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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 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 7:01 P.M.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Agenda Approval: **A motion was made and seconded (Barnard/Bosworth) to approve the agenda. All ayes.**
- E. Roll Call: Michael Pigoni, Rob Stewart, Tim Barnard and Harry Bosworth present. Chief Paul Pigoni was also present.

2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None.

3. MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Barnard) to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting for January 10, 2007. All ayes.

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The current financial reports from the County and bookkeeper Jeanne Davis were reviewed. Operating fund expenses for the month ending January 31st were \$25,423.34, and \$277,051.57 for the new building fund. Year-to-date expenses for fiscal year 2006/2007 are \$576,357.34, all of which are operating fund and new building fund expenses. Michael Pigoni noted that another OES check will be arriving in the mail any day.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Warrants for the month of January were reviewed and approved. **A motion was made and seconded (Barnard/Stewart) to approve the January warrants. All ayes.**

GATEWAY TO THE GEYSERS

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Paul Pigoni reported the following:

- There have been forty-one calls this year to-date; 36 in the past month.
- The Department continues to complete five inspections per week.
- There are currently 36 firefighters, 2 probationary firefighters, and one firefighter on leave. The new recruit academy is in week #3.
- All apparatus are in service. 6181 is having its annual.
- The leaks haven't been a problem due to lack of rain, but are expected to return with coming rainfall.
- The Chief spent time with GIS re-drawing maps and changing ESZs and auto aid with Cloverdale.
- The Department recently held a training at the Casino; Casino personnel were impressed. An engine will be at the Casino on standby for the Valentine's Day giveaway.
- Paul Pigoni will address Station 2 concerns at the AVA meeting.
- The Dedicated Responder Plan is working well.
- The Officers are working on a five year plan for the Department, which will be presented to the Board when complete.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

There is a letter from FASIS announcing four Board positions, and a letter from FAIRA announcing that seven positions are open.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Director Tim Barnard reviewed ideas for Station 2 volunteer recruitment, including a recruitment dinner. The Board decided to hold the dinner at Station 1 on March 17th at 4:00 P.M. Barnard plans to announce the dinner at the upcoming AVA meeting. He also wants to pass out brochures, and have at least one fire engine in attendance.
- B. Chief Pigoni introduced the REDCOM JPA which is up for renewal. He noted that the facility is planning to expand. The JPA will be an evergreen contract- permanent until we terminate. Our yearly dispatch fees will go up to approximately \$16,000. **A motion was made and seconded (Barnard/Stewart) to sign the REDCOM JPA. All ayes.**
- C. Director Michael Pigoni opened the topic of renting or buying a house for firefighters. A discussion followed on the various possibilities. Rob Stewart gave a description of the house for sale across from Station 2, and some of its potential as a rental/firefighter residence. There was a question about the possibility of tax exempt status if the District buys a home. A discussion followed on some of the pros and cons of purchasing.

Director Harry Bosworth recommended paying a stipend to firefighters in exchange for shifts, or at least renting before buying, as a trial to test the level of interest. Chief Pigoni noted that the estimated rent for a three bedroom house in the Alexander Valley is \$1800 to \$2000 per month.

The Board was in agreement that the District should try something to keep firefighters living in the area. Chief Pigoni will come up with a plan, and asked that the Board send all suggestions to him.

10. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

11. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Director Rob Stewart noted that the donor recognition plaques are in the works.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

**A motion was made and seconded (Barnard/Bosworth) to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M.
All ayes.**

Minutes approved as written- Motion/Second: _____

Clerk of the Board: _____

Date: _____