

# Ebbetts Pass Fire District



## MINUTES

Board of Directors

October 18, 2022

APPROVED 11/15/22

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  
Denny Clemens  
Jon Dashner  
Scott McKinney  
Pete Neal

District personnel present: Fire Chief Mike Johnson  
District Secretary Cheryl Howard  
Battalion Chief Matt O'Donnell  
Engineer Bryn Buhler

Others present via Zoom Meeting: None  
Public present: None

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

3. **CONSENT ITEMS**

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

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 4.1. Finance Committee (Directors Dashner & Barr)

Chief Johnson noted the District had just concluded the first quarter of this fiscal year and ambulance transport revenue was increased by 8%. He reported that the IGT was currently looking that it may be more than we had budgeted this year. He

reported that Dimitry Semenov of Ridgeline had presented information about the current state of UAL with PERS. He had also gave information about a consultant service set at \$995 per year to help the District stay on top of UAL as losses and gains at PERS cause a moving target. Additionally, Lance Holman of Holman Capital had also presented information regarding forecasting of financing in today's market.

4.2. Personnel/Safety Committee (Directors Dashner & McKinney)

Chief Johnson reported there had not been any injury this past month. He noted that Alex Baker was anticipating to soon be transitioning to paramedic and was currently assigned to a preceptor.

Chief Johnson reported that they were continuing to move forward with policy development for the NFPA 1582 physicals for staff adding that a presentation had been given to the Local in which everyone had seemed to agree with the process. He anticipated the early part of 2023 would be when the actual physicals would begin.

4.3. Fire Prevention Committee (Directors Clemens & Neal)

No report.

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

Chief Johnson reported the new engine was in service and the new loader had arrived with in-service training being done among the shifts.

5. Scheduled Items

5.1. SDRMA: Workers' Comp Third Party Administrator Change

Chief Johnson noted that this had been included for the Board's information as this administrator did the day-to-day processing required for workers' compensation.

5.2. Distinctive Metals: Patio Cover, AC Cover, and Trash Enclosure Quote

Chief Johnson reported that \$60,000 had been estimated for the work needed for replacement of the covers over the air conditioning units and adding a cover over the dumpsters. It had been tough to get quotes and Distinctive Metals' quote of \$93,000 had been the only one received. He asked the Board to approve the work that needed to be done with the higher cost with knowing the District may have to increase that budget item later. Mr. Dashner made a motion to accept the bid from Distinctive Metals as presented for \$92,485.00. Mr. McKinney seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, Neal, McKinney).

5.3. U.S. Forest Service: Land Acquisition Update for New Station 3

Chief Johnson reported that Mike Borean had agreed to draft the drawings that were requested for the site.

5.4. Policy Update: Begin 30-day Review5.4.1. Policy 6040 Personnel—Authorized Benefits 2022 Draft

Chief Johnson reported the Board should begin its 30-day review of the proposed changes to the policy and added that the Local was also reviewing it.

6. CLOSED SESSION: PERSONNEL MATTER: Annual Fire Chief Performance Evaluation and Review Fire Chief Employment Agreement with the District Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b)

The Board went into closed session. Upon return from Closed Session, Mr. Neal reported that the Board had unanimously approved the contract for Fire Chief Mike Johnson and extended it through October 18, 2027. He added that Mr. Dashner had made the motion with Mr. McKinney seconding it.

Mr. Neal also reported that the Board had completed a satisfactory evaluation of Fire Chief Mike Johnson.

7. **REPORTS**7.1. Administrative Report

Chief Johnson reported that staff were readying for winter operations and the awards recognition were gearing up also.

7.2. Legislative Report

Chief Johnson noted the ballots were out for the current election which included the Citizen's Initiative Measure A to help out Calaveras fire districts through the implementation of a sales tax which only required a 50% plus 1 vote.

Chief Johnson reported that the zero emissions for pickups and ambulances would go into effect for the cities in 2024 whereas rural areas such as ours would not be until 2027. This would give time for the District to watch how things are accomplished by the larger fire departments.

7.3. Administrative - EMS

Chief Johnson reported that American Legion Ambulance was working on a "cage car" for the transport of mental patients from Calaveras County. The Mountain Counties EMS Agency was active at its new location in Copperopolis.

8. **COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONSIDERATIONS**8.1. Board Members

Mr. Dashner congratulated Chief Johnson on his new contract for the upcoming five years.

8.2. Firefighters Association

None

8.3. Employees' Group

Battalion Chief O'Donnell noted that later today he would be presenting information during the SIRS meeting and, during the course of preparing for it, he noted that the District had experienced a 57% cardiac survival rate which is exceptional.

8.4. Public Comments

None

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Dashner made a motion to adjourn. Mr. McKinney seconded; motion passed 5-0.  
10:37 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Howard  
District Secretary