

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING; JULY 2, 2013

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

Director Hills convened the regular meeting at 7 p.m. Thoughts and prayers went out to the families and friends of the 19 Arizona Hot Shot firefighters who perished in the Yarnell Fire.

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

Staff in attendance: Chief Gow and District Manager Lofrano

Guests: Mr. Lofrano

2. Agenda approval:

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

3. Approval of the minutes:

The minutes of the regular meeting on June 5, 2013 were approved as written. (Harvey/Tresidder).

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. Ran 5 calls yesterday. The County has opened cooling centers.
- Everyone has been affected by the loss of the Arizona Hot Shot crew.
- Overtime is up this month. Flyers posted for 2 apprentice employee positions. The Driver Operator 1A/B requirement has been waived for this hiring to widen the pool of applicants. Received 4 applications for part-time employment.
- Placer County Fire Chiefs discussed long range plans and joint purchasing opportunities at their retreat at the Winchester Country Club. Lincoln, Rocklin and Roseville are discussing consolidating their dispatch services. Chiefs are fine tuning LAFCO's RFP for the Municipal Services Review.
- All issues regarding the Employer Testing program have been resolved with DMV.
- The County patched holes in the parking lot at Station 85 for free.
- Water Tender 85 is repaired and it has been advertised for sale.
- Director Stuart has some school kids who could assist with the defensible space program for the elderly.

e. Workers Compensation Insurance Report:

- Chief Gow and Director Hills attended the meeting up in Tahoe. Director Hills reported that the JPA is doing well in the short term although it will be hit by 3 large claims in subsequent years. There is a 1% net reduction in this year's premium with an additional dividend of \$3,624. The JPA will look at another dividend in January.

7. Discussion and Action Items:

a. *\$1,000 claim against district for damaged car mirror on freeway incident:*

The Claimant alleges that the fire engine damaged the mirror of his corvette on a freeway incident. He submitted an estimate for repair of \$1,000. There was no damage to the fire engine. All claims are usually rejected by the Board and then referred to a third party claims adjuster. Motion made and passed to reject the claim. (Harvey/Johnson). Director Tresidder abstained from the vote.

b. *Placer County Community Development Resource Agency, Building Services Division Memorandum of Understanding to perform fire sprinkler plan reviews and inspection services:*

State regulations now require that sprinklers be installed in all new residential construction. Chief Gow carried out these inspections in the past and never charged for his services. Motion made and passed unanimously to enter into an agreement with Placer County for the Building Services Division to perform these inspections. (Tresidder/Johnson).

c. *Discussion of possible future elections to ask the public for increased funding:*

Director Stuart proposed making presentations that outline the financial issues of the district and to start getting grass roots involvement from community members for future election measures. The Long Range Committee will meet and develop a plan.

d. *Discussion of Potential Grants available to the district:*

Director Stuart has found grants for a thrift shop and museum that could provide structural improvements for the fire station. Board was interested in the grant for the museum. SAFER grants are available for either full-time or part-time/volunteer employees. Chief Gow will get a copy of Auburn City's successful grant and will introduce Director Stuart to the grant writer. Board will give suggestions for the grant.

e. *Budget update and approval of expenditures for June 2013:*

June report was unavailable. Staff is waiting for all of the transactions for the fiscal year.

f. *Adjourn to Closed Session; Govt. Code 54957.6(a) Labor Negotiations; Board to discuss Memorandum of Understanding:*

The Board went into closed session at 8:20 p.m. The regular meeting was re-convened at 8:48 p.m. Director Hills reported that the negotiating team was given direction.

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:*
Director Stuart will miss the August meeting.

c. *Reminder of next Board meeting:*

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

c. Adjournment:

Motion made and approved by all to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. (Harvey/Stuart).

Respectfully submitted by: _____



Gillian Lofrano, District Manager

Approved by:

Alex Harvey _____



Peter Hills _____



Gary Johnson _____

Stephanie Stuart _____



Bret Tresidder _____