



# GEYSERVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 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 7:03 P.M.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call: Michael Pigoni, Rob Stewart, Tim Barnard, Harry Bosworth, and Paul Bernier present. Chief Paul Pigoni present.
- D. Agenda Approval: **A motion was made and seconded (Bosworth/Bernier) to approve the agenda. All ayes.**

### 2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

No public discussion.

### 3. MINUTES

Rob Stewart asked to omit “. . . because the blocks specified by the engineer did not meet structural requirements. . .” from part C of #7 of the January minutes. **A motion was made and seconded (Bosworth/Bernier) to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting for January 12, 2005 with that change. All ayes.**

### 4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The current financial reports from the County and bookkeeper Jeanne Davis were reviewed. Year-to-date expenses are \$756,485.45 Over the past month, Station Fund expenses were \$314,193.96 and Operating Fund expenses were \$13,305.97.

The Wright Contracting, Inc. expenses were reviewed and discussed.

### 5. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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- B. There were no questions and/or comments regarding the 2003/2004 audit. **A motion was made and seconded (Barnard/Bosworth) to approve the 2003/2004 audit. All ayes.**

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

Chief Paul Pigoni reported the following:

- There have been 31 calls this year, and 7 in the past month. The Department is behind last year's call volume.
- There are currently 29 firefighters, one of which is on probation. In addition, seven new trainees are currently going through the training program.
- The Department received a grant to replace its portable and mobile radios. The grant money will be shared with Cloverdale Fire Protection District, with \$2,800 for Geyserville and \$1,700 for Cloverdale. The current MT 1000 portable radios will be replaced with Bendix King radios. From this grant, the Department will receive a total of 7 mobile radios and 12 portable radios.
- A County radio technician investigated all the Department's radios. There were several small problems, including broken wires, etc. Many of the small problems were fixed, but 6172 and 6192 still have radio problems. This radio check was done (at no charge) because many departments around the county were complaining of poor communication with REDCOM.
- At next month's meeting the Chief would like to propose an increase in the employee uniform allowance. He noted that the current \$200/year is not adequate to buy the required uniform, and is far behind what other department allot their paid employees.
- The Department had a successful training at the River Rock Casino parking garage on Monday night. The training focused on a simulated vehicle fire. The Chief noted that the casino staff have been very helpful by checking the validity of fire alarms before alerting the fire department.

Paul Bernier noted that firefighters are in need of new pagers.

## **7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Geyserville Volunteer Firefighters' Association: Chief Paul Pigoni announced that Rick Groff was appointed liaison at the last Association meeting, with himself as a backup. He noted that Squad 6131 was sold and will become part Anderson Valley's fleet.
- B. Truck Committee Report: Chief Paul Pigoni reported that Engine 6181 is back in service, though there are still details to be worked out regarding who is responsible for the price of replacing the PTO pump. Engine 6182 is scheduled to have its leak repaired, and Engine 6171 will be repaired before the upcoming fire season.
- C. New Station 1 Committee: Rob Stewart reported that estimates have been obtained for various rooms of the new station. He also noted that the Committee needs to meet again to continue this process. Rob Stewart and Chief Pigoni have been dealing with someone who is assisting them in locating office equipment. Stewart reported a rough estimate of \$43,000 to furnish the entire station.

Stewart and Bette Perez have been reviewing options, such as furniture donations, for those who want to contribute to the new station but do not wish to donate money.

Chief Pigoni has a meeting scheduled to discuss computer networking.

Rob Stewart noted that the second story walls are going up.

- D. Fundraising Committee: President Pigoni reported that all Board members should have received an email update from Bette Perez. Chief Pigoni noted that donor calls are not being done, so someone needs to push Bette Perez and Kathy Goodacre for more progress. A discussion followed regarding donor calls, including scheduling difficulties and the comfort level of asking others for money.

Chief Pigoni announced that he would like a wall in the new firehouse dedicated to past fire chiefs.

Harry Bosworth mentioned that Paul Sullivan paid him a visit to discuss his involvement with setting up the trust account. Sullivan had issues with the whole process and how he was left out at the end. Chief Pigoni noted that the trust account was a learning experience, and disputed Sullivan's claim that a friend did it for free, noting that the Association paid the appropriate set-up fees.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. President Pigoni reviewed the upcoming LAFCO election and the two applicants. A discussion followed regarding the qualifications of the two applicants. **A motion was made and seconded (Barnard/Bernier) to select applicant Gary Helfrich from Camp Meeker.**

President Pigoni announced that all Board members have a Form 700 in the back of their packets, which needs to be completed by April 1, 2005. He also noted that there are two CSDA newsletters in the back of members' packets.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. There was no discussion regarding the new Station 1 kitchen.
- B. The problems related to Station 2 were discussed. Chief Pigoni and Rob Stewart met with Paul Kelly to determine a course of action for dealing with the existing situation. Kelly advised the Chief and Stewart that both a parcel split and condemnation are possible options. Rob Stewart noted that he will be doing a follow up with Kelly in the upcoming week. Meanwhile, President Pigoni sent a letter to Tomka regarding items stored on the District's easement in violation of the agreement between the above parties. Tim Barnard recommended that Michael Pigoni send a copy of the letter to Kelly for official record. Rob Stewart suggested that the District inform Tomka of its intentions once a decision is made.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Chief Pigoni proposed a change to the current T-shirt policy. He asked that the yearly distribution of one T-shirt per firefighter be increased to two T-shirts per firefighter each year. The Chief noted that one T-shirt is not sufficient for an entire year of use. This issue was tabled until the next meeting.
- B. Chief Pigoni proposed a change to the existing Captain policy. He recommended that item #9 of the policy be upgraded from four to six captains. The Chief noted that there are currently five captains, making the policy outdated. An increase to six would allow another position to be added in the future. This issue was also tabled until the next meeting.

## **11. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Tim Barnard asked for the presence of a Board member at the upcoming AVA meeting. Chief Pigoni announced that he will be speaking at the meeting on Saturday.

Chief Pigoni stated that Pat Saini was moved from Memorial Hospital to Healdsburg General Hospital. Her surgery went well, and the District sent flowers to her. The Chief also noted that Gene Saini will most likely be devoting more of his time to the care of his wife, leaving a void at Station 2. Chief Pigoni will mention at the AVA meeting on Saturday that volunteers are needed from the Alexander Valley.

President Pigoni announced that Zunino is setting up speakers for the annual town meeting. When approached, Michael Pigoni said that someone from the Department will be there.

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

**A motion was made and seconded (Bernier/Bosworth) to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 P.M. All ayes.**

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

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

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