

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING; April 1, 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 Engineer Wood

Guests: Mr. McCray

2. Agenda approval:

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

3. Approval of the minutes:

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

4. Public Comment: None.

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

6. Information items:

a. Fire Chief Ian Gow's report:

- Placer Adult Achievement Center will be using the parking lot at Station 84 to park their vans during the weekends. Vandals drilled into the tanks stealing the gas when parked at Placer Hills School. They cannot use the school's bus yard. The district will be released of all liability.
- We are averaging 90 calls per month. A motorcyclist was transported by helicopter after he collided with a pickup truck on Placer Hills Road. He suffered an open femur fracture and several other broken bones. Crews responded to a 5th wheel motorhome fire that was started by ashes dumped by the owner.
- Staff is researching a more affordable vendor for the service and maintenance of the defibrillators.
- Still working on the ambulance contract with AMR. Looking at allowing AMR to use ALS agencies' response times and down-staffing one ambulance.
- Foresthill Fire District is running lots of calls. We finally have a handle on the budget. Meeting with the County tomorrow to discuss Foresthill's finances. There are zero reserves. Watching every penny. Still owed \$80,000 from GEMT (Ground Emergency Medical Transportation) reimbursement program for Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Held a joint officers meeting and S-212 training. We have combined the testing for a Captain for both districts on April 13 using outside agency personnel on the oral panel.

7 Discussion and Action Items:

a. Approval of the Contract with Foresthill Fire District for Administrative services:

The language in the contract has not changed and the fee for services is still \$60,000.

Director Hills noted that Foresthill is unable to fund a Chief's position. Roseville and Lincoln are completing the survey for the LAFCO study. The study will give a better

global picture if the cities are included. The study should be completed in a couple of months. Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the contract with Foresthill Fire Protection District for Administrative Services from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. (Stuart/Wright).

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

Director Hills reported that representatives from all fire districts and Chief Lindgren from Cal Fire met last night. The County contract with Cal Fire is increasing significantly due to the MOU agreement. The County has asked for possible cuts to make up the \$1.8 million shortfall in the contract. Potential cuts include the closure of the Ophir Station, the loss of a Battalion Chief and other staff positions. The Fire districts and Cal Fire need \$5 million to fund their services. A meeting with the Sheriff will be scheduled. The group will formally request to be put on the Board of Supervisors agenda in May before the budget discussions begin. The group will also contact all the unions. Consolidated and Dry Creek Fire Districts still exist as separate entities. The contract with the casino is lucrative. Penryn lost all potential revenue from the Bickford project when it was taken over by the County. The group will meet on April 28, 2015 to update the PowerPoint presentation. \$200,000 of Proposition 172 monies goes to the County contract with Cal Fire. The group also discussed a possible ballot measure.

e. Approval of Budget Update and February 2015 expenses:

No definitive date for Captain McKinney's retirement. We are now setup with the County to do electronic wire transfers. Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the budget update and the March expenses of \$101,987.83. (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:* A Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled. Awards dinner is set for May 30, 2015. Pioneer Day is June 7, 2015. Director Wright noted that the engine bays at Station 84 need a new roof.

c. *Reminder of next Board meeting:*
May 6, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Meadow Vista Fire Station.

9. Adjournment:

Motion made and approved by all to adjourn the meeting. (Tresidder/Harvey).

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Gillian Lofrano, Board Secretary

Approved by:

Alex Harvey _____

Peter Hills _____

Stephanie Stuart _____

Bret Tresidder _____

Mark Wright _____