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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2007 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 7:02 P.M.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Agenda Approval: **A motion was made and seconded (Bosworth/Stewart) to approve the agenda. All ayes.**
- E. Roll Call: Michael Pigoni, Paul Bernier, 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 (Bosworth/Bernier) to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting for February 7, 2007. All ayes.

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Director Pigoni reviewed the FAMIS reports, pointing out that he highlighted the important numbers for the others. He also noted that FAMIS reports are accessible to everyone via the auditor's page on the county's website.

The current financial reports from the County and bookkeeper Jeanne Davis were reviewed. Operating fund expenses for the month ending February 28th were \$41,636.32. Year-to-date expenses for fiscal year 2006/2007 are \$618,205.29.

Michael Pigoni presented the 2005/2006 Audit. After a brief review of the audit and its findings, it was decided that the Board needed additional time to look through the audit. **A motion was made and seconded (Bernier/Stewart) to table the acceptance of the audit until next month. All ayes.**

GATEWAY TO THE GEYSERS

There was a discussion of the development of the preliminary budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Directors Paul Bernier and Rob Stewart agreed to meet with Chief Pigoni to work on the budget numbers before the May meeting.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Paul Pigoni reported the following:

- There have been ninety-seven calls this year to-date; 56 in the past month.
- There is new construction in town, and more plans continue to arrive.
- Joe Stewart 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 #7.
- All apparatus are in service. 6173 is having its annual.
- There have been changes in the response zones, and water resources have been broken down at commercial facilities.
- The Chief is working on the Indian Gaming Grant application.
- Now that the rain has slowed down, it is time to fix the major leak.
- The Chief met with the Casino regarding the construction of the new resort/hotel. Traffic concerns and the possibility of an additional road were discussed. The Department will be involved in this new construction as in the original. The Chief noted that the Casino is content to keep the current contract with the District as it is.
- The septic tank at Station 2 was resealed and electrical work was done.
- The plaques for Dean and Gene are complete. Chief Pigoni discussed possibly unveiling the plaque on March 24th.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

There are multiple mailings from the CSDA.

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. Director Tim Barnard reviewed some of the Station 2 recruitment measures that were carried out in the past month. He noted that there was little interest/support from Alexander Valley residents at the AVA meeting, and the single person who signed up for the dinner on March 17th cancelled. There has been no response from the letter sent home with the Alexander Valley School children. Barnard has visited some wineries and is in the process of making contact with Jess Jackson. Directors Paul Bernier and Rob Stewart also plan to visit wineries in the hope of convincing employers to allow employees to respond.

Director Pigoni recommended expanding the Dedicated Responder Program to include daytime station coverage, to compensate for lack of volunteers in Station 2's area.

B. Chief Pighoni opened the discussion of subsidized rent. He explained that after the AVA meeting, a home was offered to the Department to rent. During the next month, Chief Pighoni will gather more information on this house and volunteers who might wish to live there. He will also work on a policy and/or rules for the living arrangement. A discussion followed on various local homes for sale.

10. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

11. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chief Pighoni confirmed that he would be speaking at the town meeting in April.

Director Bosworth noted that there is talk of expanding the Geyserville postal service area. Bosworth also mentioned speaking with a firefighter from Inverness who spoke of a well-run joint fire/water district. He reminded the Board that he is still in the process of selling his water company, and wanted to offer the opportunity to the District.

Chief Pighoni noted that Healdsburg is having an abalone feed on March 24th at \$35 per ticket.

Director Paul Bernier thanked the Board for sending flowers for his loss.

Director Rob Stewart noted that he will not be at the next Board meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

A motion was made and seconded (Bosworth/Stewart) to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 P.M. All ayes.

Minutes approved as written- Motion/Second: _____

Clerk of the Board: _____

Date: _____