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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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 7:05 P.M.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call: Michael Pigoni, Harry Bosworth, Rob Stewart, and Tim Barnard present. Chief Paul Pigoni in attendance.
- D. Agenda Approval: **A motion was made and seconded (Barnard/Stewart) to approve the agenda with "D" of item #7 moved to immediately precede "Public Discussion." All ayes.**

2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

No public discussion.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

D. Fundraising Committee: Bette Perez summarized the results of the Capital Campaign. She presented a packet of material with campaign totals, donor letters, committee information and miscellaneous announcements for campaign events. Bette noted that \$757,000 was raised in pledges, and \$182,000 collected. Bette and partner Kathy Goodacre are currently working out donor recognition issues and assisting Ronald with the donor database. She recognized that the database needs a test run, to ensure donors are billed and pledges are tracked and collected. Bette noted there are still fundraising opportunities out there; and she has a solid list of sixty one donors that she recommends following up on.

After Bette ended her presentation, a discussion followed as to whether she should be kept on for another two months as a consultant for the Capital Campaign. Barnard wondered who would lead the effort to pursue the sixty one donors if Bette is not hired. It was noted that everyone is busy and burned out right now, and doubtful that anyone would be willing and/or able to spearhead such an undertaking. Though the cost of hiring Bette is high, the money thought to be out there would more than cover the cost. Michael Pigoni said that she could make all the phone calls, and volunteers would assist her in obtaining the contacts. There was general agreement that people would be willing to step forward and make donor calls with Bette. **A motion was made and**

seconded (Bosworth/Stewart) to continue the contract for Bette Perez for two additional months. All ayes.

3. MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded (Barnard/Stewart) to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting for October 12, 2005. All ayes.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The current financial reports from the County and bookkeeper Jeanne Davis were reviewed. Stewart reported that the District is not paying the last Wright invoice until the last finishing touches have been completed. Year-to-date expenses for fiscal year 2005/2006 are \$400,283.76. Over the past month, Station Fund expenses were \$13,970.99 and Operating Fund expenses were \$19,088.50.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Warrants for the month of October were reviewed and approved. There were questions regarding the high costs of phone bills and household and office supplies. Chief Paul Pigoni explained that the phone lines were shut off and had to be reconnected, and the supplies were needed for the new station. A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/ Barnard) to approve all the October warrants. All ayes.

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Paul Pigoni reported the following:

- There have been 382 calls to-date; 34 in the past month.
- The Chief is working on obtaining commercial plans so he and Joe Stewart know about commercial projects, such as wineries, in the District.
- There are currently thirty firefighters and three probationary firefighters. Five probationary members were promoted on Monday night.
- New radios and thermal imagers are going into apparatus.
- The officers are working on new Station 1 policies.
- The District received a \$10,000 grant from the Homeland Security Fund for a thermal imager.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Geyserville Volunteer Firefighters' Association: Rick Groff opened a discussion on the wildland boot reimbursement policy. Chief Paul Pigoni announced he would consider the Association's recommendation and work on a revision to the policy.

B. Truck Committee Report: No report.

C. New Station 1 Committee: Rob Stewart noted that 99.8% of the station is done. A new punchlist is in the makings for Pat Wolfe, including waterproofing issues.

D. Fundraising Committee: See above.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

President Pigoni pointed out the Fire District Association meeting next Thursday, November 17th.

9. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A revision to the wildland boot reimbursement policy will be discussed and/or presented at next month's meeting.

11. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chief Paul Pigoni introduced the subject of the water bill from Geyserville Water Works. He noted that the District paid for approximately \$30,000 in improvements to the water system. Harry Bosworth explained his obligations to the PUC, and that he is not permitted to be discriminative in his billing.

There was discussion on the paving of Lampson's driveway.

Chief Paul Pigoni reported that he would like to square off the District boundaries on Chemise Road. He noted that the Department responds to this area anyway, so it makes sense to collect property taxes from those properties.

Rob Stewart mentioned renewing interest in the acquisition of Station 2. The Board decided to wait until after the first of the year, when there is a better feel for the total cost of Station 1.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

A motion was made and seconded (Barnard/Stewart) to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M. All ayes

Minutes approved as written- Motion/Second: _____

Clerk of the Board: _____

Date: _____