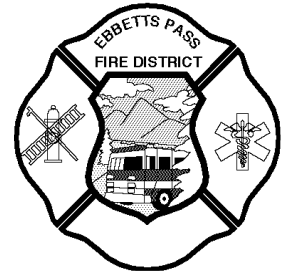


# Ebbetts Pass Fire District



## MINUTES

Board of Directors

March 16, 2021

APPROVED 04/20/21

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 9:02 A.M. Board President Denny Clemens called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Directors present: Michael Barr  
Denny Clemens  
Jon Dashner  
Scott McKinney  
Pete Neal (arrived late due to icy road conditions, approx. 9:20)

District personnel present: Fire Chief Mike Johnson  
District Secretary Cheryl Howard  
Battalion Chief Aaron Downing, Captain Shea Buhler  
Firefighter-Paramedic Kody Simons  
Various District personnel that stayed through badge pinning.

Others: Family of Kody Simons  
Others present via Zoom Meeting: None  
Media present: None

- 4.2.1. **KODY SIMONS: TRANSITION TO PERMANENT STATUS AS FIREFIGHTER-PARAMEDIC**  
Chief Mike Johnson expressed his appreciation of the excellent job that Firefighter-Paramedic Kody Simons has done over the previous. He noted that Kody had proven to be a good fit with the District organization and wished him well in the coming years. He then presented the badge to Kody's wife, Jordyn, and daughter, Kinsley, for pinning onto to Firefighter-Paramedic Kody Simons.

After having received his pin, Firefighter-Paramedic Kody Simons said that he appreciated the opportunity to be here in the District.

Kody Simons and his family left the meeting along with many of the District personnel.

2. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENT - None**3. **CONSENT ITEMS**

Mr. Barr made a motion to approve Consent Items 3.1 and 3.2 as presented. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney; ABSENT: Neal).

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**4.1. Finance Committee (Directors Barr & Dashner)

Chief Johnson noted that the District Balance Sheet showed the District to be \$1.9 million to the good and that it was only one month until the next allotment of Teeter property tax funds. He reported that the ambulance transport revenue seemed to be trending close to the budgeted amount.

4.2. Personnel Committee (Directors Dashner & McKinney)

Chief Johnson reported there were no new injuries and that the staff was doing a great job staying safe. He also noted there a lot of training has done at the building that was slated to be demolished.

4.3. Fire Prevention Committee (Directors Clemens & Neal)

No report.

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

Battalion Chief Downing reported on various pieces of apparatus and equipment repairs and plans. He also reported that he had been working to get a fuel filter installed at the tank at Station 1.

5. Scheduled Items5.1. Sonora Volunteer Fire Museum

Chief Johnson reported that staff had determined a deck gun that was not in use might be better served on display so BC Downing had arranged to deliver it to the Sonora Fire Museum.

5.2. Pension Liability Fiduciary: Selection of District Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) Restructuring Strategy Advisor: CalMuni Advisors or NHA Advisors

Chief Johnson reported that the Board's packet included the presentations printed from each provider. He noted that he was not sure if the Board was ready to make a decision and offered that the Finance Committee members might like to speak to their preference.

[Mr. Neal arrived.]

Mr. Dashner reported that his personal preference had been CalMuni because of the verbal interaction with their personnel. There was some discussion among the members of the Board. Mr. Barr made a motion to go with CalMuni Advisors.

Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Neal).

5.3. 5-Year Capital Outlay

Chief Johnson reported that the Finance Committee had lined through the items that the District had been able to obtain during the current fiscal year. He reported that the extrication set that had been scheduled for FY 21-22 had been achieved through a grant award this fiscal year and the squad replacement had been achieved with the purchase of a used unit from Murphys Fire Protection District.

Chief Johnson reported that the underlined items were items added by the Finance Committee in the various fiscal years. He noted that this proposed 5-Year Capital Outlay was a snapshot of planning for the District. After some discussion, Mr. Neal made a motion to approve the 5-Year Capital Outlay as presented. Mr. Barr seconded; motion passed (YES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Neal).

5.4. Setting of Cost-of-Living Adjustment for 2021-22 – 2020 CPI West Urban

Chief Johnson reported that staff had determined the 2020 CPI at year end was 1.7%. Mr. Dasher made a motion to approve the 1.7% increase to the 2021-22 salary schedule but later withdrew his motion when Mr. Neal questioned staff whether the CPI-W for Size Class B/C might be a different percentage. Staff was directed to look for that particular percentage and return with information at the next regular meeting.

6. **REPORTS**

6.1. Administrative Report

Chief Johnson reported that CDC has stated that persons that have been vaccinated for COVID-19 did not need to wear masks among small groups but did recommend masks still be worn in public. He reported the Calaveras Fire JPA was exploring the possibility of a sales tax initiative. He also would be meeting with the Deputy County CAO regarding the Transit Occupancy Tax allocations to fire districts.

6.2. Legislative Report

Chief Johnson reported that the District had been included on the list of entities being granted PSPS reimbursement. He also noted that work on the PG&E micro grid was supposed to be done at the end of March.

6.3. Administrative - EMS

Chief Johnson reported the IGT funds were to be sent in April and should be returned with the matching IGT funds in approximately 60 days from then.

7. **COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONSIDERATIONS**

7.1. Board Members

Mr. Barr congratulated District personnel for doing a good job with their work and continuing to have no more worker's compensation injuries.

Mr. Dashner noted that, if at all possible, he would like to have the District check into acquiring land for moving Station 3.

Mr. Clemens noted his appreciation for crews continuing to do various trainings on the building as opportunities like that are not common.

7.2. Firefighters Association – None.

7.3. Employees' Group – None.

7.4. Public Comments  
None

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Dashner made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Barr seconded; motion passed unanimously.  
10:12 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Howard  
District Secretary