

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING; October 3, 2012

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

Director Hills convened the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Directors in attendance: Fulfer, Hills, Johnson, Lofrano (arrived late) and Tresidder.
Staff in attendance: Chief Gow, Business Manager Lofrano and Captain Nelson.
Guests: Mr. McCray and Mr. & Mrs. Stuart.

2. Agenda approval:

The agenda was approved as posted. (Johnson/Tresidder). Captain Nelson, Local 3800's representative, was allowed to address the Board for 5 minutes in Closed Session.

7. Discussion and Action Items

a. Board adjourned into Closed Session, Government Code 54957.6 (a) Labor Negotiations to discuss Memorandum of Understanding. Board returned to the regular meeting at 7 pm. Director Hills reported that direction was given to the negotiating team.

3. Approval of the minutes:

The minutes of the regular meeting on September 5, 2012 were approved as written. (Fulfer/Tresidder).

4. Public Comment:

Director Hills has information on the Cal FIRE State fee. The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association's website guides you through the process of filing a petition against the fee. You must do this to be eligible for a refund in the future. The penalties are massive if you don't pay the fee. Mr. McCray will find out more information on the fee from his sister who works for Cal FIRE. The fee will be put on next month's agenda.

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

6. Information items:

a. *Fire Chief Ian Gow's report*

- Call volume is typical for this time of year. Several strike teams have gone out. Grim fire predictions for Southern California due to the drought conditions. Several occasions with multiple calls back to back. Autoaid to Colfax for a hay truck fire.
- All inspections are current.
- Training is up to date.
- Captain Nelson will get all the preplans into the new County CAD system.
- Chief Gow, as President of the Placer County Fire Chiefs Association has managed to get a grant to purchase software which will system status all engines and automatically move up and cover.
- The amended policies on the agenda will complete the update of all the policies.
- The Basic program, Driver/Operator training and Company Officer task book have all been updated. 5 volunteers are now working on driver training.

- There are 4 new students in the intern program and 2 new part-time Firefighter/Paramedics have been hired.
- Still waiting to hear about our SAFER grant. Ms. Inch will contact FEMA regarding the status of our grant.
- The Placer County Chiefs are discussing countywide cooperation. Board Presidents will be invited to the Chiefs meeting in December.
- Chief Gow as President of the Chiefs Association sent a letter to the Board Chair of Newcastle FPD clarifying the "Cooperative Fire Services Response agreement" and supporting a properly staffed fire department in Newcastle.

b. *Association report*

- Planning to go kart racing.
- Auxiliary will have a booth at Oktoberfest.

d. *PHFSEA (Local 3800) report by Captain Nelson*

- Contemplating on raising the dues to oppose Proposition 32.
- Membership now over 120.
- Fun time at Nevada County Fair and the Draft Horse Classic.

7. Discussion and Action Items:

b. *Policy review and amendments:*

- I. Controlled substance inventory restock; the district now has a DEA license to prescribe drugs. Policy amended with the procedure to restock at Auburn Faith Hospital. Union approves the changes. Motion made and carried unanimously to accept the changes to the policy. (Johnson/Tresidder).
- II. Health & Safety policy, second and final reading: Union has no issues. Motion made and approved unanimously to accept the second and final reading of this policy. (Fulfer/Tresidder).

c. *Annual Review of the Fire Facility Plan and Fee Schedule:*

An annual review is required. The District paid \$12,000 for the consultant that was used by the County to re-write the plan in 2008. No construction is going on at this time. Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the plan and fee schedule with no changes. (Lofrano/Johnson)

d. *Possible changes to the Final Budget as a result of labor negotiations:*

Board gave direction to staff to create a fiscal and operational plan taking the current budget numbers and projecting them for the next 2 to 3 years. The operational impacts of any cost savings should be clearly defined. The financial position of the district should be captured. This will be a useful document for future efforts for special taxes.

e. *Potential change of district's health benefits carrier:*

We have submitted an application. We should hear in the near future.

f. *Winchester Loan Payment:*

The statute of limitations is up next week. We should have the legal documents next month.

g. *S-SV EMS Agency and AMR response times:*

The ambulance company is meeting the response requirements. We will let AMR know if we change our staffing patterns.

h. Approval of the expenses of \$115,726.73 for September 2012:

The medical account is high due to the annual service costs of the defibrillators. Motion made and approved by all to accept the expenses in September 2012. (Lofrano/Johnson).

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.

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

The Board will meet in Closed Session at next month's regular meeting at 6:30 pm to discuss the MOU. The Cal FIRE State fee will be added to next month's agenda.


c. Reminder of next Board meeting:

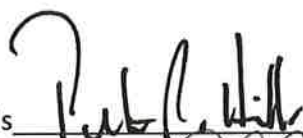
Next regular Board meeting: Wednesday November 7, 2012 at 6:30 pm. at St. 84.


9. Adjournment:

Motion made and approved by all to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. (Lofrano/Tresidder)

Respectfully submitted by: 
Gill Lofrano, Office Manager

Approved by: 
Kelly Fulfer


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