



# GEYSERVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2007 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 7:00 P.M.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Agenda Approval: **A motion was made and seconded (Bosworth/Stewart) to approve the agenda. All ayes.**
- E. Roll Call: Michael Pigoni, Tim Barnard, Harry Bosworth, Paul Bernier, and Rob Stewart present. Chief Paul Pigoni was also present.

### 2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None.

### 3. MINUTES

**A motion was made and seconded (Bernier/Stewart) to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting for June 13, 2007. All ayes.**

### 4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The current financial reports from the County and bookkeeper Jeanne Davis were reviewed. Operating fund expenses for the month ending June 30<sup>th</sup> were \$67,057.18. Year-to-date expenses for fiscal year 2006/2007 are \$1,165,049.

### 5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Warrants for the month of June were reviewed and approved. **A motion was made and seconded (Barnard/Stewart) to approve the June warrants. All ayes.**

**GATEWAY TO THE GEYSERS**

## 6. CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Paul Pigoni reported the following:

- There have been 291 calls this year-to-date (61 in the past month)
- Prevention has ongoing inspections and plan reviews
- Approximately six plans have come in during the past week, including a 13,000 square feet building on the property once owned by the Campbell Ranch Inn
- The Department is looking into purchasing fire hose, since much of the current hose is not passing the intensive testing
- There are 37 regular firefighters, 4 probationary firefighters and 3 firefighters on leave
- All apparatus are in service
- The \$89,000 grant money is going towards new turnouts, helmets and SCBA upgrades
- July 7<sup>th</sup> was the single largest take ever by the River Rock Casino, with one medical aid
- Station 2 and 3 are getting weekly visits for truck checks and maintenance
- Engines 6192 and 6182 are stationed at Station 2; Engine 6172 is stationed at Station 1.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

Next Thursday is the Sonoma County Fire District's Association meeting at Cattleman's.

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Michael Pigoni reviewed the Association's wish to make the building payment for 07/08. Michael noted that the District's CPA explained that the District needs to write the check, after receiving the donation from the Association. Some discussion followed on various payment options and terms of the lease. **A motion was made and seconded (Barnard/Stewart) to accept the Association's offer to donate money for the 07/08 building lease payment. All ayes.**
- B. After a brief review of the history of the Station 1 leaks, Rob Stewart spoke of a recent meeting with Spiral Building Solutions. Director Stewart went over some of the points in the proposal, noting that the company would be present for the demolition and rebuilding of the walkway. The goal would be to help determine the problem and design a solution, and in the process hopefully assign fault. A discussion followed on the price of Spiral Design Solutions, the cost of the project, and the roles and responsibilities of Wright and RRM in the fix. The Board agreed to appoint Rob Stewart as the District representative in dealings with the company. **A motion was made and seconded (Barnard/Stewart) to sign the contract with Spiral Building Solutions and proceed with the next step to fix the leaks at Station 1. All ayes.**

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

Harry Bosworth gave a short background on his dealings with the Schoolhouse Plaza project and Project Manager Steve Vail. Steve Vail took over, asking the fire department to assist with the cost of putting in a water main and fire hydrant. Vail cited it as an unexpected cost after permits were already obtained. Chief Pigoni reviewed the history of the request for the main and hydrant, emphasizing that the water main and hydrant are vital to firefighter safety and structure protection in the event of fire. He noted that the County intended to uphold the fire department's request.

Harry Bosworth refrained from giving an opinion due to a conflict of interest, but other Board members did not believe the District should subsidize water mains or set a precedent of such action. It was pointed out that other developers have willingly assumed the cost of upgrading the water system and meeting the fire department's requests. A discussion followed on the permit process, and how it is common for permits to need changes during the building process. After voicing the opinion that this issue should be settled between the Chief, County and developer, the Board announced they were not interested in further discussion of this topic.

## **11. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING**

**A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Barnard) to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. All ayes.**

Minutes approved as written- Motion/Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of the Board: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_