

Ebbetts Pass Fire District



MINUTES

Board of Directors

October 17, 2023

APPROVED 11/21/2023

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
Jon Dashner
Scott McKinney
Pete Neal

Director absent: Denny Clemens

District personnel present: Fire Chief Mike Johnson
District Secretary Cheryl Howard
Battalion Chief Rodney Hendrix
Captain James Crabtree
Engineer Glenn Verkerk

Public present: none

Others present via Zoom Meeting: none

2. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENT**

None

3. **CONSENT ITEMS**

Mr. Dashner 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 that the District's financial standing after completing the first quarter of the fiscal year was good with enough funds to easily go through the dry period. He added that ambulance transport revenue had reached the 35% mark for the year. He reported that the financial auditor's representative, Marvin Pescador,

had been on-site at the District offices during the previous week and he anticipated the audit to continue to go smoothly.

4.2. Personnel/Safety Committee

Chief Johnson reported that there had been no injuries the previous month and the committee members had talked with the local union president on some of the proposed MOU additions to be discussed later in the agenda.

4.3. Fire Prevention Committee

Chief Johnson reported the Jack Sparo event at the Cameo Plaza event had been cancelled by the organizer. He also reported that Calaveras County Fire Marshal John Parks has resigned.

4.4. Apparatus/Equipment Committee

No report.

5. **SCHEDULED ITEMS**

5.1. EPFD Budget Request: Stryker Power Load Gurney System for Upcoming Two Ambulances

Chief Johnson described the benefits of the newest power load gurney system and noted that the additional costs for the requested units had not been included in the budget for this year. He noted the total for the two units was approximately \$60,000. Following some discussion, Mr. Dashner made a motion to approve the purchase of the two power load gurney systems for the two new ambulances. Mr. Barr seconded; motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Barr, Dashner, McKinney, Neal; ABSENT: Clemens).

5.2. CalPERS: Additional UAL Interest Payment to Avoid Negative Amortization for Plans

Chief Johnson reported that the arrangements have been made to make the interest payment of \$139,186 by November 5th.

5.3. GEMT: Supplemental Reimbursement Program

Chief Johnson noted the item in the Board Packet was for the Board's information and was most likely the last time to receive a GEMT payment as it was transitioning to the PP-GEMT program.

5.4. Local 3581 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): Single Item Addition Request

5.4.1. At 9:18 the Closed Session was held to discuss the Local Union's request. Upon return to Open Session (personnel were unable to restart the Zoom meeting due to the internet being unavailable), Mr. McKinney reported that the Board had unanimously approved the "1.4 Draft" except for the 2.B statement which they had deleted (4-0; AYES: Barr, Dashner, McKinney, Neal; ABSENT: Clemens).

5.5. Policy Review

Draft Policy 6800 Personnel – Physical Medical Exam

The Board members expressed the desire to add a fifth bullet under Item 4.3 stating there would be a drug test. Chief Johnson responded that he will draft a revision and

distribute copies to the Board and staff for review and then bring it again to the Board next month.

Policy 6730 Personnel – Drug and Alcohol Abuse – Testing Circumstances

Chief Johnson reported that the legal review had been completed with the recommended changes included in the packet. Mr. Neal made a motion to begin the 30-day review for Policy 6730 Personnel – Drug and Alcohol Abuse – Testing Circumstances. Mr. Barr seconded; motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Barr, Dashner, McKinney, Neal; ABSENT: Clemens).

Policy 5050 – Accounting Procedures

Chief Johnson reviewed the recommended changes of deleting “clothing” inventory tracking and increasing the original cost to more than \$10,000. Mr. Barr made a motion to begin the 30-day review for Policy 5050 Accounting Procedures. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Barr, Dashner, McKinney, Neal; ABSENT: Clemens).

Policy 5060 – Expense Authorization

Chief Johnson noted some of the recommended changes consisted of updating it to read Board President and addition of Item 17 for an annual report of reimbursement. Mr. Dashner made a motion to begin the 30-day review for Policy 5050 Accounting Procedures. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Barr, Dashner, McKinney, Neal; ABSENT: Clemens).

- 5.6. Sierra Nevada Logging Museum: Thank-you Letter
Mr. McKinney noted that it was a nice letter.

6. **REPORTS**

6.1. Administrative Report

Chief Johnson reported that District personnel had performed a specialized training exercise of a 1,200-foot high angle rappel rescue at Calaveras Dome which was coordinated with Calaveras SAR and CalFire.

6.2. Legislative Report

Chief Johnson briefly reported on some active legislation.

6.3. Administrative - EMS

No report.

7. **COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONSIDERATIONS**

7.1. Board Members

Mr. Neal thanked everyone for their good work and for their patience while the full Board could discuss and deliberate matters.

Mr. Barr asked the staff to stay safe.

7.2. Firefighters Association

Glenn Verkerk reported that the Awards Dinner was scheduled for December 2nd at Sequoia Woods and the invitations with the RSVP requests would be sent out shortly. He reported that the thank-yous from the annual raffle had been sent out.

7.3. Employees' Group

None.

7.4. Public Comments

None.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Dashner made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Barr seconded; motion passed 4-0. 11:14 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Howard
District Secretary