

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Peter Hills
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Mark Wright

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING: February 28, 2024

Amended

17020 Placer Hills Rd. Suite 2A, 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, McCray, and Wright

Directors absent: None

Staff in attendance: Fire Chief Ian Gow, District Manager Michelle Armstrong, Battalion Chief Nelson, Battalion Chief Slusher, and Battalion Chief Williamson.

2. Agenda approval:

Director Lofrano moved to approve the agenda. Director Wright seconded the motion which passed 5 to 0.

3. Approval of the minutes:

Director Wright moved to approve the minutes. Director Harvey seconded the motion which passed 4 to 0. Director McCray abstained.

4. Public Comment: N/A

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

6. Information Items:

a. Fire Chief Gow's Report

- i. Asked the board if they would like to remove Zoom from the board meetings. Board agreed that a zoom meeting is no longer needed but we may look into a streaming feature in the future.
- ii. District websites are being updated to include resource information related to homeowner related issues with insurance.
- iii. Working with Newcastle and Penryn to update breathing apparatus to be sure they are all interchangeable between agencies.
- iv. Newcastle is doing a title search on the ownership of baseball field parcels that are adjacent to the parcels owned by the fire district.
- v. Continue to work on the Placer Hills and Newcastle reorganization
- vi. Local 3800 continues to make efforts to build relationships with county supervisors
- vii. South Placer Fire District recently posted paramedic positions for \$115,000
- viii. Command staff is working to prepare for the upcoming storm and received approval for repositioning up-staffing
- ix. Still waiting on the MSR to be completed, have only seen a draft for Penryn to date
- x. Will be making a switch over to the county payroll system July 2024

b. Chief Gow report on behalf of Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi's Report

- i. Continues to complete inspections, currently has 56 projects in the pipeline
- ii. One community has submitted a FIREWISE application
- iii. The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Placer County rezone is out for public comment. The EIR only addresses environmental issues and mitigation and does not address items like services and the impacts.

c. Battalion Chief Nelson

- i. Focus has been on routine maintenance and getting the rescue in service
- ii. Engine 84 will be going into the shop for an issue with the radiator pressure. Anticipate it being gone for about a month and it being under warranty.
- iii. Putting tracks on the UTV for the weather

Battalion Chief Slusher

- i. Traveling in March to inspect and approve the new Smeal engine, the engine will be delivered to fire apparatus to install some items and anticipate it will arrive to us in April or May
- ii. Ran 101 calls for service in January and 224 calls for service year to date

d. Placer Hills Firefighters Association report: Anthony Froggatt reported that he was recently elected as the association president and that the plans for Pioneer Day are underway

e. Local 3800: Battalion Chief Slusher reported that they have been attending several meetings and the executive board took action to endorse 3 candidates; Gustafson, Jones, and Butler. All endorsed candidates were selected as they expressed interest in supporting the fire districts and the idea of providing additional funding.

f. Board Committee reports:

- i. Finance Committee: Director Hills reported that the committee will be presenting recommendations for mid-year budget adjustments. The committee also met with Penryn Fire District to discuss the upcoming service contract. Penryn indicated that they would likely prefer to do a one year contract. We will also need to set up a meeting with Newcastle to discuss their service contract.
- ii. Long Range Committee: Director Hills reported on the importance of the conversations with the supervisors to address our capital expenses and the associated challenges.
- iii. Ad hoc Committee for reorganizations: Director Hills reported that we are waiting on the MSR report and they will start working on a formal transition plan.

7. Discussion and Action Items:

a. Consider and approve a mid-term amendment to the current budget

Staff report provided to show the amendments; Increase in strike team activities, modifications to associated expenses of apparatus purchases, funding for new engine pushed off to the next fiscal year, adjustment for tablet command

Director Wright motions to approve the resolution. Director McCray seconded the motion,

which passed 5-0

b. Approve the budget update and monthly expense

Chief Gow reported on the miscellaneous expenses being above budget due to unplanned expenses.

Director Hills reported that the disability insurance increased 25% and we anticipate a similar increase next fiscal year. Anticipate the CalPers UAL will increase to approximately \$27,000.

Director McCray motions to approve the budget. Director Wright seconded the motion, which passed 5-0

The open meeting was adjourned and the Board went into Closed Session at 6:48pm.

c. Closed Sessions

- i. Pursuant to California Govt. Code § 54957.6(a) **LABOR NEGOTIATIONS;** Discussion of the Memorandum of Understanding with Local 3800, District negotiators: Harvey and Lofrano.

The open meeting was reconvened at 8:12 pm.

The board provided direction to the labor committee on negotiations with the Local 3800

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. *Reminder of next Board meeting(s): March 27th, 2024.*

9. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Michelle Armstrong, District Manager



Approved by: _____

Peter Hills, President