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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2008 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 7:03 P.M.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Agenda Approval: Station 1 repairs will be discussed under Chief's Report. **A motion was made and seconded (Bosworth/Barnard) to approve the agenda. All ayes.**
- D. Roll Call: Michael Pigoni, Paul Bernier, Harry Bosworth and Tim Barnard were present. Chief Pigoni and newly elected Rick Groff were also present.

2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None.

3. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

Rick Groff and Harry Bosworth took the oath of office to serve in the new term. Paul Bernier stepped down from the Board.

4. MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded (Bosworth/Barnard) to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting for November 12, 2008. 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 November 30th were \$60,292.78. Year-to-date expenses for the fiscal year 2008/2009 were \$311,006.39.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

GATEWAY TO THE GEYSERS

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

7. CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Paul Pigoni reported the following:

- There have been 581 calls to-date, (50 calls in the last month).
- The Department is busy with ongoing inspections and plan reviews.
- There are 30 regular firefighters, 4 probationary firefighters and 1 water tender operator. BC Brad Petersen has resigned.
- All apparatus are in service.
- The Tribe has rescinded its termination letter; the MOU is back. They want to meet after the first of the year to discuss the agreement.
- There has been no contact with Kahlo regarding Station 2.
- The Chief met with the new County Fire Chief, Mark Aston, yesterday. Vern Losh has joined Healdsburg Fire and will serve as a volunteer BC with that department.
- The painters came by- they need to correct the mess made by the application of the Kempur coating. There have been no carpet cleaning or sheet rock repairs.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

There is no correspondence.

9. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

10. NEW BUSINESS

The Chief began the discussion of paid staffing. He warned that having paid staff will be a big task requiring much effort on the part of the Board. The Chief noted that ten of the thirty firefighters live out of District, with only seven close enough to respond in a reasonable time. Three have jobs out of town and two are out of the area many hours a day.

There was discussion of the passing of a parcel tax and other departments that have successfully passed the tax. The Chief mentioned his intention to put together a benefits package for the paid firefighters. There was also talk of possibly expanding the District boundaries to include more of the Geysers area and Knights Valley. Director Pigoni had no reservations as long as the funding is secure. Director Bosworth had reservations only in the details of the plan, but not with the idea of a paid staff. Director Barnard and Groff both supported the idea. The discussion was tabled until next month.

11. GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Board welcomed Rick Groff and thanked Paul Bernier for his service.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

A motion was made and seconded (Groff/Bosworth) to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. All ayes.

Minutes approved as written- Motion/Second: _____

Clerk of the Board: _____

Date: _____