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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2004 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, Harry Bosworth, and Rob Stewart present. Chief Paul Pigoni was also 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/Bosworth) to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting for September 8, 2004, with the following corrections:

- A. Item No. 7, part C, "\$8,000" of credit for permit fees needs to be changed to "\$6200".
- B. Item No. 7, part C, "365 days" needs to be changed to "300 days".

All ayes.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The current financial reports from the County and bookkeeper Jeannie Davis were reviewed. Year-to-date expenses are \$171,404.17. Over the past month, Station Fund expenses were \$12,155.28 and Operating Fund expenses were \$46,600.47.

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5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Warrants for the month of September were reviewed and approved. It was noted that the warrant for Renee Tolliver needs to be moved from the Operating Fund to the Station Fund, with a sub-account number of 8522 for consultants.

President Michael Pigoni reviewed the September 30, 2004 Westamerica Bank statement for Geyserville Fire Protection District's Escrow account. The account contains \$3.5 million and has already accrued over \$9,000 in interest.

The most recent IRP invoices were reviewed and discussed. The second quarter IRP invoice totaled \$3,400. A check for that amount has already been received from the Department of Emergency Services. The third quarter invoice totaled \$6,100. **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Bernier) to approve the third quarter invoice of \$6,100 to be sent to the County of Sonoma Department of Emergency Services All ayes.**

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

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Paul Pigoni reported the following:

- There have been a total of 442 calls this calendar year, including 63 calls since the previous Board meeting.
- There are currently thirty one firefighters, three of which remain on probation. There are new signs up at District stations asking for volunteers. New applications have been received since the signs were posted.
- The equipment purchased with the grant money from the casino mitigation fund had been ordered and received. Training will take place to put the equipment in service. The contract states that the District has to advertise the equipment to others. Rob Stewart suggested the District run an article in the newspaper to announce that Geyserville FPD received rescue equipment with help from the Dry Creek Band of Pomos. He has already spoken to Ray Holley of the Healdsburg Tribune about this matter, and he is willing to print something.
- On Monday night Geyserville FPD firefighters responded to the Geysers Fire. Water Tender 6192 stayed all night. The water tender and two firefighters will be reimbursed for this service.
- A request for a proposal for a grant was received in the mail from the Fireman's Fund. \$300,000 is available to Sonoma, Napa, and Marin counties. Geyserville intends to apply for this grant, probably for fire prevention or training programs.
- Bookkeeper Jeanne Davis' hourly rate went up \$5/hour to \$40/hour
- The construction taking place on the property is more intrusive than planned. Chief Paul Pigoni hopes that the District can reclaim some of the area for everyday use.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Geyserville Volunteer Firefighters' Association: Joe Stewart spoke for Barry Collier (not present), who had nothing to report.

- B. Truck Committee Report: Ryan Petersen was not present. Joe Stewart reported that all engines are in service. Engine 6181 has both an oil and foam leak. Chief Paul Pigoni noted it's best to wait until after fire season to fix these problems, since it may require some down time.
- C. New Station 1 Committee: Rob Stewart picked up the permits today. After waiving approximately \$14,000 of fees, the total amount spent on permits came to about \$24,000. The sewer permit assigns the property eight ESDs. The current station is charged for one ESD. One ESD is the equivalent of one single family dwelling unit. For water use, the plan is to install two meters, one for building use and one for outside water use.
- D. Fundraising Committee: Tim Barnard not present. No report.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Chief Paul Pigoni mentioned a phone call he received from someone thanking the firefighters for cleaning a family pet's blood off the street.
- B. President Michael Pigoni announced the District received a resolution from the County appointing nominees Bernier and Bosworth to the Board for a term of four years.
- C. Chief Paul Pigoni noted the District received a resolution from the County commending the District for their efforts in combating the Geysers Fire of September 3, 2004. The resolution will be framed and hung in the new station.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- A. There was a discussion regarding the liability issues of the River Rock Casino parking garage. President Michael Pigoni contacted Phil regarding the issue. Phil recommended the District write its concerns in a letter to the Tribe and otherwise respond as usual, following standard procedures.

Michael Pigoni also spoke with Allison Hargrave, who noted that since there is no case law for this issue, the entire matter is an unknown. Allison recommended that the District make its concerns known to the Tribe. She noted that like any other situation, firefighters need only enter the structure if determined safe.

The fire marshal of El Cerrito, though unconnected to the Casino, compared the issue to a condemned building, which firefighters would enter to perform rescues if deemed safe.

Harry Bosworth suggested the District compose a letter stating our concerns to the River Rock Casino. Chief Paul Pigoni announced that he already sent a letter listing the District's concerns and stating that firefighters will still respond, but may operate at a slower pace due to increased safety hazards.

President Michael Pigoni added that an agreement between the Casino and the District protects both parties against each other or in the event of a third party suit.

Joe Stewart noted that Pod A of the parking garage is scheduled for completion on October 26, 2004.

Chief Paul Pigoni announced that the equipment ordered with the casino mitigation grant money has been received. Chris Colgan and Joe Stewart helped him secure the funding for this grant. Paul Pigoni reminded Board members that in order to make the purchase legal, the Board has to approve it. **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Bernier) to approve the expenditure of the mitigation fund. All ayes.**

10. NEW BUSINESS

President Michael Pigoni explained that Ralph Seals from the Alexander Valley Association had previously questioned Harry Bosworth about who pays the insurance on Station 2. Ralph Seals also asked Bosworth if the District would be willing to pay the taxes on the building.

Harry Bosworth noted that there are many people involved in the ownership of the building and property. He recommended researching the issue further after the new station is complete. It was pointed out that the agreement states that the Alexander Valley Association is supposed to pay the insurance and maintain the building. Bosworth suggested meeting with the owner and eliminating the Alexander Valley Association as the middle man.

There was further discussion regarding Tomka, the property owner of Station 2, and his situation. Past inquiries have turned up that the piece of property under the station cannot be legally broken from Tomka's property. Because of this, the only action is to condemn the property, which would take cooperation from the county. Rob Stewart explained that the building needs structural work, and wondered if Jess Jackson would be willing to part with some of his land in order to build a new station.

Paul Pigoni suggested the Alexander Valley Association should do the legwork in transferring the title to the District, since they don't want to be involved in the arrangement and would benefit from backing out.

The Board agreed to table this issue until a later time.

11. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Rob Stewart stated that the Barn may get moved as early as Monday, October 18, 2004. Everything must be moved from the Barn into the storage unit before then. He recommended that since Isis Oasis is allowing Wright to put a construction trailer on that property, the District could pay for the costs of moving the Barn. This would ensure that there are no further delays caused by waiting for Isis Oasis to obtain the proper permits.

Chief Paul Pigoni said he heard it would cost approximately \$8,000 to move the building, and Rob Stewart noted he has someone lined up to help with the move. President Michael Pigoni recommended proceeding with moving the building at the District's expense.

Chief Paul Pigoni said it would be nice to acknowledge the people who have helped with the project so far. He also noted that Taylor Electric complained of not being able to bid on the project when he was contacted to move and store a light for the department.

Rob Stewart let the Board know that Bill, the superintendent for Wright, is happy with the list of subcontractors for the job, and Rob Stewart is happy with Bill.

Harry Bosworth mentioned that a casino in southern California bought a ladder truck for a twenty-seven story casino and asked New York City to train them in ladder operations.

Chief Paul Pigoni asked if there is liability in training people outside the department in fire-related topics, such as fire extinguisher training. President Michael Pigoni replied that there is liability but the District has insurance to cover such incidents, as long as we follow state fire marshal guidelines for trainers. He noted that once the new station is complete the department can hold training classes in the hall.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Bernier) to adjourn the meeting at 2030 hours. All ayes.

Minutes approved as written- Motion/Second: _____

Clerk of the Board: _____

Date: _____