



GEYSERVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13, 2017 AT 7:00 PM

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

1. OPENING GREETING:

- Meeting called to order by President Tatsuo Okaya at 7:00 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call: Paul Bernier, Dane Petersen, Fred Peterson, Tatsuo Okaya, Paul Bernier, and Rob Stewart were present. Fire Chief Marshall Turbeville was also present.
- Agenda Approval: **A motion was made and seconded (Bernier/Stewart) to approve the agenda. All ayes.**

2. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** John and Diane Bucher of the Westside Community Association were present. Chief Turbeville reviewed the current fire response agencies involved in the Westside area and some of the history of the Sotoyome area. The Buchers wondered what they can do to help keep the tax money from their area going to local agencies. Chief Turbeville suggested contacting members of the Sotoyome fire board, such as Jack Brandt, as well as Jason Boaz and James Gore, both of whom live in the Sotoyome area.

3. **MINUTES:** **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Bernier) to approve the November 9, 2017 minutes. All ayes.**

4. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Fred Peterson delivered the financial report. Property taxes have not come in yet. Michael Pigoni sent an email with his thoughts on the hit taken from loss of property tax revenue due to the October fires.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** The bills for November were reviewed and accepted. Dane Petersen had questions about the expense from Opperman & Son for 6192. Anneke Turbeville passed around the invoice for review. **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Petersen) to pay the bills. All ayes.**

6. **CHIEF'S REPORT:** The Chief's Report was presented by Chief Marshall Turbeville. Chief Turbeville announced that Ziegler passed probation, and there are new applicants to begin the hiring process. Seasonal firefighters will be laid off on December 15, unless still gone on fires. If Supervisor Gore comes through with the money, they will be brought back on.

Chief noted there is a lot of community involvement right now. There is a meeting on January 20th to discuss community involvement with various groups. He thinks that the groups are ready to act and want to be prepared for the next disaster. Chief hopes to keep the momentum going. Paul Bernier said they need to find out what resources are out there, such as fuel tanks, generators, backhoes, etc., and get the phone numbers for those with the resources. A community person is needed to organize these resources.

7. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Tatsuo Okaya thanked everyone for the Christmas party.
8. **REPORT FROM THE GEYSERVILLE FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION (GFEA):** Joe Stewart said he had nothing to report, but then Chief Turbeville noted that Joe Stewart and other labor groups met with Jim Colangelo; Stewart wishes to elaborate on this during the respective agenda items.
9. **REPORT FROM THE GEYSERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION (GVFA):** The GVFA meeting was postponed due to firefighters being out of the county on the strike team. There is a blood drive coming up in January and \$26,000 raised from the pancake breakfast was given to Knights Valley Fire for the ones who lost homes.

10. **REPORT FROM KNIGHTS VALLEY:** No report.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Discussed previously.

12. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. District expansion, consolidation and annexation: Chief Turbeville pointed out the Cloverdale resolution. The ad hoc committee met and Cloverdale director Carol drafted this resolution. He noted that Sonoma County may set up the Calistoga contract Geyserville had planned to move forward with after annexation. Paul Bernier said that Fitch Mountain is interested in annexation/consolidation. Fred Peterson suggested using the talking points and spreading information.
- b. County fire study update: Fred Peterson announced there is a meeting tomorrow. Joe Stewart said that Colangelo held a meeting with labor groups to get labor groups involved before doing a countywide tax. Colangelo plans to have something on the November ballot, though he did not elaborate on what his plans were.
- c. Plan check and inspections: No update.
- d. Employee retirement: Anneke Turbeville gave an update on the 457 Plan. The accounts have yet to be set up.
- e. LAFCO resolution: No decision was made on the resolution.
- f. Future governance and name change: No update.
- g. Resolution 17/18-1213-001: **A motion was made (Peterson/Stewart) to adopt Resolution 17/18-1213-001 Approving the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Agreement #7FG17174. All ayes.**
- h. Volunteer Fire Assistance Agreement: **A motion was made (Peterson/Stewart) to approve the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Agreement #7FG17174. All ayes.**
- i. Station 2: Rob Stewart had no update on Station 2, other than reminding the Board that repairs are needed. Dane Petersen said he spoke to Ralph Scales and made him aware that the building belongs to the Alexander Valley Association (AVA). Rob Stewart added that he spoke with Melinda Barnard, president of the AVA board, about Station 2 as well.
- j. Seasonal firefighter negotiations: No report.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution of Intention: **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Peterson) to approve the Resolution of Intention of the Board of Directors of the Geyserville Fire Protection District to prepare a long-term plan for consolidation of services with the Cloverdale Fire Protection District to further enhance public safety and**

protect wildland properties in consideration for the Geysers Annexation area to the Geyserville Fire Protection District. All ayes.

14. **GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Anneke Turbeville noted that officer elections are next month.

15. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:** A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Petersen) to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. All ayes.

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

Clerk of the Board: Anneke Turbeville

Date: 1/10/17