

Ebbetts Pass Fire District



MINUTES

Board of Directors

August 19, 2025

APPROVED 09/16/2025

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

Directors present: Michael Barr
Denny Clemens
Jon Dashner
Scott McKinney
Jon Vattuone

District personnel present: Fire Chief Mike Johnson, Cheryl Howard
Rodney Hendrix, James Crabtree, Rodney Rodr, Alex Baker

Public present: None

Others present via Zoom Meeting: Cameron Weist of Weist Law
Erin Felby

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

3. **CONSENT ITEMS**

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

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 4.1. Finance Committee (Directors Barr & Dashner)

Chief Johnson reported the proposed final budget had been compiled and presented for review over the next month with the actual adoption to be at the regular meeting in September. He noted a few of the included highlights: land acquisition, purchase of a Tier 1 power load for a reserve ambulance, additional facility refurbishment, LED light change out, additions to station alert systems. He added that the proposed budget included spending from reserves at this time. Mr. Clemens made a motion to review the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025-26 over the coming month. Mr. Barr

seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Vattuone).

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

Chief Johnson reported that there had been an 4-day extra hire engine for backfilling the CalFire stations which would be reimbursed. He planned to add two extra for staffing over the Labor Day weekend. He also announced that the Celebration of Life for Ken Sanders wife, Lynn, would also be that weekend and he planned to attend.

4.2.1. Job Announcement Opportunity for Executive Secretary

Chief Johnson reported that the job announcement has been sent out in the county and in a neighboring county with a application due date of September 15. He planned to develop a review and assessment process for the applicants.

4.3. Fire Prevention Committee (Directors Clemens & Vattuone)

Chief Johnson reported there had not been any meeting. However, Fire Prevention Officer Joan Lark has given notice that she plans to retire within the next year. He would like to start discussing ideas regarding that position.

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

Chief Johnson reported that he anticipated that the new utility should be arriving over the next month. He added that the engine was still getting repaired and that Pierce may be issuing a letter of confidence to confirm its condition.

4.5. Station 3 Construction Committee (Directors Barr & Alternate Clemens)

Chief Johnson reported a tree had been removed and a set of new tools purchased. Mr. Clemens reported the work done looked good.

5. Scheduled Items

5.1. Gann Limit: Update on Gann Limit Increase Ballot Measure

Chief Johnson reported that there had been multiple outreach events and information given out regarding Measure B. He noted that the preliminary results of the election should be known by the end of the month with official results available by September 5, 2025.

5.2. CalPERS: Announcement of Preliminary 11.6% Return for 2024-25 Fiscal Year

Chief Johnson briefly overviewed the information provided from PERS regarding its greater than anticipated returns.

5.3. EPFD Policy 1210 Debt – Unfunded Accrued Liability Management

Chief Johnson reminded the Board members that Cameron Weist had been among the various individuals that had assisted the District with the financing of the CalPERS UAL through private funding at Umpqua Bank. Cameron Weist presented information about why the Board was considering the recommended changes to its

Policy 1210. He noted that the recommended changes were presented for Board review and the recommended change to 85% funding goal was good so that the Board could consider a 115 Trust Provider and possibly silo money for pension liability which could be accessed due to fiscal hardship. Following questions by Director Clemens, Mr. Weist responded that there were four predominant players in the 115 Trust Provider market which could be interviewed by the District.

Mr. Clemens made a motion to accept the Policy 1210 Debt – Unfunded Accrued Liability Management for 30-day review. Mr. McKinney seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Vattuone).

- 5.4. SDRMA: Notice of Election Ballot – 2025 SDRMA Board of Directors Election
The Board members' consensus was to table until the next regular meeting to allow more time to review and consider the individuals.
- 5.5. New Station 3 Location Alternative Building Site
The Closed Session was held.
- 5.6. Resolution 2025-9: Approving the Acceptance of APN 034-010-008 and APN 034-010-010 for the Purpose of Constructing a Fire Station Based on the Geologic Site Evaluation Findings from Krazan
Upon return to open session, Mr. Clemens made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-9 which approves the acceptance of APN 034-1010-008 and APN 034-010-010 for the purpose of constructing a fire station based on the geologic site evaluation findings from Krazan. Mr. Barr seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Vattuone).
- 5.7. Forest Meadows Owner's Association:
Grant of Easement and Road Maintenance Agreement
Mr. Barr made a motion to accept the Forest Meadows Owner's Association Grant of Easement and Road Maintenance Agreement. Mr. Vattuone seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Vattuone).
- 5.8. Real Property Purchase: Authorization for Wiring Transfer
Mr. Clemens made a motion to approve the payment for purchase of property at 3730 E Hwy 4 and 89 Forest Meadows Drive and authorize Cheryl Howard to arrange for the wire transfers through the Calaveras County Treasurer Lehua Mossa. Mr. Barr seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Vattuone).
- 5.9. Policy 6510 Personnel – Personal Appearance (Draft 2025): Grooming Standards
Chief Johnson reported that the review and more input from line staff had been received so that the Policy was ready for official review by the Board of Directors. Mr. Clemens made a motion to begin the 30-day review by the Board. Mr. Barr seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney,

Vattuone).

6. **REPORTS**

6.1. Administrative Report

Chief Johnson reported that personnel had been busy call-wise over the past month and he had been busy giving information regarding the Measure B Gann Limit.

6.2. Legislative Report

Chief Johnson noted some information regarding proposed SB345 considering fire service training and certifications in addition to the assembly measure for redistricting statewide.

6.3. Administrative - EMS

Chief Johnson reported the Mountain Counties EMS Agency had approved the District's new billing rates.

7. **COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONSIDERATIONS**

7.1. Board Members

Mr. Clemens noted it was an exciting time for moving forward with the purchase of the two properties.

7.2. Firefighters Association

Alex Baker reported that they were looking for signups for the Labor Day Beer Booth sales.

7.3. Employees' Group

None

7.4. Public Comments

None

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. McKinney made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Barr seconded; motion passed. 10:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Howard
District Secretary