

Ebbetts Pass Fire District



MINUTES

Board of Directors

July 19, 2022

APPROVED 08/16/2022

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 President Pete Neal called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Directors present: Michael Barr (arrived at 9:05)
Denny Clemens
Jon Dashner
Scott McKinney
Pete Neal

District personnel present: Fire Chief Mike Johnson
District Secretary Cheryl Howard
Matt O'Donnell, Kody Simons, R.J. Schulze
Volunteer Jeff Gardner

Others present via Zoom Meeting: None
Public present: Sue Gardner

2. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENT** - None

3. **CONSENT ITEMS**

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

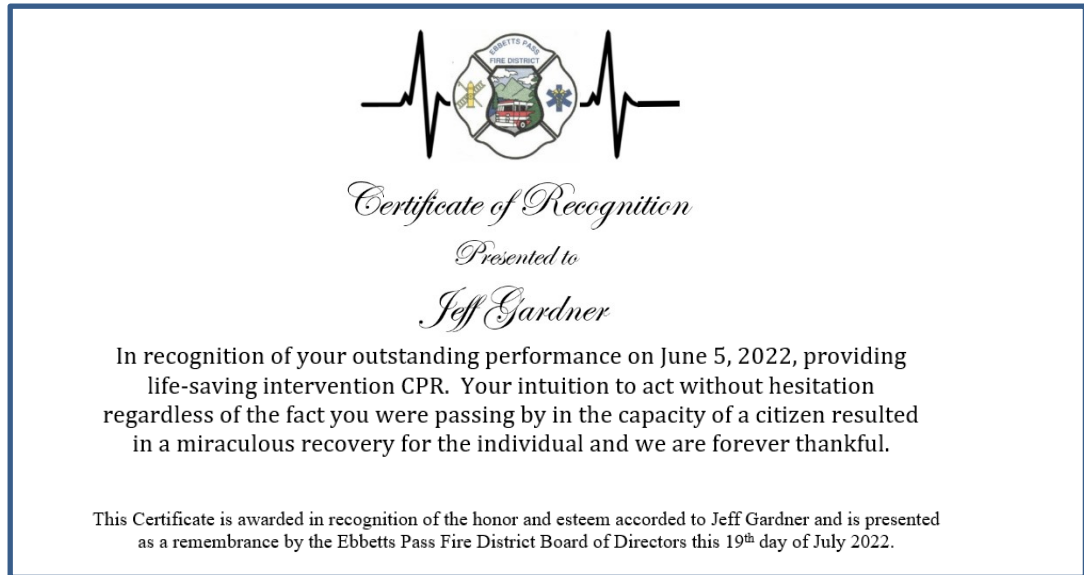
4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

4.2. Personnel/Safety Committee (Directors Dashner & McKinney)

4.2.1. **Recognition: Volunteer Firefighter Jeff Gardner**

President Neal moved this item forward in the agenda so the honoree could leave the meeting early if he liked. Chief Mike Johnson reported that EPFD Volunteer

Jeff Gardner had recently been honored by Central Calaveras Fire District and described briefly the medical incident that Volunteer Jeff Gardner which resulted in a life-saving intervention. [Mike Barr joined the meeting.] Chief Johnson noted the volunteerism exhibited by Jeff Gardner and then read the Letter of Appreciation which was being presented to Jeff Gardner.



Chief Johnson then presented the plaque to Jeff Gardner. Jeff Gardner then expressed his thanks for the honor and remarked that he was happy to live in the Ebbetts Pass Fire District and thanked the Board for their work in having well-trained medics and the crew as it was a pleasure working with them.

4.1. Finance Committee (Directors Dashner & Barr)

4.,1.2. End of Fiscal Year 2021-22 Intra-Account Budget Transfer

Chief Johnson reported that Cheryl Howard had prepared the 2021-22 year end intra-account transport for Board approval and, correspondingly, had prepared the financial reports to match so the overages were taken care of. Mr. Barr made a motion to approve the Intra-Account Budget Transfer for the End of Fiscal Year 2021-22 as presented. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, Neal, McKinney).

4.3. Fire Prevention Committee (Directors Clemens & Neal)

Chief Johnson presented a report from Joan Lark regarding lot inspection activities.

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

Chief Johnson reported the engine had arrived in Sacramento and was undergoing dealer prep at Golden State Fire Apparatus. He reported recent service on the newest ambulance. He also reported work being done on the Quantum engine to fix a fuel leak.

5. Scheduled Items

- 5.1. Fire Districts Association of California: Consolidation of EBA and FASIS Programs
Chief Johnson noted this had been included for the Board's information regarding the FDAC Employee Benefits Administration (EBA) and the Fire Agencies Self Insurance System (FASIS). He added that EPFD participates in the EBA for dental, vision and life group insurances while EPFD obtains its worker's compensation from the Special Districts Risk Management Authority (SDRMA).
- 5.2. Health Management Associates: Independent Contractor/Consulting Agreement for Managed Care Intergovernmental Transfers
Chief Johnson reported that the District has been utilizing Health Management Associates (HMA) for IGT consultation and, as things have been changing in the PP-GEMT, HMA has offered to keep EPFD abreast of all things happening in that arena. He recommended that the Board approve the contract. Mr. Dashner made a motion to approve the contract and authorize the Fire Chief to sign it. Mr. Barr seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, Neal, McKinney).
- 5.3. CalPERS: Unfunded Accrued Liability
Chief Johnson noted that CalPERS had determined the annual payment toward the District's Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) to be \$582 for the PEPRSA-Safety Plan, \$12,320 for the Classic-Safety Plan, and \$461 for the Classic-Misc. Plan. The total of \$13,363 could be paid lump sum this month or monthly payments. Mr. Barr made a motion to pay the \$13,363 total for CalPERS UAL by the end of July. Mr. McKinney seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, Neal, McKinney).
- 5.4. SDRMA: 2022-23 Workers Compensation Renewal
Chief Johnson noted that the annual Credit Incentive Program (CIP) discounts were significant and the Board member attendance at the Safety Meeting each year helped greatly. He reported that the annual worker's compensation premium was a total of \$108,528 this year. Mr. McKinney made a motion to pay the full amount of the worker's compensation premium at the beginning the fiscal year. Mr. Barr seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, Neal, McKinney).
- 5.5. SDRMA: 2022-23 Healthcare Premium
Chief Johnson reported the premiums had increased 9% from the previous year and noted that James Crabtree was actively looking for other plans and the District was hoping to absorb the increase.
- 5.6. Policy Update
Battalion Chief O'Donnell explained some of the policy attempt at cleaning up the vacation coverage process. Chief Johnson asked to table this discussion and the Board members concurred.

5.7. CFCA/CPFF: Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ceremony

Chief Johnson reported that Brian Dickson was to be included among the annual tribute to the firefighter who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service within California. He would be attending the ceremony on July 30th.

6. **REPORTS**

6.1. Administrative Report

Chief Johnson reported the District had begun the testing process for Firefighter-Paramedic Kyle Salyer and hoped he would begin work in mid August. He added that Alex Baker was on track to be a paramedic in mid January.

Chief Johnson reported the information had been submitted to ISO for their review and rating. He thanked the administrative staff for their assistance with the heavy lifting of information for ISO re-evaluation.

Chief Johnson reported on his recent virtual meeting with Representative Tom McClintock's staff regarding the land requested for replacement of Station 3. He added that the next step is preparation of a proposal to be sent with much detail.

Chief Johnson noted that Mr. Clemens and Mr. McKinney were both up for election this year with registration at the Elections Office between July 18 through August 12, 2022.

6.2. Legislative Report

Chief Johnson reported that it was current the summer session with no activity.

6.3. Administrative - EMS

Chief Johnson noted that Mountain EMS Agency was to be out of their Modesto office by August 1 and would be moving into an office in Copperopolis.

7. **COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONSIDERATIONS**

7.1. Board Members

Mr. Dashner noted that the recent parade participation by the District was great and everyone enjoyed the BBQ and beer booth. He noted that the Board needed to continue discussion regarding the Truckee ordinance and a campfire ban adding that 22% of the residents in Blue Lake Springs are AirBNB.

7.2. Firefighters Association

Matt O'Donnell reported that the summer visit from the Burn Foundation kids would be on July 30th.

7.3. Employees' Group

None

7.4. Public Comments
None

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. McKinney made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed 5-0
10:23 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Howard
District Secretary