

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING; January 7, 2015

1. Call to order; Flag salute; Roll call:

Director Hills convened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Directors in attendance: Harvey, Hills, Tresidder and Wright.

Directors absent: Stuart

Staff in attendance: Chief Gow, District Manager Lofrano.

Guests: Mr. Jeffries and Mr. McCray

2. Agenda approval:

The agenda was approved as posted. (Tresidder/Wright)

3. Approval of the minutes:

The minutes for the regular meeting on December 3, 2014 were approved as written. (Wright/Tresidder).

4. Public Comment: None.

5. Correspondence (not covered in Agenda items below): None.

6. Information items:

a. Fire Chief Ian Gow's report:

- Staff ran multiple calls during strong wind event. Several trees and power lines down with fence on Volley becoming energized.
- The apparatus committee is close to making a decision. KME engine demonstration next week.
- The Board and Finance Committee directed staff to look at the feasibility of quick attacks for medical aids. Staff will have a full report next month.
- Foresthill FPD is negotiating with the union. They may have an agreement after one meeting. Working on the budget and looking at cost of living increases for staff. Chief Gow will update the job descriptions and Rules and Regulations this winter.
- Wally Reemelin, organizer of the Placer County Tax Payers League and supporter of Placer Hills Fire District, passed away last week. The district will have an engine at his memorial service on Saturday.

e. Board Committee reports:

Director Hills reported that the Finance Committee met. Property tax revenues are slightly more than budgeted. The Committee discussed the mechanics position. The Committee will meet again in January to finalize midcourse recommendations for the budget.

7. Discussion and Action Items:

a. Board Officers and Committee Responsibilities:

Director Tresidder moved to continue the current officers and responsibilities. Director Harvey seconded the motion that was passed by all present. Director Stuart absent. Director Hills noted that his key priorities are the district's financial situation, 172 monies and the replacement of the Meadow Vista Fire station.

b. Auditor's report by Robert Johnson, CPA:

The auditor made no recommendations - Director Hills complimented staff. Motion made and carried to approve the Audit for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 as submitted by Robert Johnson, CPA. (Tresidder/Wright). Director Stuart was absent.

c. Policy Amendment: Mechanic Job Description:

The Board approved the mechanic's job description last month. It was amended to make it an "at will" position, consistent with the other part-time positions. Motion made and approved by all present to approve the amended job description. (Tresidder/Wright). Director Stuart was absent.

d. Approval of Salary Adjustment and Funding of the Mechanics Position:

Chief Gow reported that the Mechanics proposal costs the same as the vehicle expenses from last year. The proposed pay rate is \$35 per hour and up to 16 hours per week. The pay rate will be increased to \$50 per hour for emergency calls. Local labor charges for mechanics are about \$100 per hour. The District will still use G & T Truck repair as back up. Engineer Lippold has his own tools. The proposal has monies budgeted to purchase specialty tools and staff is considering outfitting the quick attack to make the mechanic mobile in the future. Motion made and passed by all present to accept the proposal and pay rates for the mechanic position. (Tresidder/Harvey) Director Stuart absent.

e. Proposition 172 and PILT monies as potential funding sources:

Chief Gow and Director Hills attended a meeting with all 6 Special District Board Presidents and the 3 Fire Chiefs. A meeting has been scheduled with Supervisors Montgomery and Holmes on Jan 21, 2015. The committee will ask for \$3,000,000 - \$500,000 for each special district and is working on the following bullet points:

- Inability for districts to request funding from their constituents due to the State Fire Fee.
- It is in the County's best interest for the Special Districts to succeed.
- Opens up avenues for further joint discussions.

There will be a built in escalator for future increases. Chief Gow reported that the County is well aware of the predicament of the fire districts.

f. Approval of Budget Update and December expenses:

The budget is right at 50%. Motion made and carried by all present to approve the budget update and the December expenses of \$173,965.61. (Tresidder/Wright). Director Stuart was absent.

8. Directors' comments:

- a. *Report on activities of interest to the District which the Director is engaged in or is considering. No action will be taken on these items at this meeting.*

Director Harvey thanked and appreciated the great work of Engineer Wood and staff on the apartment renovation at Station 84.

Director Tresidder thanked Director Hills for continuing as Board President.

- b. *Request items for inclusion in subsequent meetings, or request a special meeting:*

The Finance Committee will meet.

c. *Reminder of next Board meeting:*
February 4, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Meadow Vista Fire Station.

b. Adjournment:
Motion made and approved by all to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. (Tresidder/Wright).

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Gillian Lofrano, Board Secretary

Approved by:

Alex Harvey _____

Peter Hills _____

Stephanie Stuart _____

Bret Tresidder _____

Mark Wright _____