Report was included in the Agenda Packet. Chief Turbeville was not present to deliver the report. Dane Petersen asked about the results of the Chili Cook-off; Fred Peterson announced they placed fifth out of fifteen contestants. Dick Dilworth was asked if he had anything to add to the report; Dilworth said it's perfect.

7. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Dane Petersen said he is happy with the financials. Tim Barnard asked which board members are meeting for the ad-hoc committee; Rob Stewart said it was ~~Harry~~ and himself.

8. **REPORT FROM THE GEYSERVILLE FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION (GFEA):** No report.

9. **REPORT FROM THE GEYSERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION (GVFA):** Brett Thatcher reported that the GVFA is interested in purchasing the land behind Station 1. The GVFA wants to know if the District is willing to assume ownership of the property if the GVFA purchases it. Fred Peterson said the land would be used for training purposes. Directors Petersen and Stewart said they are in favor of the purchase, but they cannot take action on anything. Harry Bosworth stated he didn't see a problem with it, and Rob Stewart reminded the Board that at one time they wanted employee housing.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:** CSDA director nominations are open for interested directors. The Sonoma County Citizens' Report is in directors' packets.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Strategic Planning: Tom Forster was present to give an update and answer questions on the strategic plan. He asked about the status of community surveys; Anneke Turbeville reported that thirty five

surveys were returned so far. He pointed out progress in the plan: financial training with Brian Elliott, board training with Jim Hill, burn training with Healdsburg, and the recruitment and retention workshop in Calistoga. Forster presented the Department with a recruitment poster to display, possibly at one of the other two stations. The Board asked to see the latest version of the strategic plan; Forster said he will send version number seven out via email.

- b. Expansion and Consolidation: Rob Stewart reported that he will have an update after the upcoming meeting at the end of the month. Dane Petersen noted that there are people out there who don't like the idea of consolidation and others who feel it is progress.
- c. 100-Year Anniversary Committee: Tatsuo Okaya intends to reach out to the schools for a presentation. Fred Peterson said they will have a number of smaller events, including the plaque for Dale Goode and the rededication of the station. Rob Stewart told Dilworth he will put Dale Goode's plaque up one week from Sunday. Dick Dilworth announced that he interviewed Dent Rose and intends to interview Mark Grandy; he wondered if there is anyone else the Board would like to have interviewed. He asked who the first chief was; Harry Bosworth said it was Harold Sullivan. Rob Stewart said he had a list of the chiefs and the dates they served. Tim Barnard said he remembers a tattered, leather bound binder of minutes; he will go through the material at Station 2 and look for old minutes to help with historical content. Fred Peterson asked if Dilworth would be talking to Ray Pigoni; Dilworth will approach Michael Pigoni to see if he will interview his father.
- d. Solar Panel Committee Update: Rob Stewart recommended determining how much of the electric bill the District wishes to eliminate. He said Rody Jonas can reduce it 50% and the Solar Company does 100%. Harry Bosworth said he doesn't have enough information about solar energy to ask for the proper specification in a bid request, and suggested the solar companies make presentations at an upcoming Board meeting. Tatsuo Okaya recommended a company called Synergy Solar from Sebastopol.
- e. Employee Negotiations: Harry Bosworth announced that they need to meet with the GFEA before the next meeting so they can have recommendations for the next meeting prior to budget considerations. This will be an agenda item for next month.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

Sonoma Clean Power: Dane Petersen explained that the Board needs to decide if they want to opt out of Sonoma Clean Power or stay with PG&E. Tim Barnard and Dane Petersen announced that they personally opted out of Sonoma Clean Power; Barnard wanted to see a track record prior to using Sonoma Clean Power. Harry Bosworth said Sonoma Clean Power only buys produced power so there won't be much of a track record to create, and Bosworth is hopeful that Sonoma Clean Power may be able to help the District with solar power and gives consumers more local control. Harry Bosworth would personally choose to stay with Clean Power, and Rob Stewart chose to go with Sonoma Clean Power at his residence. **A motion was made and seconded (Bosworth/Stewart) to table the decision until the April meeting. All ayes.**

- a. CSFA: Tom Forster and Fred Peterson listed some of the benefits that come with CSFA membership, including workshops, trainings, insurance discounts. Forster noted it is the only group, other than California Professional Firefighters' Association (CPF), that actively lobbies around fire service legislation. He noted the dues are reasonable and have not gone up in many years, and said it is the only group in California that represents volunteers with a committee like it has. Forster added that departments can apply for turnouts as part of the burn grant. **A motion was made and seconded (Bosworth/Stewart) to authorize the expenditure of \$2400 for CSFA membership renewal. All ayes.**
- b. Installation of Electrical, Appliances and Concrete: Dick Dilworth explained that this proposal allows for electrical service to 6192's storage shed and concrete to cover the mud. He noted that right now we are running over an electrical extension cord; this proposal includes a shoreline, two lights, and an extra plug in the barn. It does not include cutting away the concrete to run the wires out of the

electrical box. Rob Stewart cautioned to slope the concrete away from the building and into the drain. Jon Colgan will cut and remove the concrete. Tim Barnard wondered if a circuit box is needed; Dick Dilworth will mention that to the electrician. Harry Bosworth questioned where the funds will come from and cautioned about spending money we don't have. He noted that without the casino income they have to be more careful about spending money on projects. **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Barnard) to spend up to \$7,000 to complete this project. All ayes.**

13. **GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Harry Bosworth told everyone to fill out their Chief's Evaluations in two weeks and turn in to Dane Petersen or drop off at Bosworth's store. Anneke Turbeville reminded the directors that Form 700s are due April 1st.

A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Barnard) to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM. All ayes.

Minutes approved as written- Motion/Second: Bob Bosworth/Bernier

Clerk of the Board: Anneke Turbeville

Date: 4-9-14