



# GEYSERVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 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 7:00 P.M.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call: Michael Pigoni, Harry Bosworth, Rob Stewart, and Paul Bernier present. Chief Paul Pigoni in attendance.
- D. Agenda Approval: **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Bosworth) to approve the agenda. All ayes.**

### 2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

No public discussion.

### 3. MINUTES

**A motion was made and seconded (Bernier/Stewart) to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting for April 13, 2005. All ayes.**

### 4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The current financial reports from the County and bookkeeper Jeanne Davis were reviewed. Year-to-date expenses are \$1,691,581.68. Over the past month, Station Fund expenses were \$34,272.82 and Operating Fund expenses were \$16,342.51. So far this fiscal year, \$636,568.05 has been spent on the new station from the station fund, and \$2,020,471.10 (after the latest invoice payment) has been spent on Wright Contracting from the lease-purchase. President Michael Pigoni noted that \$650,000 was transferred from the operating fund reserves into the station fund, and \$100,000 was transferred into the apparatus fund.

President Michael Pigoni presented the preliminary budget for the fiscal year 2005/2006. A review and discussion of the preliminary budget followed, including budget allotments for various accounts, based on previous spending and predicted costs. President Pigoni went over the spreadsheets developed by himself and the County. He requested that individuals in charge of various areas of spending (e.g. equipment) review old invoices and evaluate upcoming costs to assist him with

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developing a more accurate budget. **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Bosworth) to accept the preliminary budget for 2005/2006. All ayes.**

## **5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

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

Chief Paul Pigoni reported the following:

- There have been 144 calls this year, and 39 in the past month.
- There are currently twenty eight firefighters and seven probationary firefighters. The Chief praised the attendance record and effort of the probationary firefighters.
- Inspections continue to be conducted on a regular basis by the Fire Prevention Officer. The Chief noted that many plans for new homes and construction upgrades have been coming to the District, which should continue to raise our tax revenue.
- The Chief is in the process of ordering new radios with the grant money.
- Tomorrow (Thursday) morning the District will hear what/how much money will be given to the District from the Casino Mitigation Fund grant
- At 9:00 A.M. tomorrow (Thursday) the department is participating in a debriefing with the CHP for an MCI that took place several weeks ago.
- At 7:30 A.M. tomorrow (Thursday) there will be a construction meeting.
- CAL-Cards have been issued and are currently in use.
- Several members of the department have been invited to the Survivor's Reunion on May 20<sup>th</sup> at Benzinger Winery. The invitation is based on the incident during which firefighters treated a pregnant woman who gave birth to a baby with a fractured skull.
- The BIA notified the District that they have applied to put the Dugan property into a trust.
- The Chief presented the Moore Uebel contract, which he stated is unacceptable because of the demand for payment within 30 days.
- The Chief presented a LAFCO study of all the fire districts in Sonoma County, including Geyserville. He noted that the study is a draft that recommends district consolidation within the county. After the draft is submitted for public review a final report will be released.

## **7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Geyserville Volunteer Firefighters' Association: The Association agreed to contribute \$200,000 to the new station.
- B. Truck Committee Report: Ryan Petersen reported that Martin's Truck Repair is doing a good job with engine maintenance. The door to Engine 6171 was fixed and returned early. Engine 6172 will be going in for work soon. All apparatus are currently in service.
- C. New Station 1 Committee: President Michael Pigoni reported his findings after seeking out the legal opinion of Lanahan & Reilley on issues regarding the contract with Wright Contracting. He presented the letter from Lanahan & Reilley and reviewed several key points. The letter addressed the four main concerns of the Board, including the time allotted to complete the station, the liability of rain and change orders, and how the District can track the effects of delays on the construction project.

Rob Stewart inquired as to whether or not he should present the letter at tomorrow's construction meeting. Chief Paul Pigoni strongly argued against presenting the document to Wright. All present appeared to agree that the Board should take a firm stance against Wright and refuse to pay for others' mistakes.

Rob Stewart reported that at tomorrow's construction meeting Wright is expected to formally ask the District to move out of the building in thirty days. A discussion followed on the implications of this notice. Chief Paul Pigoni noted that Lou Parde has offered space for engines and storage, and the construction trailer may be available for temporary administrative offices. Monday night trainings are scheduled to be held at the Grange Hall.

Chief Paul Pigoni suggested holding a BBQ or other event for sentimental reasons before the old station is torn down. He also recommended the District store and throw away as little as possible from the old station.

D. Fundraising Committee: It was noted that Gina Gallo officially announced her donation to the Capital Campaign and a press conference was held 1½ weeks ago. Bette Perez and Kathy Goodacre have been working on a final list for plaques. Several donor calls have been taking place, and Chief Paul Pigoni believes there are many more opportunities out there.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

President Michael Pigoni announced that the Sonoma County Fire Districts Association is meeting in two weeks at Souza's Bar and Grill in Windsor.

Newsletters from the CSDA are in the back of members' packets.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

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

Paul Bernier noted that he is borrowing several tables and chairs from Station 2 and 3.

Chief Paul Pigoni announced that Wayne Bell's mom passed away.

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

**A motion was made and seconded (Bernier/Bosworth) to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. All ayes.**

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

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

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