

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING: July 26, 2023

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, Lofrano and McCray.

Directors absent: Wright.

Staff in attendance: Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi, District Manager Lofrano and Battalion Chief Nelson.

2. Agenda approval:

The agenda was amended to give the oath of office to Captain/Paramedic Reams after correspondence. Motion made and passed by all present to approve the amended agenda. (Harvey/Lofrano).

3. Approval of the minutes:

- i. Director McCray moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on June 28, 2023. Director Harvey seconded the motion that was passed by all present.
- ii. Director Lofrano moved to approve the minutes for the special meeting on June 28, 2023. Director McCray seconded the motion that was passed by all present.
- iii. Director McCray moved to approve the minutes for the special meeting on July 18, 2023. Director Harvey seconded the motion that was passed by all present.

4. Public Comment: None.

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

7a Oath of Office for Captain/Paramedic Eric Reams

Captain/Paramedic Reams was sworn in by Acting Fire Chief D'Ambrogi and he was pinned by his father, Chris Reams. Captain Reams was congratulated by the Board, staff, family and friends.

6. Information Items:

a. Acting Fire Chief Mark D'Amborqi's Report

- Placer Hills has an Engineer/Paramedic in backgrounds.
- Foresthill hired Dennis Martin as the full-time Fire Chief.
- Cal Fire received over 1,000 comments on their "Fire Zone Severity Maps". 41 acres in Christian Valley have been added to the very high fire hazard area.
- Contact Chief D'Ambrogi if you would like more information on Placer County's general plan and the parcel re-zoning.
- They are still crunching data for LAFCO's Municipal Services Review. Hopefully the consultant will start contacting the agencies in October.
- Auburn City signed the Joint Operations Agreement on Monday night.

- The Grand Jury prepared a report on South Placer Fire District's fiscal challenges and station closures. Ms. Henson wrote an article in the Auburn Journal regarding consolidations and the need for more funding for fire departments.
- A resolution will be brought before the Board next month to increase the mitigation fees.

b. Fire Marshal Mark D'Ambrogi's report

- Inspections conducted: 3 single family dwellings (SFD), 2 sprinkler systems, 1 final SFD, 1 commercial and 3 propane.
- Dealing with setback and variance applications.
- The crews are engaged in commercial inspections focusing on the schools.

c. Battalion Chief Nelson

- 1390 calls for the year. 200 mutual aid given and 40 received.
- We should receive the rescue truck in September. The new engine should be ready in October/November.

d. Placer Hills Firefighters Association report: No report.

e. Local 3800: No report.

f. Board Committee reports:

- Finance Committee: The committee will schedule to meet to discuss the final budget.
- Long Range Committee: The Committee will meet to discuss the Applegate Civic Center properties.
- Ad hoc Committee for reorganizations: On hold – waiting for the LAFCO MSR.

7. Discussion and Action Items:

b. Approve the Placer County Auditor-Controller's agreement for services for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 at a cost of \$1,485.39:

Director Lofrano moved to approve the Auditor-Controller's agreement for services. Director Harvey seconded the motion that was passed by all present.

c. Approve the notice and hiring process for the District Manager's position :

Director Lofrano moved to approve the job announcement as presented. Director McCray seconded the motion that was passed by all present. The announcement will be posted and sent out online on various websites.

d. Provide a response to the Applegate Civic Center regarding their properties:

Chief D'Ambrogi reported that the Applegate Civic Center Club (ACCC) is considering selling the 2 adjacent properties and would like to give the District first right of refusal. The parcels are zoned differently and are 0.23 and 0.17 acres respectively. Chief D'Ambrogi suggested that we should have a Right of way/hold harmless agreement with the ACCC for access across the parking lot which belongs to the district as this is the only access to the Center and back parcels.

It was suggested that an Ad Hoc should be created to meet with ACCC to discuss the possibilities of their offer. President Hills recused himself from this committee as he is

the Treasurer for ACCC. The Board will look for input from staff regarding the potential uses of the land. President Hills reported that the Finance Committee discussed the expansion of the maintenance facility and the associated costs with this program. Director McCray requested to discuss a full-time mechanic position at the next Finance Committee meeting. Director Lofrano moved to authorize staff to prepare a hold harmless document between the District and ACCC. Director McCray seconded the motion that was passed by all present. Director Lofrano moved to create the Ad Hoc Committee of Directors Lofrano and McCray with Director Harvey as the alternate, to meet with ACCC. President Hills seconded the motion that was passed by all present.

e. Approve the Budget update and monthly expenses:

The final report for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 should be available next month. Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the budget update and the expenses of \$193,358.58. (Lofrano/McCray).

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.*

Director Wright will miss the meeting in July.

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

c. *Reminder of next Board meeting(s): August 23, 2023.*

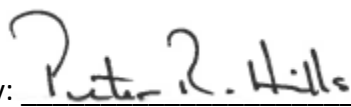
9. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Gillian Lofrano, District Manager

Approved by: 

Peter Hills, President