

Geyserville Fire Protection District

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2004, AT 7:00 P.M.

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

1. OPENING GREETING

A: Meeting Called to Order by President Michael Pigoni at 19:05 hours.

B: Pledge of Allegiance

C: Roll Call: Paul Bernier, Tim Barnard, Harry Bosworth, Michael Pigoni, Rob Stewart present; Chief Paul Pigoni in attendance.

D: Agenda Approval

It was moved/seconded (Bernier/Barnard) to approve the Agenda. All ayes.

2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Director Tim Barnard mentioned public attendance at Board meetings when there are heated issues or debates. A discussion followed on Robert's Rules of Order.

3. MINUTES

A motion was made/seconded (Barnard/Bosworth) that the Minutes of the January 14, 2004, Board of Directors' meeting be approved. All ayes.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The current financial reports from the County and Jeanne Davis were reviewed. The expenses for the year-to-date were \$365,611.11.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

The warrants for the Operating fund were \$28,724.70 and \$78,501.97 for the Station Fund, making the total warrants for the month of January \$107,226.67. **A motion was made/seconded (Barnard/Bosworth) to approve the January warrants. All ayes.**

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

A. Chief Pigoni reported that there were thirty-six calls in January.

B. Chief said the District needs to re-think its liabilities in regards to the County Fire and Safety Code. However hard we try to enforce the Code there are certain people with enough influence who go to the Board of Supervisors and override anything we want to do. The problem then becomes the liability we have down the road of being able to protect the new structures and/or the adjacent structures that may be threatened due to a fire. As an example, Paul used the new building that may be built behind the Fire House that would not have an adequate water source. Per the fire code there has to be 500 gallons a minute within 250 feet of where their access road leaves the main highway. Their access road would be the alleyway between Odd Fellows and Meeker's tasting room. If you go 500 feet in either direction there is no water source that supplies 500 gallons a minute, so in essence, they don't meet the requirement. The fine print says that we can't totally stop the construction of this building because no one person should be forced to make that kind of improvement to the water system. The fact still remains that the house will get approved and the danger is, to the Chief, not the new house but the old trailer that sits next to it because trailers go up like matches and we won't have any water back there to try to protect the adjacent houses. The District needs to decide how strictly we want to enforce the Fire and Safety Code and establish guidelines and standards for enforcing such. Discussion followed.

C. There are currently twenty-seven active firefighters, plus six trainees, and two on leave. The trainees have already started their training in Cloverdale.

D. Chief reported on the status of the new SCBA's. His recommendation is to lease/purchase twenty-two new units along with spare bottles. This will provide four units per engine, two for 6130 that can be used as spares. We will then have a spare bottle for each unit and continue to use a few of our good bottles as spares. By leasing we can stretch the payments over a five-year period and only have one brand on which to train. Of the SCBA models that were demonstrated, the unit which was preferred by the majority of the firefighters was Interspiro Spiromatic S2. This model is NFPA 2000 approved. The other brands we looked at were NFPA 2002 approved which includes a Heads Up Display in the mask. Most of the firefighters did not like the displays on any of the units. The Interspiro S2 pricing is as follows:

22 Units	\$1,950.00	\$ 42,900.00
44 Spare carbon fiber bottles	\$ 365.00	\$ 16,060.00
	Total	\$58,960.00

Discussion followed. Director Rob Stewart said he does not want to go back to the SCBA's we are using now because that would be taking a step backwards. He said that he was surprised because he thought the Interspiro would be the most expensive but without the Heads Up display it turns out to be the cheapest. Directors Barnard, and Bosworth agreed with Rob. Director Bernier thought because we have the cost of the new station that we could put off buying new SCBA's and continue to rebuild the ones we have. **A motion was made/seconded to authorize the Chief to sign a lease on getting the District twenty-two units of the Interspiro S2 and the forty-four spare carbon filter bottles. 3 Ayes (Bosworth, Barnard, Stewart), 1 Nay (Bernier)**

E. We have been on Redcom for over one year and hopefully we can make as many improvements this coming year as we have made in the last.

F. Chief reported on the new engine 6181 and its breakdown on the way to San Diego for the convention. It broke down in Fresno and is at Cummings in Fresno now. They shipped a new motor and the engine will be ready around the first of March.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Association

Marshall Turbeville reported that the Associations name is wrong on the return envelopes for the survey that *Associations for Community Solutions* sent out.

B. Truck Committee

Ryan Petersen reported that the current 6181 had its brakes redone and a tune-up. 6192 and 6173 had minor things done. All trucks are in service.

C. New Station I Committee

Rob Stewart reported that the Committee is deciding how it's going to proceed with the actual construction of the building; whether it's going to put it out to bid for a general contractor to build or to hire a management team. Rob talked about the liability issues and the time factor of being our own general contractor. Joel Zunino, of Zunino Construction, 22570 Chianti Road, Geyserville, was in attendance and stated that he thinks the District would be better off not being its own general contractor because of time restraints and liability problems. Discussion followed on the bid process for sub-contractors. It was decided that there should be a special Board meeting to cover this issue.

Director Barnard said we should think about hiring a construction attorney to get a legal opinion. We could ask County Counsel if they have someone in-house who could help us. Rob Stewart said Bracken Richardson his having a meeting Friday, February 13, at 8:30 a.m. if anyone wants to attend.

Director Barnard announced the fundraising letters were mailed and that the Committee hopes to have a working fundraising profile by the first of March.

The Chief asked about the current plans for tearing down the existing Station I. Discussion followed.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

President Pigioli announced that LAFCO has vacancies open if anyone wants to be on the LAFCO Board.

9. OLD BUSINESS – No Old Business

10. NEW BUSINESS

Harry Bosworth said that he thinks that we should think about rotating Board members and also to delegate more duties. He had ideas for the Secretary, Treasurer, past President, etc. to share the President's workload. Michael Pigioli said there are a lot of government agencies who do rotate officers but we are different because we don't have a paid staff where everything can be done by staff reports before the board meetings. We don't have that luxury because we are all volunteer. He said the biggest job is doing the budget and since he knows the County accounting systems, the Excel program, and because he has been doing it for so long, he has taken over the budgetary items. We don't have a Treasurer because we have a bookkeeper. Michael explained why a rotational thing would not work for this District. If anyone else wants to be President that would be fine with him. Discussion followed and Paul Bernier mentioned by-laws for the Board and he said he would look into it and see if other

Board's have by-laws.

11. GOOD OF THE ORDER

The AVA is having its meeting Saturday, February 21, at 9:00 a.m. and discussion followed on whether Michael or Chief Pigoni should be there to talk with them and to maybe present the plans and model of the new firehouse. Tim Barnard said we should at least have the models and plans there.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

Michael reminded everyone to get Agenda items to Kathy before noon on March 5, 2004, for the next regular Board of Directors' Meeting, March 10, 2004 at 7:00 pm. There will be a Special Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2004 at 7 p.m. **Motion was made/seconded (Barnard/Bernier) to adjourn the meeting at 21:50 hours. All ayes.**

Minutes approved as written: Motion/Second_____

Clerk of the Board:_____

Date:_____

