

GEYSERVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 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 Rob Stewart at 7:07 P.M.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call: Rob Stewart, Tim Barnard, Paul Bernier, Harry Bosworth, and Rob Stewart present. Chief Paul Pigoni was also in attendance.
- D. Agenda Approval: **A motion was made and seconded (Barnard/Bernier) to approve the agenda. All ayes.**

2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

No public discussion.

3. MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Bernier) to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting for August 11, 2004. All ayes.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The current financial reports from the County and bookkeeper Jeannie Davis were reviewed. Year-to-date expenses are \$112,648.42. Over the past month, Station Fund expenses were \$49,657.59 and Operating Fund expenses were \$20,121.54.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Warrants for the month of August were reviewed and approved. There was a question regarding the West Group warrant. Clerk Anneke Turbeville explained that West Group sends the updates for Barclay's California Code of Regulations.

It was noted by Rob Stewart that there are errors in the item descriptions for Royal Petroleum and Med Tech on pages fourteen and fifteen of the financial packet.

GATEWAY TO THE GEYSERS

Clerk Anneke Turbeville explained that the last page of the packet includes warrants not included in the financial statement on the first page. **A motion was made and seconded (Barnard/Bernier) to approve the August warrants. All ayes.**

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Paul Pigoni reported the following:

- There have been a total of 379 calls this calendar year, including 42 calls during the month of August.
- There are currently thirty one firefighters, three of which remain on probation.
- The casino mitigation check has been received and deposited. Chief Paul Pigoni has created a list of equipment to be purchased after approval from the Board. This will be discussed further in New Business.
- Due to the upcoming start of construction of the new station, fire department personnel must maintain good communication in order to complete all the required tasks. Work parties must be organized for clean up.
- Engines 6171 and 6173 were released today from the Geysers Fire. Both engines were part of separate strike teams committed to the fire since Saturday. The state owes the District over \$23,000 for the use of District engines and personnel. Hose lost on the fire has already been replaced.
- Chief Paul Pigoni thanked Healdsburg Fire (not present) for driving all the way to Lake County to take the place of Engine 6173 on a strike team. 6173 was demobilized before the switch took place, so Healdsburg's Engine 6370 had to drive back home.
- Chief Paul Pigoni alerted the Board that money is available for reimbursement to property owners who suffered damages incurred from fire suppression of the Geysers Fire.
- It was noted that the District may be dispatched for smoldering fires and/or flare ups from the Geysers Fire until the rainy season. The CDF will probably be in the area doing restoration work for quite some time.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Geyserville Volunteer Firefighters' Association: Barry Collier had nothing to report.
- B. Truck Committee Report: Ryan Petersen reported that lights were knocked off Engine 6171 prior to the Geysers Fire. He has not yet had time to inspect Engines 6171 and 6173 since their time spent on the Geysers Fire.
- C. New Station 1 Committee: Rob Stewart gave a summary of the progress of the new Station 1. The permits are ready to be picked up. Rob Stewart and Chief Paul Pigoni are hoping to enlist Paul Kelly's assistance in an attempt to waive permit fees. Approximately \$6,200 has already been credited towards the permits at this time.

Rob Stewart met with Bob Cass and Wright Contracting yesterday (9/7/2004). The contract with Wright should be ready tomorrow for review and approval by Sonoma County Counsel. Following that, the contract should be ready in three to four working days.

There is no official start date. Once Wright is given notification to begin construction, they will have ten days to break ground. From that date, they will have 300 days to complete the project.

A preconstruction meeting will be held sometime next week. The Committee is opting for the alternative which allows the old station to remain in place as long as possible. Meanwhile, there is much storing and relocating that must take place. Harry Bosworth has requested that an eight inch water pipe be put in, instead of a six inch water pipe.

Chief Paul Pighoni noted that he is planning to allow Santa Rosa Junior College to use the "old" Engine 6182 until it is time to sell it. In return for the use of this engine for their academy, the SRJC will maintain and store the engine for the District.

- D. Fundraising Committee: Tim Barnard passed around the Campaign folder. He informed the Board that the next fundraising meeting will be held on September 21, 2004 at Greg Wilcox's house in the Dry Creek Valley. So far, most of the volunteers at the fundraising meetings have been Geyserville firefighters. The Committee wants the Associates for Community Solutions to get more of the community involved. At this time, the Committee has a list of people to ask for targeted dollar amounts. However, this information is confidential and cannot be shared beyond the Committee.

The Committee would appreciate advance warning of groundbreaking to coordinate and host a groundbreaking ceremony. Harry Bosworth noted that such ceremonies do not have to take place on the actual date of groundbreaking, but can occur at a much later date. He suggested delaying the ceremony until a more convenient time.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. A letter from the County of Sonoma Registrar of Voters was shared at this time. Harry Bosworth and Paul Bernier were the only two candidates for the Board. They will both continue to serve on the Board of Directors. They were appointed to the Board at a meeting of the County Board of Supervisors on August 24, 2004. Both candidates signed and dated their Oaths of Office.
- B. Five candidates were on the ballot for the CSDA Board of Directors. Upon review of candidates' statements, the Board selected Joan Woods.
- C. Rob Stewart reviewed a training notice for Board officers. No one was interested.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Chief Paul Pigoni was asked for a River Rock Casino parking garage update. Chief Pigoni noted that the parking garage training was completed last month. The training served to familiarize firefighters with the structure.

At the last meeting, the Board discussed obtaining a legal opinion on the liabilities of firefighters entering an unfinished structure without fire suppression systems in place. President Michael Pigoni previously agreed to take on the task of seeking a legal opinion of this matter. Due to his absence, Harry Bosworth agreed to consult with a lawyer he knows who has agreed to review this matter free of charge. Tim Barnard will determine the fees of another lawyer who has dealt with such issues, and will refer the lawyer to Chief Paul Pigoni for clarification on this topic.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Chief Paul Pigoni noted that the Board must give approval prior to the spending of large sums of money, such as that involved in the casino mitigation grant. Chief Pigoni passed around a list of equipment he wishes to purchase with these funds. The intent is to supplement the existing extrication tools. One of the units will be electric and rechargeable for Squad 6131. Also on the list are TC struts for Squad 6131 and Engines 6173 and 6182. The purchase of this equipment is to enable Engine 6173 to begin stabilizing a vehicle before the arrival of rescue tools on another unit, and replace older stabilizing equipment with more space-efficient equipment. The total spending comes to slightly over the \$32,200 given the District. The Chief asked the Board for approval to go ahead with the purchase of this equipment.

11. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Board Clerk Anneke Turbeville will be attending a Board Secretary training in Fremont at the end of next month.

Harry Bosworth explained that he was approached by someone from the AVA and asked if the District might be willing to pick up the costs of insurance and property taxes on Station 2. A lengthy discussion of the ownership of the Station 2 property and building followed. Chief Paul Pigoni recommended the District consult someone about how to legally obtain the property. The Board agreed they should hire a professional to determine the best way to secure ownership of the Station 2 property. Harry Bosworth volunteered to start this process.

Harry Bosworth was approached by a resident of Renz Lane in regards to the behavior of an off-duty firefighter (not named). He reminded everyone that the community is always watching fire department personnel.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

A motion was made and seconded (Barnard/Bernier) to adjourn the meeting at 2040 hours. All ayes.

Minutes approved as written- Motion/Second: _____

Clerk of the Board: _____

Date: _____