

Ebbetts Pass Fire District



MINUTES

Board of Directors

March 21, 2023

APPROVED 04/18/2023

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. Board Secretary Mike Barr called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Directors present: Michael Barr Absent: Scott McKinney
Denny Clemens
Jon Dashner
Pete Neal

District personnel present: Fire Chief Mike Johnson
District Secretary Cheryl Howard
Battalion Chief Rodney Hendrix
James Crabtree, Jim Eaves, Chuck Hatcher, Glenn Verkerk,
Alex Baker, Nate Attaway, Sean Bitner, Nick Landuyt,
Josilyn Layton, Kyle Salyer

Public present: none

Others present via Zoom Meeting: Spencer Hickok

2. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENT**
None

3. **CONSENT ITEMS**

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

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

4.1. Finance Committee

Chief Johnson remarked that the incoming revenues should result in good reserves for the District. He also discussed the anticipated total ambulance revenue to be above the amount budgeted.

Chief Johnson also noted that the movement toward a new Station 3 continued slowly with waiting approval from the U.S.F.S. for the property.

4.2. Personnel/Safety Committee

Chief Johnson reported there had been no injuries this past month which was excellent especially with all the snow and ice at the stations.

Chief Johnson reported that Firefighter-Paramedic Scott Vasquez had left the district for Folsom Fire District and that Battalion Chief Hendrix had already begun the search and hiring process for a replacement.

4.3. Fire Prevention Committee

Chief Johnson reported that Fire Prevention Officer Joan Lark's annual lot clearers meeting would be at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, March 24.

4.4. Apparatus/Equipment Committee

Mr. Neal reported that the currently quoted cost for the new engine was above budget as it neared \$1.2 million and included a three-year build time.

5. **SCHEDULED ITEMS**

5.1. Calaveras County Building Department: Fire Inspection Program

Chief Johnson reported that the Fire Inspection Program as prepared by John Parks of the Calaveras County Building Department was basically a menu of the choices the Districts would potentially have. Each fire district would choose what it would want the County Building Dept. to do on behalf of the District.

5.2. Calaveras County Building Department: Unsafe Structures (Calaveras Code 8.06.120)

Chief Johnson reported this was for the Board's information about what was included for dealing with Unsafe Structures.

5.3. Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment:

Fiscal Year 2023-24 Salary Schedule Cost-of-Living Adjustment

Sean Bitner asked the Board to allow the union members to meet for before continuing meet and confer with the Board of Directors regarding the COLA since the union officers have discovered that the 6.2% was incorrect for the annual COLA percentage. There continued to be discussion regarding the verbiage in the MOU about using the CPI-West and the term cumulative. Mr. Neal noted that he thought the CPI West Class B/C should be used because the population was potentially more appropriate. The Board's consensus would be to wait to allow the union to meet but they would still meet in closed session to confer with the committee members.

5.3.1. Closed Session started at 9:40.

5.3.2. Open Session re-opened at 10:00 and Mr. Barr reported there were no reportable actions taken.

6. REPORTS**6.1. Administrative Report**

Chief Johnson reported the beta testing with the MET test bike had begun and he was working on building policy with regard to its use and at this time there was no contract with Dr. Concepcion.

Chief Johnson reported that Mr. Dashner, Mr. Barr, Cheryl Howard, and himself would be attending the SDRMA Safety Education Day on March 22.

6.2. Legislative Report

Chief Johnson noted the Calaveras County Measure A was readying another initiative attempt for election in Spring 2024.

6.3. Administrative - EMS

No report.

7. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONSIDERATIONS**7.1. Board Members**

Mr. Dashner thanked everyone for their good work. Mr. Clemens asked everyone to be safe. Mr. Barr congratulated Alex Baker on his attaining his Paramedic license.

Mr. Neal reported that he had seen Mr. McKinney at the hospital the previous day. He added that he thought Mr. McKinney would be released today and would be enjoying a different diet.

7.2. Firefighters Association

Nate Attaway reported that the visit by the Alicia Ann Ruch Burn Foundation kids had been rescheduled to April 1 which would be a breakfast and dinner for approximately 50 kids.

7.3. Employees' Group

Chuck Hatcher thanked the Board members for their support and the friendly dialogue.

7.4. Public Comments

Jim Eaves commented that with his having seen the department evolve over the years he enjoyed the cohesiveness and cooperation that is within the District now and includes the community's approval of the District.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Neal made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed 4-0. 10:16 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Howard
District Secretary