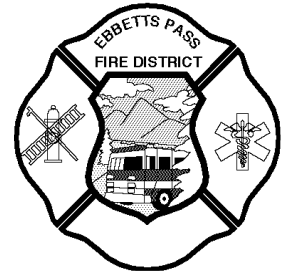


# Ebbetts Pass Fire District



## MINUTES

Board of Directors

April 20, 2021

APPROVED 05/18/21

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

District personnel present: Fire Chief Mike Johnson  
District Secretary Cheryl Howard

Others present via Zoom Meeting: Dmitry Semenov, CalMuni Advisors LLC  
Jeff Meyer, Hilltop Securities  
Cameron Weist, Weist Law

Media present: None

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 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Neal).

- 5.1. Discussion/Action Regarding Refinancing of the District's Outstanding CalPERS Unfunded Accrued Liability and Appointing Financial Consultants

Board President Clemens determined to move up agenda discussion in consideration of the meeting's attendees on Zoom. Chief Johnson introduced the discussion about the potential for refinancing the District's CalPERS Unfunded Accrued Liability which started with the obtaining knowledgeable persons in the finance field to help the District navigate those areas. He noted that at the March Regular Meeting the Board of Directors had chosen to use CalMuni and the proposed resolution would formalize that determination. He added

that policies had been presented also for the Board to review and possibly adopt at the May regular meeting of the Board. Mr. Dashner made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-2 as presented. Mr. Barr seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Neal). The Zoom Meeting participants shortly left the meeting following this discussion.

#### 4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### 4.1. Finance Committee (Directors Barr & Dashner)

Chief Johnson reported on the District's financial position including that the April Teeter allocation will shortly be made to the District. He noted that the District was over budget in a few line item categories. He added that the Station 3 generator had been slated for replacement with the latest grant award received by the District.

##### 4.2. Personnel Committee (Directors Dashner & McKinney)

Chief Johnson noted the policies that were up for Board review. He also reported that Interns Ryan Miguel and Nolan Johnson had both been hired by CalFire.

Chief Johnson reported that Firefighter-Paramedic Josh Hotchkiss had completed his year of probation and would be honored at next month's Board meeting with his badge pinning.

##### 4.3. Fire Prevention Committee (Directors Clemens & Neal)

Chief Johnson reported that the District's ordinance was still waiting placement in the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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

Chief Johnson reported that Battalion Chief Downing continued moving forward on the engine build with a preconstruction trip planned next month.

#### 5. Scheduled Items

##### 5.2. Special District Risk Management Authority: Workers Compensation Rate 2021-22

Chief Johnson reported that there was to be a premium savings due to the long streak of no injury claims. He noted that this year's premium was \$134,000 where the next year's premium was to be \$85,000.

##### 5.3. 2020 Consumer Price Index West Urban—Cost of Living Adjustment

Chief Johnson noted that discussion on this item had been tabled from the March meeting which allowed staff and Mr. Neal to review the CPI tables published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics to determine the correct percentage to be applied to the District's Pay Schedule. Mr. Neal reported that the 1.7% was the one for the calendar year 2020 and then made a motion to approve 1.7% cost of living increase adjustment to the District's Pay Schedule. Mr. McKinney seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Neal).

- 5.4. Fire Agencies Insurance Risk Authority:  
Notice of Nomination and Election Procedures for Board  
There were no persons named for nomination to the FAIRA Board.
- 5.5. Calaveras Public Power Agency: Impact of Rate Increase  
Chief Johnson reported that the increase of 2.5 cent per KWH equated to an estimated \$3,400 annual increase to the District.
- 5.6. Calaveras County Fire Joint Powers Authority Request for Statement of Support  
Chief Johnson explained the process for a possibility of a 1% sales tax increase and the desire of the county fire agencies to secure it for fire emergency response use. After much discussion, the item was tabled until more information could be known regarding it.
- 5.7. Policy Revision and Introduction  
Chief Johnson noted the revisions on Policy 6540 and 6550 consisted of changing policy to match District practice of allowing one to test for a position if not fully qualified for the position but not being able to advance to the position if qualifications are not met.

Chief Johnson reported that the proposed Policy 1200 and 1210 on debt management were totally new and significant to the District and he asked the Board to thoroughly review the proposed policies over the next month.

6. **REPORTS**

- 6.1. Administrative Report  
Chief Johnson reported the administrative staff had begun working on the preliminary budget for the next fiscal year. He also noted that items from various grants that were received and in place.
- 6.2. Legislative Report  
Chief Johnson noted a couple of items of legislation currently under consideration.
- 6.3. Administrative - EMS  
Chief Johnson reported the IGT wiring was underway and, hopefully, the return of it plus the matching funds would be done prior to fiscal year end. Chief Johnson noted the current status of county membership in the Mountain-Valley EMS Agency and added it was unknown how the change would shift the agency.

7. **COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONSIDERATIONS**

- 7.1. Board Members  
Mr. McKinney noted that the District was doing good.
- Mr. Barr thanked administrative staff for their work.

Mr. Neal thanked the Board members for their committee involvement on behalf of the District.

Mr. Dashner commended BC Aaron Downing on his continued efforts maintaining the District's vehicles.

Mr. Clemens said that he liked that the District was being smart with the taxpayer's dollars.

7.2. Firefighters Association – None.

7.3. Employees' Group – None.

7.4. Public Comments  
None

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Barr made a motion to adjourn. Mr. McKinney seconded; motion passed unanimously.  
10:28 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Howard  
District Secretary