

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING; December 2, 2015

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

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

Directors in attendance: Harvey, Lofrano, McCray and Wright.

Directors absent: Director Hills.

Staff in attendance: Chief Gow, District Manager Lofrano and Engineer Wood.

2. Agenda approval:

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

3. Approval of the minutes:

The minutes for the regular meeting on November 4, 2015 were approved. (Lofrano/Wright).

4. Public Comment: None.

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

6. Information items:

a. Fire Chief Ian Gow's report:

- The district has responded to over 900 calls this year. Crews treated a woman in severe respiratory distress who was transported by ambulance to Auburn Faith Hospital. The engine company took her 10 year old daughter to the hospital in the fire engine as there was no-one at home.
- Captain Paskey resigned from his full-time position with Placer Hills but will continue working part-time. Engineer Lippold was next on the Captain's hiring list and accepted the position.
- Foresthill has a couple of employees being hired by Sacramento City FD. Foresthill's budget is holding. The Board adopted a policy to only send the ambulance into Federal lands. Foresthill's Board President Reams is interested in the vacant LAFCO position. Foresthill has about \$300,000 in reserves.
- The County study should be completed by March. Roseville and Lincoln did not submit their data to LAFCO for their study. Lincoln and Rocklin are discussing joint administration. Roseville's new Fire Chief retired from Phoenix FD. Phoenix has mandatory retirement at 55. Chief Morris, Cal Fire came from the Academy at Lone and he has a law enforcement background.
- The district has a cost recovery program for non-Placer County residents who are involved in a vehicle accident/fire in the district.

b. Association Report by Engineer Wood:

- Christmas Party on December 12, 2015 at the Applegate Civic Center at 5 pm - ugly sweater contest and white elephant gift exchange.

- Colleen Lewis from the Auxiliary has taken a leave of absence as her husband, Kenny is really sick.

7 Discussion and Action Items:

a. Discussion on purchase options for the new Type 3 Brush rig:

Director McCray reported that the Finance Committee recommended lease/purchasing the engine so as not to deplete the District's reserves. The manufacturer deals with financing companies who offer 3% interest. Staff still waiting for the paperwork. Motion made and passed to table this item to next month. (Wright/McCray).

b. Discussion on the district's PERS Unfunded Liability Obligation:

Cal PERS has still not released the reports. Item carried to next month. Staff will request a presentation from an Actuary from PERS.

c. Discussion on potential funding sources and the County's Consolidation Study:

Fire District representatives and County staff had a kick off meeting with the Consultant who is doing the County's study. The Consultant will individually meet with each agency. Director Harvey would like the Boards' input on the study. Chief Gow will discuss this with the other districts and schedule a meeting. Foresthill Fire is going back to the public for additional funding. Chief Gow reported that Senator Hertzberg is amending Senate Bill 239 to allow agencies who extend their boundaries to also extend their services.

d. Budget update and approval of expenses in November 2015:

A new roof was put on the engine bay at Station 84. Motion made and passed by all present to accept the budget update and expenses for November. (Lofrano/Wright).

e. Adjourn to Closed Session; Govt. Code Section 54957.6 (a) Labor Negotiations:

The public meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m. and the Board went into closed session. The public meeting reconvened at 7:53 p.m. Director Harvey reported that the terms of the contract were discussed and the negotiating team was given direction.

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:*

c. *Reminder of next Board meeting:*

January 6, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Meadow Vista Fire Station.

9. Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted by: _____



Gillian Lofrano, Board Secretary

Approved by:

Alex Harvey _____

Peter Hills _____

Fred Lofrano _____

Russell McCray _____

Mark Wright