

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING; March 2, 2016

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

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

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

Directors absent: Harvey.

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

Director Hills thanked Engineer Wood for the excellent improvements to the meeting room.

2. Agenda approval:

The posted agenda was approved. (Wright/McCray)

3. Approval of the minutes:

The minutes for the regular meeting on February 3, 2016 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:

- Crews did a great job extinguishing a chimney fire that had extended into the walls. A neighbor, who is a retired Sacramento Metro firefighter, was very complimentary about the efforts of district staff.
- Chief Gow had fire code issues with the Applegate Inn. He has involved Code Enforcement and will re-inspect next week.
- Chief Gow's knee surgery will be covered by the district's workers compensation insurance. He will be out 2 to 4 weeks and then will return to light duty. He will be fully recovered in 2 to 4 months. Staff is working hard on covering the duty. Captain Nelson will move to days to cover administration but may be bumped to the engine depending on staffing needs. Captain Drone is covering the administration at Foresthill.
- Staff is looking at a more formal awards dinner.

d. Local 3800 and Association reports by Captain Nelson:

- Captain Nelson reported that the Type 1 engine is expected in early May and the Type 3 should be a couple of weeks later. Staff will visit the manufacturer's plant in April.

e. Board Committee Reports:

- The Finance Committee met – see report under item 7b.

7. Discussion and Action Items:

a. Discussion on the Agreement with Foresthill FPD:

Director Hills reported that Foresthill intends to carry on for another year. Director Hills met with Foresthill Board President Reams and shared with him the district's improved salaries and benefits and the impact of Chief Gow's injury. Director Reams seemed amenable to share the increased costs. Chief Gow reported that Foresthill will spend \$5,000 in overtime for duty coverage this month. Both districts will be sharing the duty coverage. Chief Drone was the incident commander at a chimney fire in Placer Hills' jurisdiction. Director Hills will set up a meeting with Director Reams. Chief Gow's contract is up at the end of this year. There was some discussion about Foresthill being part of the process.

b. Consider and Approve mid-term adjustments to the current budget:

The Finance Committee met and recommended increasing revenues by \$60,000 due to increased strike team activity. Recommendations were also made to increase the medical supplies account by \$3,000, building repairs and maintenance by \$6,000 and apparatus maintenance by \$10,000. Director Hills reported that district staffing is fragile with 2 firefighters out with long term injuries and another apprentice out short term. With increased overtime due to the injuries and the addition of duty coverage, the committee recommended increasing the overtime wages by \$71,575. Director Lofrano asked if Duty Officer coverage was covered by the Mutual Aid system. Captain Nelson reported that CalFire's Battalion 13 is unstaffed at this time and Battalion 11 covers up to the State line. It is more important to have duty coverage for safety and succession reasons. Chief Gow added that he is working on countywide duty coverage. The district must reciprocate if Auburn City is assisting with duty coverage. Motion made and passed by all present to approved the mid-year budget recommendations made by the Finance Committee. (McCray/Lofrano). Director Harvey was absent.

c. Discussion on the District's Unfunded Liability Obligation with PERS:

The Cal PERS representative will give a presentation at next month's meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2016.

d. Discussion on Funding Sources and Placer County's Consolidation Study:

The Directors and Chiefs group had an excellent meeting in Penryn and Director Hills has incorporated many of the thoughts into the State of the District paper and PowerPoint presentation for the MAC meeting on April 6, 2016. The group strategized on how to address the Board of Supervisors at the June budget meeting. There needs to be a formula for equitable distribution for potential funding as the districts vary in size. The County is pushing for all the districts to go back to their respective electorate for funding. This makes no sense except for Foresthill. The group decided to clearly show the funding needed for each district. For Placer Hills this will be 2 fully staffed stations with depreciation for capital assets. Using \$750,000 as the baseline deficit, the cost per parcel would be approximately \$185 per parcel. The Board will review the State of the District document and advise any changes. Chief Gow reported that County staff is obsessed with the districts going back to their public. The study is being presented to County staff next week. The County Fire Chief has not been invited to that meeting. The Consultant may make small language modifications but will not make any substantive changes. Director Hills added that County Staff is reluctant to discuss 172 monies. California Professional

Firefighters (CPF) received a call from the Sheriff's union. It has become very political. Chief Gow is setting up another meeting with CPF. The LAFCO study should be out next month.

e. Discuss the goals for the District in the coming year:

South Placer FPD is not interested in countywide consolidation. If we consolidate, Director Lofrano would like the smaller districts to be brought up to our level.

f. Budget update and approval of expenses in February 2016:

Motion made and passed by all present to approve the budget update and the expenses for February. (Wright/McCray).

Director Hills gave the State of the District PowerPoint presentation.

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 Hills will give the "State of the Fire District" PowerPoint presentation at the Applegate Civic Center meeting on March 17, 2016.

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

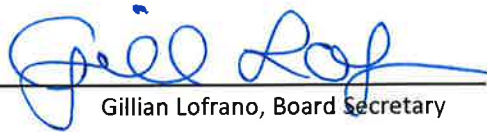
c. *Reminder of next Board meeting:*

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

9. Adjournment:

Motion made and approved by all to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


Gillian Lofrano, Board Secretary

Approved by:

Alex Harvey _____

Peter Hills _____

Fred Lofrano _____

Russell McCray _____

Mark Wright