

# Ebbetts Pass Fire District



## MINUTES

Board of Directors

May 16, 2023

APPROVED 06/20/23

1. The meeting was called to order with additional accommodation for the public through the use of Zoom Meetings at 9:00 A.M. Board President Scott McKinney called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

District personnel present: Fire Chief Mike Johnson  
District Secretary Cheryl Howard  
Battalion Chief Rodney Hendrix  
Jim Eaves, Bryn Buhler, Sean Bitner

Public present: Dana Nichols

Others present via Zoom Meeting: none

2. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENT**  
None

3. **CONSENT ITEMS**

Mr. Neal made a motion to approve Consent Items 3.1. and 3.2. Mr. Barr seconded; motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Barr, Dashner, McKinney, Neal; ABSENT: Clemens).

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### 4.1. Finance Committee

Chief Johnson reported the committee members estimated there would be a nearly \$5 million carryover for this fiscal year.

#### 4.1.1. 5-Year Capital Outlay Update Fiscal Years 2023-24 through 2026-27

After some discussion, Mr. Neal made a motion to approve the 5-Year Capital Outlay for Fiscal Years 2023-24 through 2026-27 as updated. Mr. Barr seconded; motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Barr, Dashner, McKinney, Neal; ABSENT: Clemens).

4.1.2. Proposed Preliminary Budget Fiscal Year 2023-24

Mr. Barr made a motion to approve the Preliminary Budget for fiscal year 2023-24 as presented. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Barr, Dashner, McKinney, Neal; ABSENT: Clemens).

4.2. Personnel/Safety Committee

Chief Johnson reported Firefighter-Paramedic Mark Prozorov was moving swiftly through the hiring contingencies. He also noted the great safety record by staff with no new injuries.

4.3. Fire Prevention Committee

Chief Johnson reported there had been no meeting but there have been activities happening.

4.4. Apparatus/Equipment Committee

No report.

**5. SCHEDULED ITEMS**5.1. DHCS: Public Provider Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (PP-GEMT) Program

Chief Johnson reported this was the timeframe for the PP-GEMT and more would follow as more of the process would be forthcoming.

5.2. LAFCO Resolution Adopting Proposed Budget 2023-24

Chief Johnson noted their budget was similar to the previous year.

5.3. MCEMSA email 2022: Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES)

Chief Johnson noted the pride the District had in some of the highest save rates. Firefighter-EMT Sean Bitner also shared about the recent use of the Lucas device and the potential for additional saves with its use.

5.4. EPFD Personnel Pay Schedule Fiscal Year 2023-24

Mr. Dashner made a motion to approve the Pay Schedule for fiscal year 2023-24 as presented. Mr. Neal seconded; motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Barr, Dashner, McKinney, Neal; ABSENT: Clemens).

5.5. Calaveras County Dept. Integrated Waste Management: Hearing on Solid Waste Parcel Fee

Chief Johnson reported this had been included for the Board's information.

5.6. Possible Support of Citizens' Initiative to Pass 1% Sales Tax for Local Fire Service Staffing

Chief Johnson reported that Dana Nichols was present in the stead of Bertha Underhill to provide information about the proposed citizens' initiative. Dana Nichols gave information about the initiative including its ability to keep other entities such as the County from reaching into its coffers should it be approved by the voters. He added that the previous initiative measure failed by such a small margin and the need for additional funding for all the fire districts in the county was great. The Citizens' Committee was looking for endorsement by the District through

its Board and Dana Nichols noted the District's support would mean a lot. Much discussion continued about the Committee's plans and efforts including direct mailings and larger team of volunteers for assistance.

Rodney Hendrix reported that the Ebbetts Pass Firefighters Association and the Local #3581 had both met independently and members voted to endorse the proposed sales tax measure. He noted the advantages for the District to be able to fund additional personnel.

Mr. Dashner made a motion to endorse the Calaveras County Citizens' measure to increase the sales tax in support of fire department staffing. Mr. Barr seconded; motion passed 3-1-0 (AYES: Barr, Dashner, McKinney; ABSTAIN: Neal; ABSENT: Clemens).

6. **REPORTS**

6.1. Administrative Report

Chief Johnson reported there continued to be discussion regarding the Sta. 3 staffing and supervision issue.

6.2. Legislative Report

Chief Johnson briefly reviewed the Governor's budget and the designation of May 22-26 as Mental Health Awareness Week.

6.3. Administrative - EMS

Chief Johnson noted the Mountain Counties EMS Agency's recent use of a training manikin helped the District's newest recruit to complete his required 5-call in only one day.

7. **COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONSIDERATIONS**

7.1. Board Members

Mr. Dashner thanked the staff for the consistency in their high level of work for our community.

7.2. Firefighters Association

Jim Eaves noted the recent work done for the annual fundraiser mailing and added that the sign-up sheet for the beer booth and BBQ was posted.

7.3. Employees' Group

Rodney Hendrix thanked the Board members for endorsing the Calaveras County Citizens' tax measure.

7.4. Public Comments

None

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Barr made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed 4-0. 10:18 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Howard  
District Secretary