



GEYSERVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

WEDNESDAY MARCH 14, 2018 AT 7:00 PM

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

1. OPENING GREETING:

- Meeting called to order by President Dane Petersen at 7:00 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call: Dane Petersen, Fred Peterson, Tatsuo Okaya, Paul Bernier, and Rob Stewart were present. Fire Chief Marshall Turbeville was also present.

- **BADGE CEREMONY:** At this point Dane Petersen turned the meeting over to Fire Chief Marshall Turbeville for the badge ceremony. The following three fire fighters received their fire fighter badges: Nathan Ziegler, Jonathon Flinn, and Juan Martinez. After the badge pinning, the meeting moved back into the multipurpose room.

• OPENING GREETING (CONTINUED):

- Agenda Approval: Fire Chief Marshall Turbeville noted that a tax consultant (Dennis) will be here at 7:45; he would like to move Old Business Item A to 7:45 to accommodate Dennis. **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Tatsuo) to approve the agenda with that addition. All ayes.**

2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION: There was no public discussion.

3. BADGE CEREMONY: This was held earlier, to accommodate friends and family. See above.

4. MINUTES: Paul Bernier pointed out that he was not present at the last meeting; he needs to be removed from roll call. **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Stewart) to approve the February 14, 2018 minutes with that correction. All ayes.**

5. FINANCIAL REPORT: Rob Stewart delivered the financial report. Dane Petersen asked about financial reimbursement from the state for the fires; Chief Turbeville reported that the cost to our District was \$17,000. Director Stewart noted our financials look good sitting at 72% in the budget. One CD will mature next month; Michael Pigoni recommended rolling it into another 12-month CD.

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

7. CHIEF'S REPORT: Four fire fighters were hired for fuels reduction. So far, they have done inspections in the Vineyard Club, worked on pre-attack maps, and burned piles. Several community meetings have been held; one is coming up this Sunday and another on May 18th. Scott Newman wondered if we would do any clearing in drainages; Chief Turbeville said that is something they will be looking into. Dane Petersen suggesting putting red flag warnings on the sign he donated; Chief Turbeville said they are trying to standardize signs in the region- something similar to Cal Fire. Director Petersen reported that 6192 can now be filled on the Black Ranch. Paul Bernier wants to fix the crack in the concrete tank there so it can be filled completely.

- At this point Dennis Rosetti arrived to discuss the exploration of possible tax revenue. He is currently working with Monte Rio and Russian River districts looking into the implementation of a parcel tax. Rosetti gave a history of his background and went over the tax process. He recommended getting the public on our side and polling the community. He noted that once the tax is on the ballot we cannot use district resources to promote it.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

9. REPORT FROM THE GEYSERVILLE FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION (GFEA): None.

10. REPORT FROM THE GEYSERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION (GVFA): Erik Padilla announced the upcoming Geyserville Fire Triathlon on May 20th in which fire fighters compete in the three physical fitness tests, followed up by a meal at Diavola. The triathlon's purpose is to promote fitness and teambuilding.

11. REPORT FROM KNIGHTS VALLEY: Steve Gould said there have been three community meetings so far. He wants the next meeting to be specifically about the annexation with Geyserville. Chief Turbeville and other board members will be there on May 20th at 1:00. A LAFCO meeting on April 4th will include Knights Valley and sphere of influence on its agenda. Gould does not believe there would be any issues with the implementation of a parcel tax in Knights Valley.

12. CORRESPONDENCE: The LAFCO letter is the only correspondence, detailing the upcoming meeting on April 4th.

13. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. District expansion, consolidation and annexation: Chief Turbeville reported that the survey is not done. He wants to use the momentum of the ad hoc committee to go after the Geysers Area. The next few months will most likely indicate what the future of Sonoma County Fire will be. There is a Fitch Mountain Homeowners Association meeting in May; Chief Turbeville is on the agenda.
- b. Plan check and inspections: No update.
- c. Employee retirement: No update.
- d. LAFCO resolution: This topic is on hold.
- e. Future governance and name change: Marshall Turbeville suggested using Northern Sonoma County Fire "Authority" instead of "District" as a possible future name
- f. Station 2: Rob Stewart reported a meeting at PRMD during which the lot was declared an illegal subdivision per the County. The Alexander Valley Association is willing to work with us and raise funds for maintenance and repairs of Station 2. Clay Green and Dennis Murphy will be working with us on that.
- g. Exploration of possible tax revenue: Fred Peterson and Tatsuo Okaya will be part of the ad hoc committee. Exploring a possible parcel tax. Steve Gould, Joe Stewart and Erik Padilla also wish to be on this committee. Michael Pigoni suggested asking Chief Baxman what services he asked for from Dennis Rosetti. Anneke Turbeville will ask Heidi Flowers for the RFP and contract.
- h. Seasonal firefighter negotiations: Negotiations will be coming up next week.
- i. Apparatus Plan: Michael Pigoni has begun looking into the specifications of an engine to replace 6180. Ryan Petersen expressed concern with the phasing out of the 70 series apparatus. Erik Padilla explained that the motivation behind the purchase of a Type 6 is that it does not require a Class B license to drive. Also, it would be a good fuels management vehicle and preferred over

taking an engine everywhere. Michael Pigoni noted that the Apparatus Plan is a living document and can be changed as needed; it does not lock anything into place. Step 1 is to sell 6180 and replace with a new 6181. The District can use a reseller to sell 6180. The GVFA is willing to buy the Type 6 for the fire district. The Board gave its approval to spec out a Type 6.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Audit: **A motion was made and seconded (Bernier/Stewart) to accept the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Audit. All ayes.**
- b. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application: The grant is due tomorrow. It is a matching grant. Chief Turbeville wants to hire fire fighters and do burning in the winter months. It is a \$400,000 grant requiring a matching \$100,000 from the District. Basically, it is a continuation of what the District is doing now with its pilot fuels management program. **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Bernier) to pursue the grant and spend \$100,000 over the next few years. All ayes.**
- c. Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) application: This is an opportunity for positions and to have a second person year-round. The Fire Chief just wanted to know if the Board is okay with moving in this direction.
- d. CSDA Nominations: None.

15. GOOD OF THE ORDER: Paul Bernier encouraged everyone to get St. Paddy's tickets. Dane Petersen said it was a great badge pinning ceremony. Fred Peterson said he would be going to the South Lake board meeting. Steve Gould announced that he has a mountain of wood chips on his property that he is willing to share with anyone interested. Rob Stewart and Tatsuo Okaya will not be present at the next meeting.

16. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING: A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Bernier) to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. All ayes.

Minutes approved as written- Motion/Second: Paul Bernier/ Fred Peterson

Clerk of the Board: Annika Turbeville

Date: 4-11-18