



# GEYSERVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 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 (Stewart/Barnard) to approve the agenda. All ayes.**
- E. Roll Call: Michael Pigoni, Harry Bosworth, Paul Bernier, Rob Stewart and Tim Barnard 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 October 10, 2007. All ayes.**

### 4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The current financial reports from the County and bookkeeper Jeanne Davis were reviewed. Operating Fund expenses for the month ending October 31<sup>st</sup> were \$45,178.54, and New Station Fund expenses were \$3,073.38. Year-to-date expenses were \$262,803.64.

### 5. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

**GATEWAY TO THE GEYSERS**

## 6. CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Paul Pigoni reported the following:

- There have been 501 calls this year to-date, and 45 in the last month.
- The Department's Prevention side has ongoing inspections and plan reviews.
- There are 30 regular firefighters, 4 probationary firefighters and 2 firefighters on leave.
- The Department is in the process of purchasing equipment with grant money.
- The Department is asking the school to update its water sources for fire safety if upgrades are made.
- 6171's repairs are completed. 6172 will be moving back to Station 2, and 6182 will be taking its place at Station 1.
- The Department received free phones from at&t to replace the current phones in the engines.
- There is \$11,000 left from the Casino Mitigation Fund for pagers.
- CAL FIRE's Healdsburg Station is closing for the winter.
- The Chief is working with Lowell Brown and reviewing plans for the River Rock Casino.
- The \$40,000 check from Fireman's Fund was received. The grant money will be used to purchase a 12,000 gallon fiberglass drafting tank.
- The Chief passed out a calendar detailing the current staffing schedule of Station 1. The staffing of Station 1 is intended to offset the lack of volunteers in Alexander Valley. The plan is to keep the station staffed until the first of the year, from 6 A.M. to 5 P.M. and 10 P.M. to 6 A.M. The Chief included figures outlining the cost of continuing the current staffing schedule beyond this year. This item will be discussed further at the next board meeting.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

Harry Bosworth passed out a letter from the Alexander Valley Association (AVA) addressed to Directors and the Chief. The letter outlines concerns brought up by Charles Tomka at the last AVA meeting regarding the repairs to Station 2's septic system. A discussion followed on the repairs done at Station 2 and possible corrective measures. The Board decided Chief Pigoni would write a reply to the AVA's concerns.

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Director Stewart gave an update on Station 1 repairs. There have been no repairs made as of this time, but there will be a meeting on Friday morning at 8:00 A.M. with Wright Contracting and other involved parties.
- B. Director Bernier reported the findings of his research on the legal feasibility of the District purchasing Harry Bosworth's water company. Bernier spoke with Carol Cooper of LAFCO and determined that the District does not have the legal authority to purchase the water company. To do so would require dissolution of the current fire protection district and the formation of a community services district in its place. In addition, the different boundaries would mean establishing a "zone of benefit." Director Bernier believed LAFCO and the County would not be supportive of such an action, but thought it might be beneficial for the community to look into the possibility of transforming the sanitation zone into a CSD. **A motion was made and seconded (Barnard/Bernier) to table this topic indefinitely. All ayes.**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**10. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Chief Pighi will be attending the Sonoma County Fire Districts Association meeting and Rob Stewart will not be at the next board meeting.

**11. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING**

**A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Barnard) to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. All ayes.**

Minutes approved as written- Motion/Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of the Board: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_