

# Ebbetts Pass Fire District



## MINUTES

Board of Directors

January 15, 2019

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1. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 A.M. by President Jon Dashner and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Directors present: Mike Barr, Denny Clemens, Jon Dashner, Scott McKinney and Thomas Sullivan.

District personnel present: Fire Chief Mike Johnson, Cheryl Howard  
Battalion Chief Aaron Downing  
Engineers Jim Eaves, Rodney Rodr, Bryn Buhler  
Engineers Glenn Verkerk and Eric Griffiths  
Firefighter-EMT/Intern Dalton Butow

Others present: Ron and Julie Getter

Media present: None

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

3. **CONSENT ITEMS**

- 3.1. Mr. McKinney made a motion to approve the Minutes for December 18, 2018. Mr. Barr seconded. The motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Sullivan).
- 3.2. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to accept the Checks Listing for December 2018. Mr. McKinney seconded. The motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Sullivan).

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 4.1. Finance Committee (Directors Dashner & McKinney)

Chief Johnson noted that one item of discussion had been the proposal from Nicholson & Olson for 3-year extension of audit contract which was scheduled later on the agenda. He the Teeter allocations for this fiscal year were not yet completed with a few more specific accounts to be distributed but the main property taxes had been allocated.

- 4.2. Personnel Committee (Directors McKinney & Sullivan)

No report.

- 4.3. Fire Prevention Committee (Directors Clemens & Sullivan)  
Chief Johnson reported on recent developments toward a pilot evacuation plan for the area.
- 4.4. Apparatus/Equipment Committee (Directors Clemens & Sullivan)  
Battalion Chief Downing reported on the status of the engines, ambulances and utilities. He also added information about Truck-431. There was some discussion about its maintenance costs and the District's current ISO rating. Chief Johnson noted that the challenge is multi-faceted about the truck.

Engineer-Paramedic Bryn Buhler reported that the chassis for the ordered ambulance had been secured and she gave more detail about the challenges involved with the order. The members of the Board thanked Engineer Buhler for her hard work.

5. Scheduled Items:

- 5.1. CSDA Gold Country Regional Chapter: Workshop January 30, 2019  
Chief Johnson asked if any members of the Board were interested in attending and Mike Barr, Jon Dashner, and Tom Sullivan agreed to go. Chief Johnson noted that he would register them for it.
- 5.2. Amendment to Resolution No. 2018-5  
Chief Johnson explained about the need for the ballot language change included within the Resolution No. 2018-5 as adopted in December. The ballot language now reads as follows:

To sustain the Ebbetts Pass Fire District Paramedic Engine and Station 3 Ambulance programs, shall the measure adding a special tax of \$134.00 per improved property with a \$6.28 annual increase for the first ten years and \$43.00 per unimproved property with a \$2.42 annual Increase for the first ten years, without expiration, generating \$1,254,107-\$1,852,800 in revenue and increasing the District's appropriations limit equal to revenue received for the next four years, be adopted?

Also added was Item 9c. Annual increase only sunsets at the 10-year anniversary in fiscal year 2029-30.

Mr. McKinney made a motion to adopt the Revised Resolution 2018-5 as presented. Mr. Sullivan seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Sullivan). Chief Johnson was directed to deliver Resolution 2018-5 to the Elections Department.

- 5.3. Nicholson & Olson Proposed 3-year Engagement Letter for Annual Financial Audits  
Chief Johnson noted the work that had been done by the firm and the efficiency level was higher after having done it for three years. Mr. Clemens voiced his disagreement

with the proposed increase. After some discussion, Mr. Dashner deferred the matter to the Finance Committee to negotiate and then bring it back to the Board at its next meeting.

5.4. FDAC Annual Conference April 3-5, 2019

Chief Johnson noted that this conference may be of value for the two newest Board members if they were interested in attending it. After some discussion Directors Barr and Clemens expressed interest and Chief Johnson noted he would make hotel reservations and FDAC registration.

5.5. Lockbox Account Continuation – WestAmerica Bank

Cheryl Howard explained the Lockbox Account usage and with the discontinuation of using Novato Fire District for billing services there was no longer a need for this service for the District. She and Chief Johnson recommended closing this account as it was no longer receiving ambulance billing payments. Mr. Barr made a motion to close the District's lockbox account at WestAmerica Bank. Mr. McKinney seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Sullivan).

A 5-minute recess was declared by Chairman Dashner at 9:52 a.m. and he noted the Board would re-convene in closed session.

6/7/8. **CLOSED SESSION: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE  
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957**

At 1018 a.m. the open session was resumed and Mr. Dashner reported that the Board had voted unanimously to approve the Resolution 2019-1 declaring Ron Getter entitled to industrial disability retirement.

9. **REPORTS**

9.1. Administrative Report

Chief Johnson reported that the focus group was getting closer to being able to get the facts out there to the members of the public. The first meeting regarding the upcoming special tax measure was later today with a presentation at the scheduled SIRS meeting.

Chief Johnson reported that December had been a big month for call volume as there had been 70 transports.

Chief Johnson also reported that there had been a meet/greet with the District 3 Supervisor, Merita Callaway, where much of the past four year's activities were shared with her in addition to the RCD being a clearinghouse for writing and accessing grants for fuels reduction in the County. He also noted TOT and Prop. 172 funds were discussed as well as dispatching payment.

9.2. Legislative Report

Chief Johnson noted that the legislative session has begun. Mr. Sullivan asked when the local fire district JPA was going to materialize and Chief Johnson responded that the Chiefs were working on specifying some particulars within the agreement to ease concerns for various districts.

9.3. Administrative - EMS

Chief Johnson reported that staff had begun training on the three new Zoll X-Series monitors.

10. **COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONSIDERATIONS**

10.1. Board Members – Mr. Dashner complimented the District members in the quality of their work and their service to the community.

10.2. Firefighters Association – Engineer Jim Eaves remarked that the Board members' commitment to their community was phenomenal.

10.3. Employees' Group – Rodney Rodr thanked the members of the Board of Directors and the participants in the Focus Group for their ongoing work to make the ALS programs sustainable.

10.4. Public Comments – Ron Getter noted that he continued to be involved with the Calaveras County Fire Chaplains.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Barr made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Sullivan seconded; motion passed unanimously.  
10:42 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Howard  
District Secretary