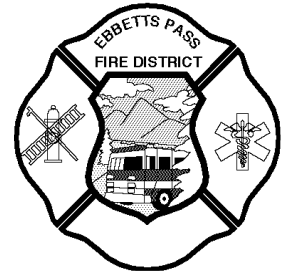


Ebbetts Pass Fire District



MINUTES

Board of Directors

June 15, 2021

APPROVED 07/20/21

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 9:00 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
Captain Shea Buhler

Others present via Zoom Meeting: Dmitry Semenov, CalMuni Advisors LLC

Media present: None

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

- 4.1.1. California Municipal Advisors LLC Discussion/Update Regarding Refinancing of District's Outstanding CalPERS Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL)

The Board's consensus was to move this agenda item discussion in consideration of the meeting's Zoom attendee. Chief Johnson reported the information that he had handed out was for the Board members to review prior to the special Board meeting on Monday, June 21, 2021, and not for today's discussion. Dmitry Semenov of CalMuni Advisors LLC reported that the bid results received the day before had yielded four strong proposals with all being solid with municipal lending experience. He noted that a specific item for the Board members to consider prior to the special Board meeting was whether they were comfortable with leasing the fire station and the ramifications of that. He reported that he

would be preparing a comparison of the proposals received with a compilation of the costs. When the directors finished their questions, he noted that he looked forward to meeting with them again on the 21st.

3. **CONSENT ITEMS**

Mr. Barr made a motion to approve Consent Items 3.1 and 3.2. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Neal).

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

4.1. Finance Committee (Directors Barr & Dashner)

Chief Johnson reported the committee had projected there would be a good carryover from this fiscal year with a strong outlook for the upcoming fiscal year.

4.2. Personnel Committee (Directors Dashner & McKinney)

Chief Johnson reported that the committee members had reviewed the worker's comp status for the District and noted that the upcoming captain's testing process would establish a promotion list effective for two years.

4.3. Fire Prevention Committee (Directors Clemens & Neal)

Chief Johnson noted that even though the committee has not met regularly the Board of Supervisors had approved the District's Ordinance 2020 and it was now undergoing specific review by the courts for administration of citations. He added that Joan Lark was actively doing unimproved lot inspections and notifications in addition to citations.

Chief Johnson also reported on the Calaveras County enactment of an emergency ban on fireworks in Calaveras County.

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

Captain Shea Buhler reported on the recent trip to the Pierce factory in Appleton giving information on engine build modifications needed due to various conflicts and cost factors.

5. Scheduled Items

5.1 County of Calaveras Auditor-Controller: District Signature Authorization

Chief Johnson noted that the form was provided to the County Offices so that they had record of the Board members' signatures. Mr. Neal made a motion to approve the list of Board members only for approval to sign for the District. Mr. Barr seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Neal).

5.2. Resolution 2021-6 Authorizing Calaveras Co. Auditor's Office Budget Transfers

Following some discussion, Mr. Dashner made a motion to pass Resolution 2021-6 authorizing the Calaveras County Auditor's Office to make appropriate interclass

budget transfers to close the fiscal year. Mr. McKinney seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Neal).

5.3. EPFD Finance Committee Authorization of Temporary Increase for Budget Item

Chief Johnson reported that Shea Buhler had found a source that would provide the additional UTV that the District had budgeted for next fiscal year. It was at a government price which was better than the market price but payment needed to be made by credit card or by wire transfer. The administrative staff had asked the Finance Committee to consider temporarily increasing the credit limit on the District's credit cards and the committee members decided to defer the decision to the whole Board. Following discussion, Mr. McKinney made a motion to temporarily increase the credit card limit to cover the purchase of the budgeted UTV. Mr. Neal seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Neal).

5.4. SDRMA Worker's Compensation Program Invoice

Chief Johnson noted that it was important enough to be a Board level discussion of how much it means to the District to have the continued excellent safety record of its personnel. He reviewed the savings on the premium for the District noting that savings on insurance equated to money being available for more equipment or tools of the trade.

5.5. Wittman Enterprises LLC: Ambulance Billing Service Increase

Chief Johnson noted that there had not been an increase since 2018 from the Wittman Enterprises for their service of billing for the District's transports. He estimated that the \$5.00 per PCR increase equated to approximately \$3,500 additional annually. He added that the transport receipts were doing very well under their seemingly very watchful eye. Mr. Neal made a motion to accept the increase for billing services by Wittman Enterprises LLC. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Neal).

5.6. FAIRA Member Election Ballot for Governing Board of Directors

Mr. McKinney made a motion to vote for all four candidates on the election ballot: Chief Brian Boggeln, Chief Reno DiTullio Jr., Chief Mike Sims, and Chief Don Butz. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Neal).

5.7. Calaveras Fire Joint Power Authority: Distribution of TOT and Prop 172 Revenue

Chief Johnson reported on the efforts being made by the local JPA on all the fire districts behalf noting the receipts of Transient Occupancy Tax and Proposition 172 revenue.

6. **REPORTS**

6.1. Administrative Report

Chief Johnson reported the District would be revising its own COVID plan with the governor having relaxed the State's requirements. He also reported on the July 3rd Independence Day parade in Arnold.

6.2. Legislative Report

Chief Johnson reported that on June 22nd the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors was scheduled to review the easement request item for the PG&E microgrid.

6.3. Administrative - EMS

No report.

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

Mr. Barr congratulated the staff for the good safety record.

Mr. Neal thanked the crews for the recent medical treatment of one of his family members and Mr. McKinney also noted the results of the treatment and transport of one of his family members.

7.2. Firefighters Association – Chief Johnson reported the Alisa Anne Ruch Burn Foundation summer trip was scheduled for August 1st.7.3. Employees' Group – Captain Buhler thanked the Board members for their support.7.4. Public Comments

None

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Howard
District Secretary