

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING; March 4, 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, Stuart, Tresidder and Wright.

Directors absent: None

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

Guests: Mr. McCray and Mr. Stuart

2. Agenda approval:

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

3. Approval of the minutes:

The minutes for the regular meeting on February 4, 2015 were approved as written. (Harvey/Tresidder).

4. Public Comment: Mr. McCray asked if Placer Hills FPD or Cal Fire will be conducting fire safety inspections. Chief Gow replied that neither Cal Fire nor Placer Hills will be doing them. Constituents can request an inspection by contacting the district office.

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

6. Information items:

a. Fire Chief Ian Gow's report:

- 2 structure fires last month; the fire at a home on McElroy was caused by a frayed electrical wire under the floor just in front of the wood stove. The structure fire in Sleepy Hollow was the result of a faulty wood stove with fire getting into the chase around the chimney and then into the attic. Staff used good tactics to suppress the fires. We are averaging 90 calls per month.
- All 5 Apprentice Employee applicants were hired. The Captain's job has been posted. Foresthill is also testing for a Captain. We will combine the testing process for the 2 departments.
- The mechanic position is working well.
- Staff has new specifications for structure turnouts. Foresthill will be using the same specifications. Captain Nelson is working on single-layered wildland turnouts.
- Several new homes are being built in Winchester. A developer has plans for 150 homes in the Canyon Way to Cody Lane area and he is also looking at acreage near Winchester. Another developer is looking at land near Heather Glen.
- Foresthill's budget has finally been figured out. They have no reserves. Still to get \$100,000 for GEMT (Ground Emergency Medical Transportation) services.
- Captain Nelson reported that the new engine from KME has been ordered. They will have a pre-construction meeting in Pennsylvania next month. Chief Gow likes the deep burgundy color with the black roof. The Apparatus Committee spent a year working on the specifications of this engine.

b. Association Report by Chief Gow:

- Pioneer Day is on June 7 and Awards dinner will be in May.

7 Discussion and Action Items:

a. Mr. Mapa's request for a letter of support for a cell tower in Winchester:

Mr. Mapa was unable to attend the meeting. He is assisting Verizon in getting a cell tower in Winchester. This would improve cell coverage in Meadow Vista. Motion made and passed by all present authorizing Chief Gow to send a letter in support of the cell tower. (Tresidder/Stuart).

b. Board commitment letter to fulfil SAFER grant obligations if awarded a grant:

Motion made and passed unanimously to approve a letter of commitment to fulfil the SAFER grant obligations in the event a grant is awarded. (Wright/Harvey).

c. Discussion regarding Foresthill FPD's Administrative Services contract:

Foresthill's Board of Directors has already signed a new contract for Administrative Services for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Apart from the dates, there was no change to the document. Director Harvey suggested possible funding for the increased use of Chief Gow's command vehicle. Director Tresidder would like to consider some financial openers. Foresthill's options for succession planning are limited without other revenue sources. They are also waiting for the outcome of LAFCO's Municipal Services Review. Rocklin and Roseville have not completed the fire service questionnaires for the review. The Board will consider approval of the contract next month.

d. Staff request to purchase an extractor for Station 86:

Chief Gow requested the purchase of a new extractor for Station 86. The existing machine at Station 85 is old and problematic. A new machine will cost just under \$10,000. Motion made and passed unanimously to purchase a new extractor with the appropriate detergent and disinfectant. (Harvey/Stuart).

e. Staff request to surplus reserve engines 84B and 85:

The new KME engine will be delivered in a year. Staff requested to surplus the 1989 and 1990 E-One reserve engines, selling one now and the other after delivery of the new KME engine. Staff believes the old engines are worth between \$12,000 and \$20,000 each. A motion was made and seconded to surplus the engines. (Tresidder/Harvey). Director Wright amended the motion to surplus only one of the engines at this time. The amended motion was passed by all. The Chief was given the discretion of which engine to surplus.

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

Chief Gow reported that the County will not easily give up the 172 monies. They still have to meet with Sheriff Bonner. Chief Gow is meeting with the head of the Forest Service next week regarding PILT (payment in lieu of taxes) monies. Foresthill's Board is concerned about backfilling during responses to the forestry. Director Hills is concerned about LAFCO's MSR being released after the County's budget is set.

e. Approval of Budget Update and February 2015 expenses:

Staff is getting used to the new payroll schedule. Chief Gow noted that Foresthill FPD seems to be a year behind in growth of revenue and new construction. Motion made

and passed unanimously to approve the budget update and the February expenses of \$151,211.17. (Tresidder/Wright).

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:* Consider and approve a contract with Foresthill FPD to provide Administration Services for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

c. *Reminder of next Board meeting:*
April 1, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Meadow Vista Fire Station.

9. Adjournment:

Motion made and approved by all to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. (Tresidder/Harvey).

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Gillian Lofrano, Board Secretary

Approved by:

Alex Harvey _____

Peter Hills _____

Stephanie Stuart _____

Bret Tresidder _____

Mark Wright _____