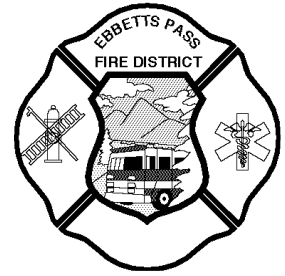


# Ebbetts Pass Fire District



## MINUTES

Board of Directors  
December 15, 2020

APPROVED 01/19/2021

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. by Board President Michael Barr and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Directors present: Michael Barr, Denny Clemens, Jon Dashner, Scott McKinney, and Pete Neal.

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

Others present via Zoom Meeting: Chuck Nicholson, Nicholson & Olson CPA  
Marvin Pescador, Nicholson & Olson CPA

Media present: None

2. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENT** No comments

- 4.1.1 **Annual Audit Presentation Fiscal Year 2019-20:** Nicholson & Olson to Present

President Barr moved this item forward for discussion and technical issues with Chuck Nicholson were abated. Chuck Nicholson noted he was glad to present the audit information noting the various components of the audit including letters and reports. He noted that there was a clean opinion of the District's finances and he asked if there were any questions. Mr. Clemens asked if there was any regard for off charges to which Mr. Nicholson responded there was not as there was no lack of controls, long term staff, and consistent year to year. Mr. Dashner made a motion to accept the 2019-20 audit report as written. Mr. Clemens seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Neal).

3. **CONSENT ITEMS**

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

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 4.1. Finance Committee (Directors Dashner & McKinney)  
None.

4.2. Personnel Committee (Directors Dashner & McKinney)

Chief Johnson reported there had been a meeting regarding COVID-19 planning, the office change, vaccination, and vaccination being elective for receiving it at this time.

4.3. Fire Prevention Committee (Directors Barr & Clemens)

Chief Johnson reported that no permits were requested as of the current day for door-yard burning. He added that Ordinance 2020 was still with the County for their review. He reported the new Verizon tower at Blue Mountain had a generator.

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

Chief Johnson reported that there had been no meeting recently however the surplus vehicles had been slowly moved from District ownership. The surplus engine was currently on GovDeals, had met the minimum bid amount, and would continue on that site through December 24th. Chief Johnson reported that the new rescue had been placed in service and it hold all items with plenty of room.

5. Scheduled Items

## 5.1. Calaveras County Registrar of Voters: Certified Statement of Results for the November 2, 2020, Presidential General Election

5.1.1. Oath of Office: Directors Dashner, Barr, and Neal

Mr. Clemens administered the Oath of Office to Mike Barr, Jon Dashner, and Pete Neal.

5.1.2. Resolution 2020-10: Accepting the Canvass of the General Election held on November 3, 2020 Pursuant to Division 15 Chapter 4 of the Elections Code

Mr. McKinney made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-10 Accepting the Canvass of the General Election held on November 3, 2020 Pursuant to Division 15 Chapter 4 of the Elections Code. Mr. Neal seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Neal).

5.2. Board Officers

Mr. Dashner made a motion to have Denny Clemens serve as Board President and Pete Neal as Board Secretary. Mr. McKinney seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Neal).

5.3. Board Committee Appointments

The Board consensus was the following committee appointments for 2021:

<u>Finance</u>	<u>Personnel/Safety</u>	<u>Apparatus/Equipment</u>	<u>Fire Prevention</u>
Jon Dashner	Jon Dashner	Scott McKinney	Denny Clemens
Mike Barr	Scott McKinney	Pete Neal	Pete Neal
Alt: Scott McKinney	Alt: Denny Clemens	Alt: Mike Barr	Alt: Jon Dashner

Mr. Clemens was appointed as alternate to the Calaveras County Fire JPA Board.

5.4. Nossaman LLP 2021 Billing Rate Increase

Chief Johnson noted that there had been an increase for the District's legal opinion requirements.

5.5. Intergovernmental Transfer Rates for 2021 Letters of Intent

Chief Johnson noted the letters had been sent.

5.6. Request to Approve Declaring Stryker Gurney as Surplus

Mr. Barr recused himself from discussion.

Chief Johnson presented information with regard to an old gurney that the District had used for many years and had been in reserve for a long time. He asked the Board to declare the gurney surplus and offer it to Bear Valley First Aid for a minimal amount. Following some discussion, Mr. Dashner made a motion to declare the gurney surplus and transfer it to Bear Valley First Aid for \$150.00. Mr. Neal seconded; motion passed 4-0-1 (AYES: Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Neal NOES: none ABSTAIN: Barr).

6. **REPORTS**6.1. Administrative Report

Chief Johnson reported the County Assessor's request for increasing the exemption amount had been denied by the County Board of Supervisors. Chief Johnson expressed his thanks to the Moose Lodge for the late night dinner following the structure fire at Boards Crossing.

Chief Johnson thanked the Board and staff for all their work during 2020 noting that it had been a trying year in so many ways.

6.2. Legislative Report

Chief Johnson noted the new laws taking effect in January including the California Family Rights Act changing the threshold from 50 employees to 5 employees. He also noted presumptive rules were changing for COVID-19.

6.3. Administrative - EMS

Chief Johnson reported the District continues moving forward with AVL plans with it taking effect in February 2021. It was intended to work when the ambulance leaves the station with starting the clock and then stopping the clock when on scene.

7. **COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONSIDERATIONS**7.1. Board Members

The members noted their thanks for all the work accomplished in 2020.

7.2. Firefighters Association – No report.7.3. Employees' Group – No report.

7.4. Public Comments  
None

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. McKinney made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed unanimously. 10:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Howard  
District Secretary