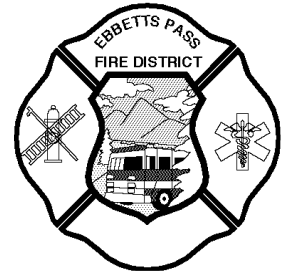


Ebbetts Pass Fire District



MINUTES

Board of Directors

January 19, 2021

APPROVED 02/16/21

1. The meeting was called to order with proper social distancing among everyone and with accommodation for the public through the use of Zoom Meetings at 9:00 A.M. by Board President Denny Clemens and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Directors present: Michael Barr, Denny Clemens, Jon Dashner, Scott McKinney, and Pete Neal.

District personnel present: Fire Chief Mike Johnson
District Secretary Cheryl Howard
Battalion Chief Aaron Downing
Captain Shea Buhler, Engineer Glenn Verkerk
Others present via Zoom Meeting: Mark Paulsen of Golden State Fire Apparatus
Media present: None

2. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENT** No comments

3. **CONSENT ITEMS**

- 3.1. Minutes: 12/15/20

Mr. Barr made a motion to approve the December 15, 2020, Minutes as printed. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed 5-0 0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Neal).

- 3.2. Personnel Committee (Directors Dashner & McKinney)

Mr. McKinney made a motion to approve the December 2020 Checks Listing and authorize to file for audit. Mr. Barr seconded; motion passed 5-0 0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Neal).

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 4.1. Finance Committee (Directors Barr & Dashner)

Chief Johnson reported that the District had received its December Teeter allotment of property taxes which was reported in the packet. He noted the ambulance revenue was on track for the amount budgeted although there had been fewer ambulance calls during the same period in the past.

4.2. Personnel Committee (Directors Dashner & McKinney)

Chief Johnson reported the COVID-19 vaccinations were underway with approximately 65% of the District staff having received it and the many of the remaining were in process of scheduling it. He noted there had been no injuries the previous month.

4.3. Fire Prevention Committee (Directors Clemens & Neal)

Chief Johnson reported Ordinance 2020 was being presented later in the agenda for its first reading.

4.4. Apparatus/Equipment Committee (Directors McKinney & Neal)

Chief Johnson noted that there would be discussion later in the agenda.

5. Scheduled Items5.1. Golden State Fire Apparatus Type 1 Fire Engine Build Proposal

Battalion Chief Aaron Downing presented information regarding the proposed fire engine build-up. He noted the Committee having determined the unacceptability of the EZ Track system with its requiring a maximum speed of 15MPH. He noted other design criteria including horsepower and projected performance standards and Captain Shea Buhler commented that it was designed to fit equipment that was need without being overweight.

Chief Johnson complimented staff on their work toward the new engine designed. He pointed out that as a member of the HGAC consortium the bid process was satisfied. He noted the timeliness of making a decision before the price increase in February and the potential savings with paying up front to the manufacturer and obtaining our own financing.

Mr. Barr made a motion to purchase this engine as included on the proposal #61228-20A from Golden State Fire Apparatus and to authorize Chief Johnson to sign documents as needed. Mr. McKinney seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Neal).

5.2. California Special Districts Association Finance Corporation Fire Engine Financing Option

Chief Johnson reported that as he had anticipated the financing needed for this purchase being \$800,000 he had received the proposal from the CSDA Finance Corporation which included interest at 2.75% for 10 years. After some discussion, Mr. Dashner made a motion to authorize Chief Johnson to obtain the financing as proposed in the January 11, 2021, proposal by the CSDA Finance Corporation. Mr. Barr seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Neal).

5.3. CalPERS Notice of Proposed Regulatory Actions

Chief Johnson reported that he had included this for the Board's information even

though the District did not currently contract with CalPERS for medical group insurance. If anyone wished to comment regarding the proposed actions, they could do so.

5.4. CSDA Gold Country Regional Chapter Strategic Planning Workshop

Chief Johnson reported that if any Board member wished to attend to please contact staff and the arrangements would be made.

5.5. Fuel Break Projects Along Ebbetts Pass Report on Fuel Break Work During 2020

Chief Johnson noted that this report prepared by Jill Pakou was very informative and made a nice information packet regarding those community safety measures.

5.6. Health Management Associates Inc. Independent

Contractor/Consulting Agreement Managed Care Intergovernmental Transfer

Chief Johnson reported that Elli Hall was retiring and he had been in discussions with Health Management Associations (HMA) for them to continue with consultation assistance for the IGT program. He noted that Elli Hall's assistance had been great appreciated for navigating the complexities and paperwork for the IGT. He added that the annual amount for the contact was not to exceed \$10,000 and the hourly amounts varied by the profession level of the person doing the work. Mr. Dashner made a motion to accept the Health Management Associates, Inc. Independent Contractor/Consulting Agreement for Managed Care Intergovernmental Transfers. Mr. Barr seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Neal).

5.7. EPFD Fire Ordinance 2020: First Reading

Chief Johnson reported that County Counsel had reviewed the District's proposed Ordinance 2020 and subsequently has returned it to the Board for its First Reading at this Board meeting and staff will notice the public hearing with appropriate advertising for its February regular meeting. Elli Hall was retiring and he had been in discussions with Health Management

6. **REPORTS**

6.1. Administrative Report

Chief Johnson reported the call volume for the ambulance had increased with the increased activity at the Bear Valley Ski Area. He noted the exceptionally dry January with active fires in the southern California area. He also noted that Sara Edwards, County Counsel, will be conducting a Brown Act presentation.

6.2. Legislative Report

Chief Johnson noted the new legislative session had begun in January.

6.3. Administrative - EMS

Chief Johnson reported that Battalion Chief Matt O'Donnell had attended a Train-the-Trainer event so that District personnel could administer the COVID-19 vaccine if asked by the County Health Dept. He added that the District was transitioning from the monthly EMS data compilation to a software version in addition to AVL planning/movement.

7. **COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONSIDERATIONS**

7.1. Board Members

Mr. Neal commented that everyone that can get the vaccination should get it.

Mr. Barr thanked the Apparatus Committee members for their consistent work to get the purchase of a new engine accomplished.

7.2. Firefighters Association – Glenn Verkerk reported that the Association hoped to transition to move forward this year with fundraising.

7.3. Employees' Group – Glenn Verkerk thanked the Board members for the engine purchase.

7.4. Public Comments

None

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. McKinney made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed unanimously. 10:17 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Howard
District Secretary