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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2006 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 7:03 P.M.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Agenda Approval: **A motion was made and seconded (Bosworth/Barnard) to approve the agenda. All ayes.**
- E. Roll Call: Michael Pigoni, Rob Stewart, Paul Bernier, Harry Bosworth and Tim Barnard present. Chief Paul Pigoni was also present.

2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None.

3. MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded (Bosworth/Bernier) to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting for September 13, 2006. All ayes.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The current financial reports from the County and bookkeeper Jeanne Davis were reviewed. Expenses for the month ending September 30th were \$47,115.12. Year-to-date expenses for fiscal year 2006/2007 are \$196,116.45, all of which are operating fund expenses.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Warrants for the month of September were reviewed and approved. There was some discussion about the purchase of a new copier. **A motion was made and seconded (Barnard/Bosworth) to approve the September warrants. All ayes.**

GATEWAY TO THE GEYSERS

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Paul Pigoni reported the following:

- There have been 397 calls to-date; 33 in the past month.
- There are currently 31 firefighters, 7 probationary firefighters, and one firefighter on leave.
- Joe Stewart is completing five inspections a month.
- Regarding the hydrants at Ed. Park; the valve is broken and the shut-off is only at ½ capacity for the water supply. The repairs need to be done before Friday or they face sanctions (ie: close school or hire fire watch). Because the liability falls on the GFPPD, it is imperative the hydrants are fixed.
- All apparatus are in service.
- REDCOM has sent a letter to the Department wanting to know our intentions for next year. We're on a year by year contract until we cancel. The Chief, who is okay with the present service, will be attending a board meeting on Thursday afternoon at the Sheriff's Office. Petaluma is considering utilizing REDCOM, as well as some out-of-county agencies, including Hopland and Calistoga.
- The Chief wondered if the policy addressing membership requirements needs to be amended to include for eligibility those who do not live or work in the District. He noted that the Department currently has four firefighters not meeting these requirements, despite their training/call volume.
- There are still paint issues to be dealt with. The address numbers are up.
- Station 2 response is still suffering.
- Engine 6171's repairs were under \$8,000. With a \$3,000 deductible, do we want to pay or go through insurance? The consensus says the Chief should file a claim.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

There is an election newsletter in the packet.

9. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. There was discussion regarding the standard of coverage for the district. It was noted that Station 2 volunteers are at a low point, with Gene Saini currently unavailable for calls. The "Volunteers Needed" sign is back up at Station 2, and there was talk of recruiting businesses in the Alexander Valley to allow employees to respond to calls. There was further discussion regarding some of the staffing options, such as an Amador Agreement with the CDF.

A standard of coverage must be established to ward off potential lawsuits, with research of past calls to establish times. It was noted that public input is needed to determine what is expected in terms of response times. There was discussion whether neighboring agencies (Healdsburg F.D.) might be persuaded to provide automatic aid to the Alexander Valley area.

The District will meet with the Alexander Valley Association (AVA) to discuss the severity of the issue, and to let them know the Department is looking for volunteers and answers to the current dilemma. The District will send Barnard, Bernier and Stewart to the AVA board meeting on November 1st. Note: This must be posted seventy-two hours prior because three board members will be present. The District needs to set goals/policies to legally cover its responsibilities.

- B. The discussion on donor recognition was tabled. Harry Bosworth will work on this issue with Rob Stewart.
- C. There was discussion regarding the use of fire department placards/bumper stickers. The Board decided that bumper stickers should be provided to directors and retired firefighters, designating them as so (Geyserville Fire Director – Geyserville Fire Retired).

11. GOOD OF THE ORDER

There will be a firefighter documentary at 8:00 P.M. Friday on the History Channel.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Bernier) to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. All ayes.

Minutes approved as written- Motion/Second: _____

Clerk of the Board: _____

Date: _____