

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING; March 6, 2013

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

Director Stuart convened the regular meeting at 7 p.m.

Directors in attendance: Harvey, Stuart and Tresidder; Hills and Johnson absent.

Staff in attendance: Chief Gow, District Manager Lofrano, Engineer Brittner and FF Baumgardner.

Guests: Mr. McCray, Mr. Slusher and Mr. Stuart.

2. Agenda approval:

The posted agenda was approved. (Tresidder/Harvey).

3. Approval of the minutes:

The minutes of the special meeting on February 7, 2013 were approved as written. (Harvey/Stuart). The minutes of the regular meeting on February 11, 2013 were approved as written. (Tresidder/Harvey).

4. Public Comment: None.

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

6. Information items:

a. *Fire Chief Ian Gow's report*

- ◆ Usual call volume for the month. Both engines responded to a structure fire in Foresthill. Used the WARN system for additional staffing. For a short period of time, there were no staffed engines between Penryn and Colfax.
- ◆ Director Stuart has spent untold hours on the EMT application. Title 22 regulations are extensive. The application is almost ready to submit and we should hear back from S-SV EMS Agency within 2 weeks. Staff will help with the instruction.
- ◆ The county's new CAD system should be on line in October after fire season. Hydrant locations have been included. Pre-plans and fire access roads will be added. The county has hired a student to add this data.
- ◆ We are getting a county grant to conduct defensible space inspections.
- ◆ Elected officials attended the Fire Chiefs presentation on long range planning and county cooperation. Chiefs Gow and D'Ambrogi are meeting with the Supervisors. Union representatives have also been included. LAFCO, who oversees the boundaries of cities, towns and special districts, will be conducting a Municipal Services Review. Fire Chiefs will be on the committee to develop the scope of the review. Several models for the fire service are being considered for Placer County.

- ◆ Captains McCarthy and Nelson are in Auburn at the first meeting of the volunteer academy. We have 2 students. Engineer Brittner is assisting Captain Nelson with the mentoring of the volunteers and transitioning them into the driver program.
- ◆ Chief Gow, with Director Hills' approval, sent a letter requesting the Court's decision in the Goff v. County of Los Angeles case to be published to illustrate the statutory immunities applied to firefighting functions.
- ◆ The Firefighters Association will now meet on a quarterly basis. Looking at more fundraisers. Awards presentation will be on Saturday, June 1 before Pioneer Day.

d. *PHFSEA (Local 3800) No report*

7. Discussion and Action Items:

a. *FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety Grant; Ratification of matching funds of \$16,328:*

This does not have a fiscal impact to the district as it is covered in the grant. Motion made and passed to ratify the matching funds. (Tresidder/Harvey).

b. *Policy amendment; Staff request to allow "traditional style" helmets:*

New traditional helmets are much lighter than the leather ones. The draft was amended to identify the rank by the color of the shield. Motion made and approved to accept the policy amendment with the inclusion of the change. (Harvey/Tresidder).

c. *Board review of final draft of MOU:*

This will be discussed after Closed Session.

d. *S-SV EMS Agency, ambulance response times:*

This was moved to Chief Gow's report for next month.

e. *Budget update and approval of February 2013 expenses of \$106,276.30 :*

The apparatus and equipment maintenance account was over budget. Motion made and approved by all present to accept the expenses for February 2013. (Harvey/Tresidder). The payment to Gold Country was for advertising the ambulance.

f. *Adjourn to Closed Session, Government Code 54957.6 (a) Labor Negotiations to discuss Memorandum of Understanding.*

Board adjourned to closed session at 7:35 p.m. The regular meeting was resumed at 7:45 p.m. Director Stuart reported that the Board discussed the final draft of the MOU. Motion made and accepted by all present to approve the final draft of the MOU for fiscal year 2012-2013. (Tresidder/Harvey).

g. 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:*

Director Harvey requested potential cost savings through solar systems be added to next month's agenda.

c. *Reminder of next Board meeting:*

Next regular Board meeting: Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 7 p.m. at Station 84.

h. Adjournment:

Motion made and approved by all to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. (Tresidder/Harvey).

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Gillian Lofrano, District Manager

Approved by:

Alex Harvey _____

Peter Hills _____

Gary Johnson _____

Stephanie Stuart _____

Bret Tresidder _____