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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2009 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 (Stewart/Groff) to approve the agenda. All ayes.**
- D. Roll Call: Michael Pigoni, Rick Groff, Rob Stewart, and Harry Bosworth were present. Chief Pigoni was also present.

2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

3. MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded (Groff/Stewart) to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting for April 8, 2009. All ayes.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. The current financial reports from the County and bookkeeper Jeanne Davis were reviewed. Operating Fund expenses for the month ending April 30th were \$49,093.53. Year-to-date expenses for the fiscal year 2008/2009 were \$1,142,558.63 as of April 30th.
- B. The Chief passed out copies of the preliminary budget, which was reviewed thoroughly. **A motion was made and seconded (Groff/Bosworth) to approve the Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Preliminary Budget. All ayes.**

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

GATEWAY TO THE GEYSERS

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Paul Pigoni reported the following:

- There have been 207 calls to-date, (88 calls in the last month).
- The Department is completing ongoing inspections. Plan review has slowed down since no plans have arrived in the mail recently.
- There are 29 active firefighters and 1 water tender operator. Eight new recruits finished the training academy. There were no dropouts in the academy; the new group is enthusiastic.
- The Department is using grant money for high-rise equipment.
- All apparatus are in service. 6131 was put in service one week ago today, with the future of the old 6131 as yet undecided.
- REDCOM has adopted a flat budget without significant increases. A discussion followed on some of the flaws of REDCOM's means of recuperating dispatch costs.
- The Casino Mitigation Fund has awarded the Department slightly more than \$119,000 to host and organize a regional training. The training will simulate a tour bus accident. Cloverdale, Healdsburg, Windsor, Knights Valley, Cloverdale Ambulance, Bells, AMR and CHP will all be invited to take part in this training. Some of the money will go toward purchasing and/or renting rescue equipment as well as reimbursing participants at OES rates. The goal is to hold the training in the summer before harvest or next spring.
- The County adopted a strike team code of conduct. This Department will be adopting something similar.
- Station 1 repairs are finished and appear to be working.
- On Friday the Chief met with River Rock Casino's new CEO to discuss Campaign payments. They will continue to make payments toward their pledged amount, though not necessarily in monthly installments.
- The Chief asked Director Bosworth if he has anything to report regarding Station 2. Bosworth noted that he has been in contact with the president of the AVA. Others noted that Tomka is still involved with Station 2.
- On May 26th the Department is hosting a REDCOM dinner at \$15.00/person. The Chief invited all Directors and firefighters to attend.
- On Saturday the Department held its 3rd Open House. The event had a nice turnout; Joe did an outstanding job of organizing the event.
- OES still owes the Department \$42,000 from last year's strike teams. The Chief will be working on obtaining those reimbursements.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Directors should have received an email about the District Meeting on the 28th at Safari West. If you wish to attend, please RSVP ASAP.

9. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Director Groff reported that in his Target Safety reading he found information stating that it is necessary to provide pre-hire and yearly physicals to employees using respirators. Groff wanted to be sure the District was not in violation of this rule. The Chief explained that we don't qualify for this rule, since we don't pass out personal respirators and firefighter exposure to asbestos is too limited. President Michael Pigoni noted that our respirators are self-contained.

11. GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Chief announced that on Saturday May 16th we are sending our trainees to the structure burn in Windsor. This will give them live burn experience.

Michael Pigoni also noted we can borrow El Cerrito's flash trailer.

Harry Bosworth announced a memorial for Jerry Petersen, 2 PM Saturday at the ranch.

Bosworth also noted that he is installing a new hydrant on Feldmyer. He does not believe he will be attending the June 10 Board meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

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

Minutes approved as written- Motion/Second: _____

Clerk of the Board: _____

Date: _____