

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Russell McCray
Mark Wright

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING: April 26, 2023

Held in Unit 2A, 17020 Placer Hills Rd., Meadow Vista and by a Zoom teleconference.

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

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

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

Directors absent: Lofrano.

Staff in attendance: Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi, Battalion Chiefs Nelson, Williamson and Slusher, Administrative Assistant Nicole Paskey.

2. Agenda approval:

Motion made and passed unanimously to accept the agenda. (Wright/Harvey).

3. Approval of the minutes:

Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on March 22, 2023. (McCray/Wright).

4. Public Comment: None.

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

6. Information Items:

a. Fire Chief's Report given by Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi

- New Captain starts next week
- Currently have an engineer out on long term disability, looking at a Limited Term position to fill the vacancy.
- Command Staff is working on a White Paper regarding staffing and succession planning.
- Foresthill Fire Chief Matcham has resigned effective June to take another position with another department. He has been a great asset and will be missed. Foresthill will be looking to hire a new Fire Chief. Job posted today.
- Newcastle's old Fire Station is listed for sale and has been shown to multiple interested parties. Will keep the board updated on the sale.
- Overall budget is on point, currently at about 85%.

b. Fire Marshal report by Chief Gow

- 2 single family plans, 3 hydro rough inspections, 2 hydro final inspections, and 2 propane inspections.
- Planning project:
 - 1 4-unit subdivision in Meadow Vista that has been in process for many years.

c. Battalion Chief Williamson

- Business inspections are in progress across all three Districts
- Ladder testing has been completed. Hose testing upcoming.

Battalion Chief Nelson

- Tree at Station 86 has been removed.
- Engine 38 still out of service. Placer Hills reserve engine is currently at Penryn.
- Pump testing is scheduled in May.

Battalion Chief Slusher

- 146 calls for service in April. JOA wide 250 calls for service in April. PHFD gave mutual aid 14 times and received aid 2 times. Total unit responses are just over 1100 for the JOA.
- Captain Reams starts with the District on the 27th and will start on the engine May 3rd.
- Will schedule an Engineers test in early June to fill current needs, as well as future promotions and vacancies.
- Recently met with the Chief of Nevada County Consolidated and Command Staff at South Placer Fire to talk about upcoming projects and future collaboration.
- Table command project ongoing. Will work with the Finance Committee to include funds into the preliminary budget to fully fund and implement the program.

d. Placer Hills Firefighters Association report: Nothing to report.

e. Local 3800: No report.

f. Board Committee reports:

- i. Finance Committee: No report. Will meet next month to put together the preliminary budget to be presented at the May Board Meeting. President Hills and Director Harvey attended the Worker's Compensation JPA meeting and Director Hills reported updates from the meeting. Placer Hills is looking at potentially a 25% increase in Worker's Compensation next year, based on our increase in claim numbers.
- ii. Long Range Committee: No report.
- iii. Ad hoc Committee for reorganizations: No report.

7. Discussion and Action Items:

a. Consider and approve the District's application for a Federal SAFER grant and approve acceptance if awarded (action):

Battalion Chief Slusher reported we have filed for a 2022 SAFER grant for three full time firefighter positions for three years, fully funded in total of \$697,000. Performance period begins in June and would like to be able to accept the grant and begin the hiring process if acceptance comes between regularly scheduled meetings. Motion made and passed unanimously to give Chief Gow authority to accept the grant, if awarded, and move forward with hiring. (Wright/McCray).

b. Approve the Budget update and monthly expenses:

Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the budget update and the expenses. (McCray/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:*

c. *Reminder of next Board meeting(s): May 25, 2023.*

9. Adjournment:

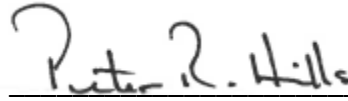
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nicole Paskey

Nicole Paskey, Administrative Assistant

Approved by: _____



Peter Hills, President