



GEYSERVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2016 AT 7:00 PM

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

1. OPENING GREETING:

- Meeting called to order by President Paul Bernier at 7:02 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call: Harry Bosworth, Rob Stewart, Tatsuo Okaya, Dane Petersen, and Paul Bernier were present. Fire Chief Marshall Turbeville was also present.
- Agenda Approval: The laptop computer purchase proposal was added to new business and the solar invoices were added to the consent calendar. **A motion was made and seconded (Bosworth/Petersen) to approve the agenda with those additions. All ayes.**

2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None.

3. MINUTES: A motion was made and seconded (Petersen/Bosworth) to approve the August 10, 2016 minutes. All ayes.

4. KNIGHT'S VALLEY ANNEXATION: Steve Gould of Knight' Valley Volunteer Fire Company discussed the possible annexation to Geyserville Fire Protection District. He noted that it has been a difficult decision- it's a fifty-year-old department- but feels the timing is right with the County. The Knight's Valley Board understands that annexation is not the solution to all its problems. Both boards agreed that one hundred percent of the tax dollars from that area will be needed to make it work. A discussion followed about Supervisor Gore's indication that Geyserville will not be getting 100% of the tax dollars from the Geysers Area annexation. The Board feels that since Zone 6 is funding most of Sonoma County, this needs to go public. Gould suggested forming a joint committee to work out the details of the annexation, then going to the County. Paul Bernier volunteered to be on this committee. **A motion was made and seconded (Petersen/Stewart) to form a committee with Knight's Valley. All ayes.**

5. FINANCIAL REPORT: Treasurer Dane Petersen delivered the financial report. Exchange Bank ended August with \$31,046.29; Summit Checking ended with \$184,725.32; and Summit ICS has 1,317,456.33. Checks for approval tonight total \$32,897.61. The Board wishes for Michael Pigoni to make a recommendation about how much money to move to the CDRS account and suggestions on earmarking money to protect it.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR: A motion was made and seconded (Petersen/Bosworth) to pay the bills, including the invoices from Pure Power Solutions. All ayes.

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

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Paul Bernier reported that they have had numerous meetings. He said they are currently offering \$350,000 for the Geysers Area; the Board feels the District should hold out. Tatsuo Okaya suggested the District goes to Court. Paul Bernier feels we should wait for the Cal Fire proposal. A discussion followed on how to get the County to consider this, and strategies to pressure the County. Bernier noted he has a relationship with Todd Derum. Harry Bosworth noted that the County is afraid of lawsuits and the threat of one could get their attention. Gould said they should start by going to the Board of Supervisors and get 100% of tax dollars for Knight's Valley. Joe Stewart suggested an online petition.

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

10. REPORT FROM THE GEYSERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION (GVFA): The GVFA is hosting a dinner for significant others on October 13. Emeriti, board members and their significant others are invited to Catelli's- more details to follow at a later date. Also, the kitchen at the firehouse is being updated, including three new refrigerators.

11. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

12. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. District Expansion & Consolidation: Discussed in President's Report.
- b. County Fire Study: Discussed in President's Report.
- c. Plan Check: Nothing to report but it needs to remain on the agenda.
- d. Solar Update: In progress.
- e. Website: Joe Stewart reported that he met with Vicki Norris. Anneke Turbeville went over some of the public record documents to be included on the website, including budget, audit, and strategic plan.
- f. 2016/2017 Final Budget: **A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2016/2017 Final Budget. All ayes.**

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Blomberg & Griffin Audit Proposal: **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Bosworth) to approve the Audit Proposal for 2016, 2017, and 2018 from Blomberg & Griffin Accountancy Corporation. All ayes.**
- b. 2017 FDAC EBA Renewal Acceptance Confirmation: **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Petersen) to approve the EBA renewal. All ayes.**
- c. 2016 BOD Election: There will be no election for Geyserville Fire Protection District; Fred Peterson and Paul Bernier will be sworn in at the December meeting.
- d. Laptop Purchase Proposal: **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Petersen) to approval the laptop purchase proposal for \$2500. All ayes.**

14. GOOD OF THE ORDER: Fred Petersen said it's time to meet with Cloverdale again about moving forward with consolidation. Joe Stewart recommended keeping labor groups part of the discussions. Tatsuo Okaya and Rob Stewart will meet with Cloverdale.

Paul Bernier announced that you can see the outline of three fire engines on Canyon Rd. from the retardant drop at the fire.

15. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING: **A motion was made and seconded (Petersen/Stewart) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. All ayes.**

Minutes approved as written- Motion/Second: Bosworth/Petersen

Clerk of the Board: Anneke Turbeville

Date: 10-12-16