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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M.

At the Geyserville Fire Station #1, 20975 Geyserville Avenue, Geyserville

1. OPENING GREETING

- A. Meeting called to order by President Michael Pigoni at 7:00 P.M.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call: Michael Pigoni, Rob Stewart, Paul Bernier, Tim Barnard and Harry Bosworth present. Chief Pigoni was also present.
- D. Agenda Approval: **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Barnard) to approve the agenda. All ayes.**

2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

No public discussion.

3. MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded (Bosworth/Stewart) to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting for March 8, 2006. All ayes.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. The current financial reports from the County and bookkeeper Jeanne Davis were reviewed. Year-to-date expenses for fiscal year 2005/2006 are \$1,179,127.22. Over the past month, Operating Fund expenses were \$51,503.78, and station fund expenses were \$910.75.
- B. President Michael Pigoni reviewed the preliminary budget, asking that Board members take an active role in preparing budget numbers for the upcoming fiscal year. President Pigoni distributed budget worksheets, with suggestions on who may be appropriate to assist with each one.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Warrants for the month of March were reviewed and approved.

A motion was made and seconded (Barnard/Bernier) to approve the March warrants. All ayes.

GATEWAY TO THE GEYSERS

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Paul Pigoni reported the following:

- There have been 147 calls to-date; 47 in the last month.
- There are currently 31 firefighters, 0 probationary firefighters, one firefighter on leave, and 10 new recruits.
- The Department recently purchased used turnouts from Windsor FPD. The Department is splitting the cost with Cloverdale FPD (\$4500).
- The Department is waiting to hear from the CDF about the grant for SCBA bottles and shelters.
- The Department has put in for \$58,000 from the Assistance to Firefighters' Grant, and \$120,000 from the Indian Gaming Commission.
- The new pickup is lettered, with radio and lights installed.
- There will be some operational standard guideline policy changes distributed to firefighters soon.
- The Chief continues to work on building issues.
- On April 18th the Department will provide emergency personnel for a special event at the River Rock Casino.
- The contact for the new bridge has been awarded, and demolition will begin in the next week (weather permitting).
- The Chief has met with OES, CDF, County Public Works, Paul Kelly and CalTrans to discuss a summer crossing from River Lane to River Road for emergency apparatus.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Geyserville Volunteer Firefighters' Association: No report. Rob Stewart noted that the Association will not be reporting to the District on a regular basis, so this committee report can be taken off the agenda.
- B. Truck Committee Report: Captain Ryan Petersen reported that 6140 had its lights and radio installed. The body of 6131 was inspected for repairs. 6171 is back from its annual checkup, with a siren speaker in need of replacement. 6181 will be going to Westates to repair its rear panel. 6192 had a broken clutch linkage.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

President Pigoni pointed out the CSDA newsletters in each member's packet.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Tim Barnard presented an updated multipurpose room agreement. A discussion followed on the agreement, including the allowance of food and beverages, age limits, use by local non-profit groups, fees, deposits, liability insurance and other related issues. Tim Barnard made note of the suggestions to revise the agreement accordingly. Chief Paul Pigoni recommended the agreement consist of a fee schedule attached to a single form for all events.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Chief Paul Pigoni presented a proposal for the District to provide ALS ambulance service. The Chief emphasized this would benefit the community and the Casino by providing closer services.

Chief Pighoni believes that having an ambulance would help prevent firefighter burnout. In addition, the purchase and staffing of an ambulance would give the Department something to show for the money received from the Casino.

The Chief distributed a report to all Board members including a sales pitch and projected operating and start-up costs.

A discussion followed including topics such as a partnership with Cloverdale and the issue of wages, benefits, and the use of part-time employees. Concerns were aired on the continued availability of funds and the relationship with the current ALS provider.

Representatives from Bell's Ambulance expressed concerns for the project and indicated there may be some misunderstandings between the two agencies.

A motion was made and seconded (Barnard/Stewart) to table discussions on ALS ambulance service. All ayes.

11. GOOD OF THE ORDER

It was noted that the ethics training hosted by Cloverdale has not yet materialized.

Tim Barnard invited everyone to celebrate 25 years of making sculptures on June 10th.

Chief Paul Pighoni inquired about a Chief's stipend and reimbursement for Rob Stewart. He distributed a sheet comparing chiefs' wages from neighboring departments for the Board to consider when making their decision.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Bosworth) to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 P.M. All ayes.

Minutes approved as written- Motion/Second: _____

Clerk of the Board: _____

Date: _____