



GEYSERVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

WEDNESDAY APRIL 12, 2017 AT 7:00 PM

At the Geyserville Fire Station #1, 20975 Geyserville Avenue, Geyserville

1. OPENING GREETING:

- Meeting called to order by President Tatsuo Okaya at 7:02 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call: Fred Peterson, Tatsuo Okaya, Paul Bernier and Rob Stewart were present. Dane Petersen arrived during Chief's Report. Fire Chief Marshall Turbeville was also present.
- Agenda Approval: **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Peterson) to approve the agenda. All ayes.**

2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION: No public discussion.

3. **MINUTES:** Chief Turbeville said there is a typing error on page 2 under Old Business, item a; there is an extra "&" and no information following it. Anneke Turbeville explained that was because items a and b were discussed together, but she will fix it. The Board also wanted to remove the part about having a Knights Valley member on the board, and clarifying that a new station would be put in between Station 2 and the County line, not specifically Knights Valley. **A motion was made and seconded (Bernier/Stewart) to approve the March 8, 2017 minutes. All ayes.**

4. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Fred Peterson delivered the financial report. Chief Turbeville wondered about moving money from ICS into CDRS. Michael Pigoni recommended waiting until the tax property revenue comes in before putting more money into CDRS. Anneke Turbeville noted that the six-month CRDS account matures on 4/20 and the twelve-month account matures on 10/19. Michael Pigoni recommended putting the money from the mature six-month account into a twelve-month account.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR: A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Stewart) to pay the bills. All ayes.**

6. **CHIEF'S REPORT:** The Chief's Report (see attached) was presented by Chief Marshall Turbeville. Turbeville announced the Department will be hiring seasonal firefighters to begin on June 1. The Vineyard Club Picnic is August 12. We are getting a new sculpture out front. County Fire Chief Al Terrell is retiring. The Alexander Valley Campground has gone into trust.

7. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** No report.

8. **REPORT FROM THE GEYSERVILLE FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION (GFEA):** No report, other than still waiting for retirement.

9. **REPORT FROM THE GEYSERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION (GVFA):** Erik Padilla announced that the kitchen cabinets are under construction. The recruitment and retention committee has sent a survey to past volunteers. The gym should have all its new equipment by the end of the month. The GVFA won first place for people's choice and best booth at the Windsor chili

contest. The same booth will be at May Day. Wine Country to the Rescue will be on July 15 and the Vineyard Club Picnic will be on August 12.

10. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. District Expansion & Consolidation: Paul Bernier announced that the ad hoc committee consisting of Cloverdale and Geyserville members has been meeting regularly, and now Healdsburg is interested in joining the committee.
- b. Annexation Update: Steve Gould announced that members from the County, Geyserville, and Knights Valley met to discuss annexation and the TRA. Though we may get 100% of tax revenue, they made it clear it is not a precedent. A discussion of the Sphere of Influence (SOI) followed. Steve Gould said they are going ahead with a sentiment survey of the landowners. He said there are approximately 178 parcel owners. The contract with Calistoga city if moving forward, though financial issues are slowing things down. Chief Turbeville felt it is right to continue to pursue it to ensure the closest resources are available to Knights Valley. Dane Petersen expressed concern about the initial cost to take on Knights Valley. Fred Peterson pointed out that James Gore told us to help out Knights Valley because it's the right thing to do.
- c. MOU with Knights Valley: Steve Gould said he changed #5 and #6 in the MOU. **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Bernier) to approve the MOU. All ayes.**
- d. Count Fire Study Update: Fred Peterson said there is a meeting tomorrow. The all-day meeting has been postponed until June. He noted there has not been much forward progress. The Board wondered if Chris Thomas is getting paid; Fred Peterson will find out. Chief Turbeville will pull talking points out of the Region 6 Vision.
- e. Plan Check: No report.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Retirement Option: Tatsuo Okaya said that his Wall Street friends have concerns about CalPERS. Rob Stewart noted that staying out of CalPERS gives us certain advantages. Michael Pigoni wondered if we have considered the County's retirement system. Paul Bernier will research that option.
- b. Budget: Chief Turbeville reviewed the budget. There was a discussion about how to include retirement in the budget without biasing negotiations. Michael Pigoni noted that the final budget is not due until the end of August, so the Board can wait until then to add retirement.
- c. REDCOM:
- d. SCFDA Meeting: Directors will let Jennifer Crayne know if they are going.
- e. CSDA: No one has any names for the ballot.
- f. FASIS: The Board would like to vote for the first four names.
- g. Audit: Michael Pigoni recommended asking for a few bound copies. The Board will read over the budget and approve next week.

13. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: Fire Chief Review, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.

14. RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING: The evaluations were very positive. Concerns revolved mostly around interactions between the paid and volunteer firefighters and firehouse culture. The other concern is the recruitment and retention of volunteers. There was discussion of the possible need of a chief's assistant to assist with training and other functions; Marshall needs to find a fit that

works. Whether or not compensation is necessary for this position was also discussed. The Board needs to step up their efforts to help the chief with tasks such as the employee MOU and retirement plans.

15. GOOD OF THE ORDER: None

16. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING: A motion was made and seconded (Petersen/Stewart) to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. All ayes.

Minutes approved as written- Motion/Second: Dane Petersen/ Paul Bernier

Clerk of the Board: Annika Turville

Date: 5-10-17