

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Mark Wright

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING; April 25, 2018

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

Director Hills convened the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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

Directors absent: None.

Staff in attendance: Chief Kushen, Battalion Chief Nelson and District Manager Lofrano

2. Agenda approval:

The Task Force presentation was moved to the start of the meeting. The amended agenda was approved. (Wright/Lofrano)

3. Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the regular meeting on March 28, 2018 were approved as presented. (Harvey/Wright).

4. Public Comment: None.

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

7a Special Presentation by Director Hills on the "Crisis Facing our Fire District"

The meeting room was filled with interested community members. Director Hills gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the funding and staff retention issues facing Placer Hills, Foresthill, Newcastle and Penryn Fire Districts. The Placer County Supervisors will address this issue at their Board meeting on May 22, 2018. The public was encouraged to attend this meeting and to wear a red shirt in support of the fire districts. There was a short recess and the meeting reconvened at 7:10 pm.

6. Information items:

a. *Chief Kirk Kushen:*

- 73 calls for service in April. We are experiencing significantly higher call volume. Horrific incident on April 1 with the drowning of a child in the canal. Crews recovered the body.
- The Type 1 KME engine will be back in service in 3 weeks.
- Chief Kushen has been busy writing a SAFER grant for 6 firefighter positions. This will give 3-0 staffing on the engines and bring the district closer to the NFPA standard.
- Looking at a retrofit of the engine bays at Station 84 to accommodate a new engine. The Air Pollution Control District grant will provide the down payment for the engine.
- Applied for a \$1,000,000 FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety grant to provide a Fire Prevention Officer and assistant to develop the prevention and fire and life safety inspection program.
- Captain Slusher has implemented the new training program.

d. *Local 3800 Report by Captain Slusher:*

- Clayton Thomas, President of Local 3800 had a positive meeting with Cal Fire Local 2881. Captain Slusher will meet with County officials.
- e. Director Hills attended the Northern California Special Districts Insurance Authority meeting. The District's workers compensation rate will increase by 22%, \$17,000 due to our experience level and increased payroll.

7. Discussion and Action Items:

- b. Resolution No. 2018-01 requesting the County to collect charges on the tax roll:
Motion made and passed unanimously to approve Resolution No. 2018-01 requesting the County to collect the district's special charges on the tax roll for fiscal year 2018-2019. (Wright/McCray).
- c. Resolution No. 2018-02 requesting election services in the November 2018 election:
Motion made and passed unanimously to approve Resolution No. 2018-02 requesting election services in the November 2018 election for Board members whose terms expire. (Lofrano/Wright).
- d. Budget update and approval of expenses:
 - i. The Finance committee met and recommended changes to the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year budget to reflect the wage increases which went into effect in January 2018. Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the recommended changes. (McCray/Wright).
 - ii. In fiscal year 2016/2017 no funds were designated for the replacement of apparatus and equipment. Motion made and passed unanimously to move the amount of the carryover of General Funds at the end of fiscal year 2016/2017 into account 2453/546000 assigned for Capital Assets. Additionally, it was moved and passed to move \$205,000.00 in the current fiscal year 2017/2018 into account 2453/546000 assigned for Capital Assets. (Lofrano/Wright).
 - iii. Staff requested the purchase of a new command vehicle for the Battalion Chief in this current Fiscal Year. Prices are very favorable at this time. Motion made and approved to purchase the vehicle for the Battalion Chief with Fire Facility fees. Fire Facility Fees were also approved to pay for the office improvements at Station 84 (\$22,728.89). (Lofrano/Wright).
Budget highlights for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 include the retrofit for Station 84 engine bays and a new Type 1 engine. Chief Kushen has been approved a grant from Air Pollution Control District for \$53,000 to replace a Type 1 engine. Considering trading Newcastle's 1998 engine with Engine 85. This will upgrade Newcastle's fleet and the district will receive \$10,000 - \$12,000 more in APCD grant funding. The replaced engine must be destroyed or donated to Mexico. The district has been awarded an Office of Traffic Safety grant of \$25,000 for extrication equipment. Other grant applications include a SAFER grant for additional staffing and a regional FEMA grant for SCBAs. The district would still need to purchase an additional 10 air packs at a cost of \$6,400 each. A motion was made and passed unanimously to accept the budget update and expenses from March 23 through April 20, 2018. (Lofrano/Wright).

8. Directors' comments:

Director Lofrano thanked Director Hills and Retired Chief Gow for the Task Force's presentation.

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 reported that Foresthill is having a special Board meeting to discuss another ballot measure. Directors Hills and McCray will contact the Foresthill representatives to discuss the Fire Chief's services agreement.

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

c. *Reminder of next Board meeting: May 23, 2018 at 6 pm.*

9. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Gillian Lofrano, Board Secretary

Approved by: _____