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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 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 7:00 P.M.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Agenda Approval: **A motion was made and seconded (Bernier/Bosworth) to approve the agenda. All ayes.**
- D. Roll Call: Michael Pigoni, Paul Bernier, Harry Bosworth, and Rob Stewart present. Chief Pigoni was also present.

2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None.

3. MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded (Bosworth/Stewart) to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting for September 10, 2008. 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 September 30th were \$37,086.75. Year-to-date expenses for the fiscal year 2008/2009 were \$207,571.91.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Paul Pigoni reported the following:

GATEWAY TO THE GEYSERS

- There have been 471 calls to-date, (42 calls in the last month).
- The Department is busy with inspections and plan reviews. Major construction includes the late Souverain winery and County visitor center. Agriculture building continues; a new barn is going up on Highway 128.
- There are 28 regular firefighters, 4 probationary firefighters (at least two of which will most likely be coming off probation soon), and 1 water tender operator.
- All apparatus are in service.
- REDCOM has a RFP for a new operator.
- The County Fire Chief's Association is close to adopting their own policy for standard of conduct on strike teams. Chief Pigoni is waiting for that policy to become official to adopt one that mirrors it.
- Jack Kahlo continues correspondence with the Chief, frequently asking for the status of the District's decision to buy the parcel. He would appreciate the County contacting him to explain why the parcel is not legal, since he believes it is.
- There has been no word from the Tribe regarding the proposal sent earlier. If there is no objection from the Board, the Chief plans to send a letter reminding them of their cancellation of the current MOU and the Department's intent to discontinue response to the Casino beginning December 1st. The Board was in favor of the letter.
- Chief Pigoni asked the Board for its views on short term and long term station staffing. He explained that there are currently only twenty-eight volunteers, with only fifteen to eighteen active firefighters. The paid staff is working below standard firefighter wages with no benefits. If the Board is not supportive of a paid department, the Chief does not want to plan for one.

A discussion followed on the possibility of imposing a parcel tax and the past attempt at subsidized housing. President Michael Pigoni stated that the Chief is the best one to determine the level of staffing the station needs, and the Board will find the funds to support him.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

There is correspondence from the CSDA in members' packets.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Director Rob Stewart reported that the station will be waterproofed by the end of next week. Michael Pigoni reviewed a new agreement from RRM, noting that RRM wants to pay us to pay Wright Contracting, instead of paying them directly. Director Pigoni felt that for the audit it may be better for RRM to pay Wright. It was also noted that RRM was hired as the District's architect, not consultant, as the agreement states. RRM wishes to be held harmless on the installation of the new waterproofing product. The Board had no problem with the agreement, other than the method of payment and consultant/architect wording.

9. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

10. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chief Pighi announced that Vern Losh's replacement has been named. Mark Aston is the Fire Chief of Clovis, and will be starting November 11th.

Director Bosworth reminded everyone that the Halloween Party will be at the firehouse on October 31st starting at 6:30 PM.

11. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

A motion was made and seconded (Bernier/Bosworth) to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 P.M. All ayes.

Minutes approved as written- Motion/Second: _____

Clerk of the Board: _____

Date: _____