



# GEYSERVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2005 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 7:04 P.M.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call: Michael Pigoni, Rob Stewart, Paul Bernier and Tim Barnard present. Chief Paul Pigoni in attendance.
- D. Agenda Approval: **A motion was made and seconded (Barnard/Bernier) to approve the agenda. All ayes.**

### 2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

No public discussion.

### 3. MINUTES

**A motion was made and seconded (Barnard/Stewart) to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting for November 9, 2005. All ayes.**

### 4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The current financial reports from the County and bookkeeper Jeanne Davis were reviewed. Year-to-date expenses for fiscal year 2005/2006 are \$646,461.33. Over the past month, Station Fund expenses were \$199,905.44 and Operating Fund expenses were \$46,272.13.

### 5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Warrants for the month of November were reviewed and approved. The following changes were recommended:
  1. The sub-object for Wright Contracting changed to 8510.
  2. The sub-object for RRM Design Group changed to 8524.
  3. The sub-object for the Geyserville Waterworks \$16,190.30 warrant changed to 8510.
  4. The invoice for Air Exchange removed from the warrant.

**GATEWAY TO THE GEYSERS**

**A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/ Bernier) to approve the November warrants with the above changes. All ayes.**

## **6. CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Paul Pigoni reported the following:

- A. There have been 434 calls to-date; 52 since the last Board meeting.
- B. The Chief continues to attempt to obtain commercial plans for new construction.
- C. There are currently thirty firefighters and three probationary firefighters. One probationary firefighter needs to improve attendance in the next thirty days or be asked to leave.
- D. For the past three weeks, the Chief has been working on installing the new radios into apparatus. The thermal imagers are awaiting mounts in 6181 and 6182. Thermal imager training has taken place and a system is in place for tracking imager training.
- E. There have been changes in REDCOM management following the relocation of AMR Director Joe Geer to a new dispatch center in the Modesto area.
- F. The Chief continues to work on construction issues, including the leaking of the parapet.
- G. Chief Pigoni noted that with the completion of the station, there are increasing requests for the use of the multipurpose room. He wants to set standards for fees and guidelines/rules for its use. A discussion followed on possible fees and rules for the use of the station, including the tower. The Chief pointed out that some classes will be offered by our own instructors, such as Dave Bernier, and possibly different rules may apply. For example, Bernier only charges Geyserville firefighters for materials, since the District has paid for the training for Dave. The Board discussed a \$25 per person fee for use of the downstairs facilities only. There was general agreement that the upstairs should be off limits because it is not ADA compliant, and is a place reserved for Geyserville firefighters. These ideas will be discussed as Old Business at January's meeting.
- H. The Chief announced that required and/or expected levels of training for firefighters continue to rise, making it difficult for volunteer firefighters to participate in strike teams. He noted that an engine boss on a strike team is now required to have S-290. Because of increasing training requirements, weekend classes will need to be offered at this facility.

## **7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Geyserville Volunteer Firefighters' Association: No report.
- B. Truck Committee Report: No report.
- C. New Station 1 Committee: Rob Stewart listed some of the projects underway at Station 1, including waterproofing and fixing the heating and cooling system. He noted that the extractor is secured and ready for use beginning December 15<sup>th</sup>. Stewart also pointed out that he has calculated the project only went 10% over the original projected cost. Chief Pigoni noted that Knights Electric is supposed to re-align the lights on the District sign, and he wants to adjust the outdoor lights to fit the needs of the Department. There have been problems with the water heater; it will be tested Sunday night at the Christmas Party. Paul Bernier inquired about the policy on law enforcement personnel in the station, and Chief explained they generally use the radio room and upstairs kitchen table.

Stewart noted that Carlisle starts paving the driveway on Thursday. Paul Pigoni pointed out that there are redwood trees behind the station that need to be planted.

D. Fundraising Committee: Rob Stewart announced there was a donor call last week.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

A. President Michael Pigoni pointed out the CSDA newsletter in members' packets.

B. Chief Pigoni said that LAFCO is doing a "sphere of influence," and asked if anyone wants the District modified or expanded. He noted that the District will eventually be losing the Saggio Hills development to Healdsburg Fire Department, and that one of the homes will actually be a new fire station, located on the north end of town near our District. A discussion followed on the possible effects of this development.

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

A. Chief Pigoni proposed changing the amount of reimbursement allowed in the Wildland Fire Boots policy from \$150.00 to \$300.00, and keeping the amount reimbursed for repairs at \$150.00. Chief Pigoni explained that although the neighboring fire departments do not provide reimbursements for wildland fire boots, their firefighters (including volunteers) are compensated for their time. In addition, OSHA requires a fire department to provide all necessary equipment for the job. **A motion was made and seconded (Bernier/Barnard) to approve the changes to the Wildland Fire Boots policy. All ayes.**

B. Chief Pigoni introduced a Thermal Imagers policy. He explained that the policy is a starting point, stating mostly that the District owns imagers and where they are located. The policy also provides basic guidelines on imager training and tracking. **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Barnard) to adopt the Thermal Imagers policy. All ayes.**

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

## 11. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Rob Stewart reminded the Board of the Station 2 ownership/ property infringement issues. This topic will be on the January agenda.

Chief Pigoni invited the Board to the annual Christmas Party on Sunday at 3:00 P.M.

Chief Paul Pigoni reminded the Board that the MOU with the River Rock Casino is ending in June. He noted that the general manager is leaving, now that the Department has developed a working relationship with him. The Chief expressed concern that the District has nothing to show for the monthly check received from the Casino. When the District negotiates a new MOU with the Casino, he would like to show that the District has used the money to improve service to the Casino patrons.

The Chief fears that night-time medical aids at the Casino are causing firefighter burnout. He noted that Bells Ambulance is getting busier and busier, Cloverdale Ambulance is not staffed, and the Healdsburg District Hospital ER is not improving.

Chief Pigoni suggested the District take the \$28,000/ month received from the Casino and offer ALS service with an ambulance. The ambulance would be staffed with a FF/paramedic and an EMT (preferably from the Department) to respond with the volunteers. This would provide faster ALS service to the Casino and the rest of the community. The Chief announced he is working on a more formal proposal, including a breakdown of cost, to present to the Board and use when negotiating with the River Rock Casino.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING**

**A motion was made and seconded (Barnard/Stewart) to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 P.M. All ayes**

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

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

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