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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2006 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. Roll Call: Michael Pigoni, Rob Stewart, Paul Bernier, and Harry Bosworth present. Chief Pigoni was also present.
- D. Agenda Approval: President Michael Pigoni reviewed the agenda, noting that there was no multipurpose room agreement to review under Old Business. **A motion was made and seconded (Bosworth/Stewart) to approve the agenda with Old Business tabled. All eyes.**

2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

No public discussion.

3. MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded (Bernier/Bosworth) to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting for February 15, 2006. All eyes.

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 \$1,123,720.69. Over the past month, Operating Fund expenses were \$377,031.58, and station fund expenses were \$43,027.85.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Warrants for the month of February were reviewed and approved.

Upon review of the multiple septic pumping invoices, there was a discussion regarding the septic system at Station 2, and the need for a more permanent solution.

GATEWAY TO THE GEYSERS

A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Bernier) to approve the February warrants. All ayes.

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Paul Pigoni reported the following:

- There have been 90 calls to-date; 44 in the last month.
- There are currently 31 firefighters, 0 probationary firefighters, one firefighter on leave, and 8-9 new recruits for the academy.
- New radios are installed in apparatus.
- One thermal imager is mounted, with one yet to be mounted.
- Geyserville and Cloverdale are considering purchasing used turnouts from Windsor for new recruits to use during the academy. New turnouts are over \$1200 each, and Windsor is asking \$225 each.
- The Department is waiting to hear from the CDF about the grant for SCBA bottles and shelters.
- Captain Joe Stewart is currently working on the Assistance to Firefighters' Grant.
- The new pickup still needs lights and lettering.
- There will be some operational standard guideline policy changes for firefighters this month.
- The new building is still leaking. There was a walk-through with Wright Contracting yesterday.
- The Department provided emergency personnel and an engine for two recent special events at the River Rock Casino (Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day).
- On Friday, the Chief met with OES, CHP, CDF, SO and County OES to discuss evacuation problems related to the closed bridge and come up with a tentative plan in case of disaster. Cal Trans was also in communication via phone.
- Cal Trans has announced that the bridge will be demolished and a new one built in its place. There are currently no provisions for temporary access.
- Michael Pigoni and the Chief are working with FEMA and OES to obtain reimbursement for the Department's bridge-related expenses.
- A community meeting is planned for tomorrow night at the high school for an update on the bridge.
- The Chief is scheduled to speak tomorrow morning at the River Rock Casino liquor license hearing. He met with attorneys today to plan for the hearing.
- SYAR has put in a request for gravel mining their property along the river.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Geyserville Volunteer Firefighters' Association: No report.

B. Truck Committee Report: Captain Ryan Petersen noted that annual checks are taking place for all engines. Chief Pigoni noted that the CDF will be using our engine when staffing Station 2.

D. Fundraising Committee: No report.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

President Pigoni explained that the Form 700 in each member's packet needs to be filled out ASAP.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Tabled until next meeting.

10. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

11. GOOD OF THE ORDER

President Pigoni announced that a new law now requires board members receive two hours of ethics training every two years. There will be a class in Cloverdale sometime in April.

Michael Pigoni reminded the Board that next month the county fire districts’ meeting will be hosted by Geyserville at Station 1. Paul Kelley will be the guest of honor. A discussion followed on some of the details of the meeting.

Chief Paul Pigoni asked the Board to consider a way of reimbursing Rob Stewart for his numerous hours put into the new station construction, and noted that he put in hundreds of extra hours himself. A discussion followed on possible employee raises and payment. Michael Pigoni asked the Board to think about legal possibilities, and discuss it under new business at the next meeting. He also noted that it is almost budget time again, and wants the Board to spend more time planning next year’s budget.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Bosworth) to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M. All ayes.

Minutes approved as written- Motion/Second: _____

Clerk of the Board: _____

Date: _____