

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING; June 3, 2015

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

Director Hills convened the regular meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Directors in attendance: Harvey, Hills and Wright.

Directors absent: Director Stuart was absent. Director Tresidder has resigned.

Staff in attendance: Chief Gow and District Manager Lofrano

Guests: Mr. McCray and Mr. Lofrano

2. Agenda approval:

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

3. Approval of the minutes:

The minutes for the regular meeting on May 6, 2015 were carried to next month's meeting as there was not a quorum present from that meeting.

4. Public Comment: None.

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

6. Information items:

a. Fire Chief Ian Gow's report:

- Moving into fire season. Open burn days will be restricted.
- All well at Foresthill Fire Department.
- The Awards presentation and picnic went well.
- Pioneer Day is on Sunday, June 7.

e. Board Committee reports:

- Finance Committee report given in item g: Preliminary Budget.

7 Discussion and Action Items:

a. Interviews and Board Vacancy Appointment:

There were two applicants for the Board vacancy: Fred Lofrano and Russ McCray. As a courtesy to each other, each applicant stepped out of the room while the other was being interviewed. Board discussed the perception of a conflict of interest with Mr. Lofrano and District Manager Lofrano. It is up to the person to manage the conflict. Director Harvey moved to nominate Mr. Lofrano for the vacant position. This motion was seconded by Director Hills. Motion passed by a majority. Director Wright was against the motion and Director Stuart was absent. Mr. Lofrano was duly sworn onto the Board of Directors by Director Hills. Mr. McCray was thanked for his interest in the position.

b. Policy Revisions; Turnouts, Uniforms and Decorations:

Chief Gow reported that the State has changed to single layering in wildland turnouts. The District vendors have also changed. Motion made and carried to accept the amended policy number 2-029 Turnouts, Uniforms and Decorations. (Wright/Harvey).

c. Consider and Approve the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016:

Director Hills reported that the County amended the proposed increase in property tax revenues to 2.5%. We will have a better picture for the final budget in September. The preliminary budget does not address any changes that may be reached through MOU negotiations at the end of this year. There is a significant decrease in the Workers Compensation contribution. The district will run out of reserves in fiscal year 2020-2021. The Capital Apparatus and Equipment Depreciation Funds will continue to be funded. Staff will re-evaluate the vehicle replacement schedule. The district's fiscal picture has improved but still \$300,000 short to fund the full-time positions and capital assets. PERS is projecting future softening. Health contribution costs come out in September. Finance Committee will meet in August to discuss the Final budget and look at the reserve funds as regards the Reserve Policy. Motion made and passed by all present to adopt the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. (Lofrano/Wright). Director Stuart was absent.

d. Resolution No. 2015-03 requesting Placer County to Collect Charges on the Tax Roll:

Motion made and passed by all present to adopt Resolution No. 2015-03 requesting Placer County to collect the district's Benefit Assessment fees on the tax roll. (Lofrano/Wright). Director Stuart was absent.

e. Discussion on potential funding from Proposition 172 and PILT monies:

The Consultant for the LAFCO study has all the data. The study should be out in 8 weeks. Cal Fire is \$2 million in the red. The Fire Districts group attended the Board of Supervisors meeting. The Board Presidents of Penryn and Foresthill, the Union Representative and Chief Gow commented on the cutbacks in the fire service due to a lack of funding which will adversely affect public safety. Mr. McEldowney, Program Manager of Emergency Services for Placer County has been tasked to create a model for fire protection in Placer County. He has reached out the Fire Chiefs for their assistance.

Loomis and South Placer are discussing a merger.

Met with the US Forest Service. There is a big possibility that Foresthill Fire will not respond into the USFS lands. The head of the USFS has again contacted Supervisor Montgomery.

j. Budget update and approval of expenses in May 2015:

Motion made and passed to approve the budget update and the expenses for May of \$132,718.02. (Wright/Harvey). Director Stuart was absent.

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:*

c. *Reminder of next Board meeting:*

July 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 8:20 pm. (Wright/Lofrano).

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Gillian Lofrano, Board Secretary

Approved by:

Alex Harvey _____

Peter Hills _____

Stephanie Stuart _____

Bret Tresidder _____

Mark Wright _____