

Ebbetts Pass Fire District



MINUTES

Board of Directors

January 24, 2023

APPROVED 02/21/2023

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 Pete Neal called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Directors present: Michael Barr
Jon Dashner
Scott McKinney
Pete Neal

Absent: Denny Clemens

District personnel present: Fire Chief Mike Johnson
District Secretary Cheryl Howard
Battalion Chief Aaron Downing
Shea Buhler, Glenn Verkerk, Nate Attaway

Public present: None

Others present via Zoom Meeting: Dimitri Semenov, Ridgeline Municipal Strategies

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-1: ACCEPTING THE CANVASS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION**
Held on November 8, 2022, pursuant to Division 15 Chapter 4 of the Elections Code
Mr. Barr made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2023-1: Accepting the Canvass of the General Election Held on November 8, 2022, pursuant to Division 15 Chapter 4 of the Elections Code. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Barr, Dashner, Neal, McKinney; ABSENT: Clemens).
3. **ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE: J. SCOTT MCKINNEY**
Mr. Neal administered the Oath of Office for Mr. McKinney.
4. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENT - None**

5. **CONSENT ITEMS**

Mr. Barr made a motion to approve Consent Items 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3. Mr. McKinney seconded; motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Barr, Dashner, Neal, McKinney; ABSENT: Clemens).

7. **SCHEDULED ITEMS**

7.1. Election of Board President and Board Secretary

With the Board's consensus approval, Mr. Neal appointed Mr. McKinney as Board President and Mr. Barr as Board Secretary.

7.2. Appointments of Board Committees

Following some discussion, the consensus of the Board members was to have the same committee member appointments as the previous year with the exception of Mr. Neal being made Finance Committee alternate:

<u>Finance</u>	<u>Personnel/Safety</u>	<u>Apparatus/Equipment</u>	<u>Fire Prevention</u>
Jon Dashner	Jon Dashner	Scott McKinney	Denny Clemens
Mike Barr	Scott McKinney	Pete Neal	Pete Neal
Alt: Pete Neal	Alt: Denny Clemens	Alt: Mike Barr	Alt: Jon Dashner

7.3. Ridgeline Municipal Strategies, LLC: Agreement for Financial Consulting Services

Chief Johnson briefly introduced Dimitri Semenov noting that the District had worked with him during the PERS UAL financing.

Mr. Semenov reviewed the District's CalPERS pension liability, CalPERS investment return history, the District's funded level estimate for its plans and its unfunded accrued liability. He used a powerpoint presentation to help the Board members to focus on the numbers and tables of information. He gave information about the 2022 funded level estimate and noted the Normal Cost was going up. He recommended the District budget \$75,250 Additional Discretionary Payment to be paid to CalPERS in fiscal year 2023-24 and in order for the District to meet its 95% funded level goal an additional \$123,000 in fiscal year 2023-24. The Board's consensus was to direct staff to build these payments in to the preliminary budget.

7.4. Calaveras County Fire Joint Powers Authority: Amended Joint Powers Agreement

Chief Johnson reported there had been no changes but this was an attempt to have all the county districts adopt the same version. Mr. Dashner made a motion to approve the Amended Joint Powers Agreement of Calaveras County Fire. Mr. Barr seconded; motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Barr, Dashner, Neal, McKinney; ABSENT: Clemens).

7.5. Governors 2023-24 Proposed Budget

Chief Johnson made a comment about the State's shortfall.

7.6. Skyline Bear Valley Report World Pro Ski Tour February 10-12

Chief Johnson reported that it should be a big event for the ski area.

7.7. Insurance Services Office Public Protection Classification Rating Determination
Chief Johnson happily reported the District retained its ISO 2/2x rating.

7.8. Calaveras County Board of Supervisors Letter from Merita Callaway
The Board members noted it was a nice letter.

7.9. Policy Update

7.9.1. Policy 6520 Personnel—Personal Appearance: Uniform Standards

Chief Johnson reported it had been a long review period but it was up for the Board's approval. Mr. Dashner made a motion to approve Policy 6520: Personnel—Personal Appearance: Uniform Standards. Mr. Barr seconded; motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Barr, Dashner, Neal, McKinney; ABSENT: Clemens).

7.10. Policy Preparation: Policy 6080 Personnel—Physical Medical Exam

Chief Johnson reported this had been included for information but, as yet, was a very rough draft still undergoing review by personnel, Board, and staff.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1. Finance Committee

Chief Johnson reported the mid-year tax allocations have been made and there would soon be a wire made for the IGT. He added that he had submitted the proposed Station 3 drawings to the U.S. Forest Service.

6.2. Personnel/Safety Committee

Chief Johnson thanked staff for their ongoing safety record—even through the influx of snow and ice conditions. He added that Alex Baker was at the last stage of becoming a paramedic.

6.3. Fire Prevention Committee

Chief Johnson reported there had not been a meeting but there had been an inspection at the old Klines building which was currently red-tagged. He added that Avery Hotel had been approved for overnight occupancy.

6.4. Apparatus/Equipment Committee

Battalion Chief Downing reported that committee for determining the engine specifications for the grant had new members: Will Koelzow, Nate Attaway, and Dan Bredbenner. As they have been directed toward a smaller WUI (wildland urban interface) type engine, they have been receiving some feedback from Pierce Manufacturing and he noted the build time keeps lengthening.

Pete Neal had to leave the meeting for a doctor's appointment. 10:00 a.m.

8. REPORTS**8.1. Administrative Report**

Chief Johnson reported Bryn Buhler has been working toward a grant to offset the medical physicals. He also reported that the new extrication equipment for Station 3 was scheduled to arrive shortly and the AEDs had already arrived.

Chief Johnson reported there had been roof leaks issues for which the repair costs may approach \$20,000. For the SDRMA Safety Day on March 22nd, he and Cheryl Howard would be attending and he asked for the Board members to check their calendars as the District would receive credit toward its worker's comp premiums for up to 4 attendees.

8.2. Legislative Report

Chief Johnson reported on some vegetation management legislation.

8.3. Administrative - EMS

No report.

9. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONSIDERATIONS**9.1. Board Members**

Mr. Dashner thanked the crews for their hard work.

9.2. Firefighters Association

Nate Attaway reported that he planned to have a meeting shortly to prepare for this year's fundraiser.

9.3. Employees' Group

None

9.4. Public Comments

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barr made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed 4-0. 10:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Howard
District Secretary