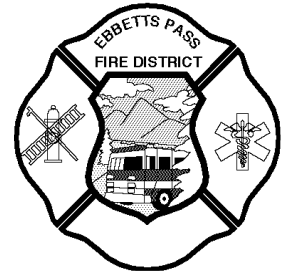


Ebbetts Pass Fire District



MINUTES

Board of Directors

October 19, 2021

APPROVED 11/16/2021

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. Scott McKinney, Acting President, called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Directors present: Michael Barr
Scott McKinney
Jon Dashner
Absent: Denny Clemens
Pete Neal

District personnel present: Fire Chief Mike Johnson
District Secretary Cheryl Howard via zoom
Acting Secretary: Joan Lark
Battalion Chief Rodney Hendrix
Shea Buhler, Sean Bitner, Nate Attaway, Spencer Hickok

Others present via Zoom Meeting: District Secretary Cheryl Howard
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. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed 3-0 (AYES: Barr, Dashner, McKinney; ABSENT: Clemens, Neal).

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 4.1. Finance Committee (Directors Dashner & Barr)

Chief Johnson reported that with the first quarter of the fiscal year having just ended EPFD is fiscally sound.

4.2. Personnel/Safety Committee (Directors Dashner & McKinney)**4.2.1. Probation Conclusion: Raymond “RJ” Schulze**

Chief Johnson commended RJ Schulze for being a fine addition to staff. Chief Johnson stated he is very happy RJ is here. RJ was unable to attend this meeting so he will receive his badge at a future meeting.

4.2.2. Probationary Taskbook Completion: Spencer Hickok

Chief Johnson commended Spencer Hickok for all of his hard work. Spencer had come to EPFD without having his Firefighter 1 certificate and has worked diligently with staff to complete his taskbook and he will continue pursuit of his Firefighter certificate.

Firefighter-Paramedic Spencer Hickok thanked everyone for their help and support. He appreciates the opportunity to be here.

4.2.3. Consideration of FMLA Leave of Absence: Firefighter-Paramedic Dana Johnson

Chief Johnson explained that Dana’s disability retirement is in process. Because of the length of time this often takes, Chief Johnson is requesting the FMLA Leave of Absence for Dana until his medical retirement is approved. A motion was made by Mr. Dashner and seconded by Mr. Barr to approve the FMLA Leave of Absence for Dana Johnson. Motion passed 3-0 (AYES: Barr, Dashner, McKinney; Absent: Clemens, Neal)

4.3. Fire Prevention Committee (Directors Clemens & Neal)

Chief Johnson reported that there was no meeting this month.

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

Chief Johnson reported that the new engine being built is on target for delivery. He believes the engine will be on the manufacturing line within the next couple of weeks and is hopeful that there will be a new engine in the District by April.

Chief Johnson noted that the last payment for the new ambulance is in April 2022.

5. Scheduled Items**5.1. News Article: Stanislaus County to leave MVEMSA**

Chief Johnson stated that, as Stanislaus is the greatest contributor to the JPA and they will be leaving as of June 30, 2022, there will be a new look to the group.

5.2. Thank-you letters from:**a. Alpine County Chamber of Commerce – Death Ride**

Chief Johnson stated that great work was performed by staff making sure personnel were available to staff this event even though several fires breaking out at the same time caused the event to cancel. He expressed thanks because along with the thank-you note the Chamber of Commerce enclosed a \$500.00 donation to EPFD.

b. Blue Lake Springs Recreation – Touch a Truck

No discussion.

- 5.3. EPFD Policy 4050 Auxiliary Organization Revision – Possible Approval
Chief Johnson reported that he received no comments on the proposed revision. Mr. Dashner made a motion to approve the revision to Policy 4050, seconded by Mr. Barr. Motion passed 3-0 (Ayes: Barr, Dashner, McKinney; Absent: Clemens, Neal).

6. **REPORTS**

6.1. Administrative Report

Chief Johnson thanked Battalion Chief Hendrix for filling in for him last week while he took a few days off. Chief Johnson thanked Sean Bitner for working on having the new life jacket shed made and installed. He noted that it looked really good in front of Station 1. There is a new UTV in back with its tracks on and getting ready to respond to emergencies this winter. Engine 436 has been out on strike team responses and is back again.

6.2. Legislative Report

Chief Johnson reported that the newly re-formed GABA will be having their first meeting at 7:00 P.M., October 21st.

Chief Johnson reported there is a new legislative bill to allow first responders to be eligible for Medicare at the age of 50. He will keep personnel informed. AB361 gives permission for continued virtual meetings under the Brown Act.

6.3. Administrative - EMS

Chief Johnson reported the transition of Stanislaus County out of the Mountain-Valley EMS Agency was under way with discussion the possibility of El Dorado and Tuolumne Counties joining the JPA.

7. **COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONSIDERATIONS**

7.1. Board Members

All the Board members voiced their thanks for the firefighters doing such a great job.

7.2. Firefighters Association

Nate Attaway, the Association's new President, stated that changes are coming. There will be a holiday party held this year on December 4 at Sequoia Woods Restaurant. Mr. Dashner stated he will furnish the "red and white" for the event.

7.3. Employees' Group

None

7.4. Public Comments

None

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. Dashner. Vote: 3-0 (Ayes: Barr, Dashner, McKinney; Absent: Clemens, Neal).
9:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Howard
District Secretary