

# Ebbetts Pass Fire District



## MINUTES

Board of Directors

February 19, 2019

APPROVED 03/19/2019

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 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 Matt O'Donnell  
Engineers Jim Eaves, Eric Griffiths, Bryn Buhler

Others present: None

Media present: None

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

3. **CONSENT ITEMS**

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

- 3.2. Mr. Sullivan made a motion approve Consent Item 3.2. Mr. Barr seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Sullivan).

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 4.1. Finance Committee (Directors Dashner & McKinney)

Chief Johnson reported the IGT deadline had been set for April 1<sup>st</sup> this year and that items for the OTS grant had been purchased which included replacement air bags for use during vehicle extrications.

- 4.2. Personnel Committee (Directors McKinney & Sullivan)

Chief Johnson reported there had been no worker's compensation claims during the previous months even though there had been many emergency responses throughout the community. He also reminded the Board members and staff about the Form 700 which needed to be completed and on file with the District. Chief Johnson noted that Intern Paxton Fassbender had moved from the District to work in Reno as EMT-Security personnel.

- 4.3. Fire Prevention Committee (Directors Clemens & Sullivan)  
Chief Johnson reported on upcoming meetings he would be attending.
- 4.4. Apparatus/Equipment Committee (Directors Clemens & Sullivan)  
Chief Johnson reported that the ambulance from Braun Northwest had arrived. And was currently in the process of being outfitted for use by District personnel. Engineer-Paramedic Bryn Buhler invited the Board members to tour it after the meeting.
5. Scheduled Items:
- 5.1. Calaveras Fire Chiefs Association  
Chief Johnson reviewed the recent activities of the Calaveras Fire Chiefs Association and noted the correspondence included in the Board packet. There was some discussion regarding the items.
- 5.2. Argument in Favor of Measure “A”  
Chief Johnson noted that a draft of an Argument in Favor of Measure A had been included in the Board’s Packet. Mr. McKinney made motion to approve as presented:

Argument in Favor of Measure A

Approval of Measure A will provide much-needed funding to continue providing the same level of Advanced Level Life Support Programs and Paramedics and enhance our level of service in some areas. Residents who live in the EPFD will pay no out-of-pocket costs for ambulance rides with the insurance company’s payment considered as 100% total bill paid for a transported resident.

For several years EPFD has cut costs, increased efficiencies and deferred maintenance in order to continue operating within its existing funding amounts yet without additional funding, the District will not be able to fill vacant staff positions and may have to reduce staff on ambulances when vacancies occur.

Measure A will allow re-establishment of its Capital Outlay Program designed to replace old, worn-out equipment; rebuild its Reserve Fund used to keep programs running during unexpected budget shortfalls; add a firefighter/paramedic to each shift to help suppress fires more quickly, staff a third ambulance (when needed), or fill in for staffing vacancies during low call volume times; maintain EPFD’s Public Protection Class Rating of ISO 2 for fighting fires which helps lower the cost of homeowner’s insurance.

Following the passage of Proposition 13, Article XIIB was added to the State Constitution which established limits on the amount of annual property tax which special districts can spend. With voter approval of Measure A, the amount of tax collected would exceed the District’s established expenditure limit and the approval of Measure would also establish a new expenditure limit and authorize the District to spend the special tax collected.

Measure A also provides an alternative means of revenue which cannot be taken by the State.

Please Vote YES to enhance Ambulance and Fire Protection Services and provide cost saving benefits for those needing to utilize ambulance service.

Mr. Barr seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Sullivan). Chief Johnson was directed to deliver it to the Elections Department.

- 5.3. CSDA: Board of Directors Call for Nominations Seat B  
Chief Johnson noted that CSDA was looking for volunteers to run for a seat on their Board—no members volunteered from the EPFD Board
  - 5.4. SDRMA: Notification of Nomination – 2019 Elections Board of Directors  
Chief Johnson noted that CSDA was looking for volunteers to run for a seat on their Board—no members volunteered from the EPFD Board.
  - 5.5. SDRMA: Education Day March 26, 2019  
Mr. Dashner and Mr. Sullivan volunteered to attend this annual event noting the value for the fire district. Chief Johnson reported that he would also attend along with possibly new Battalion Chief Hendrix as Cheryl Howard was unable to attend this year.
  - 5.6. Joint Powers Agreement of Calaveras County Fire Joint Powers Authority  
Chief Johnson discussed some of the recent revisions of the proposed Agreement and recommended the Board approve the Agreement. Mr. Sullivan made a motion approve the Joint Powers Agreement of Calaveras County Fire Joint Powers Authority as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Sullivan).
6. **REPORTS**
- 6.1. Administrative Report  
Chief Johnson thanked the staff for staying safe and having no injuries. He reported the Focus Group remained active and noted Glenn Verkerk’s work with obtaining signage and assistance with testimonials. He also noted several scheduled informational presentations over the coming month.
  - 6.2. Legislative Report  
Chief Johnson noted that AB72 had been signed to appropriate the monies for DRISC with the monies not used last year having been rolled into this year.
  - 6.3. Administrative - EMS  
No additional report.
7. **COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONSIDERATIONS**
- 7.1. Board Members – Mr. Sullivan expressed his appreciation for the extra effort being put forth by District personnel.
  - 7.2. Firefighters Association – Engineer Glenn Verkerk noted the burn foundation had scheduled their annual snow ski event for March 9<sup>th</sup> this year.
  - 7.3. Employees' Group – No report.
  - 7.4. Public Comments – None

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Dashner declared the meeting adjourned.

10:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Howard  
District Secretary