

Ebbetts Pass Fire District

**MINUTES**

Board of Directors

November 19, 2024

APPROVED 12/17/2024

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 Michael Barr called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Directors present: Michael Barr ABSENT: Jon Dashner

Denny Clemens

Scott McKinney

Pete Neal

District personnel present: Fire Chief Mike Johnson, Cheryl Howard

Aaron Downing

Public present: Jon Vattuone

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

Dane Wadle, California Special District Association

1. **Public Appearances/Comment** – None

3. **Consent Items**

Mr. Neal made a motion to approve Consent Items 3.1. and 3.2. Mr. McKinney seconded; motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, McKinney, Neal; ABSENT: Dashner).

4. **Committee Reports**

4.1. Finance Committee (Directors Dashner & Barr)

Chief Johnson noted the District was at $3.1 million with two more months until the larger Teeter Allocation would be made for this fiscal year. He also noted the ambulance transport revenue for the previous month was $108,035.

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

Chief Johnson reported there had been one slip/fall this previous month; however, it was not reportable for worker’s compensation purposes and the individual is doing fine. Shift bids will take place on November 27 with the movement of personnel starting January 22. The personnel recruitment will take place in December with testing in January.

4.3. Fire Prevention Committee (Directors Clemens & Neal)

Chief Johnson noted there had not been a meeting but he and Fire Prevention Officer Joan Lark will be attending a fuels reduction meeting this Wednesday.

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

Battalion Chief Aaron Downing reported the current status of apparatus.

5. Scheduled Items

5.1. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Fiscal Audit: Nicholson & Olson Presentation

Marvin Pescador of Nicholson & Olson reviewed the financial statements for fiscal year 2023-24 noting the trend to keep cash up. After completion of the report, Mr. Clemens made a motion to approve the 2023-24 annual financial audit. Mr. Neal seconded; motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, McKinney, Neal; ABSENT: Dashner).

5.2. Nicholson & Olson Public Accounts Audit Engagement Contract

Chief Johnson noted that this was for another three years with this audit firm. Mr. Clemens made a motion to renew with a three-year contract with Nicholson & Olson for the annual financial audit. Mr. Neal seconded; motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, McKinney, Neal; ABSENT: Dashner).

5.3. Health Management Associates IGT Payment Estimate

The Board members reviewed the chart showing the estimated payment for the IGT.

5.4. Fire Agencies Insurance Risk Authority Credit Memo

Chief Johnson reported there had been an error when the value of E435 had been placed on the insurance plan which subsequently resulted in the premium credit.

5.5. Station 3 Staffing Enhancement

Chief Johnson commented that much discussion is ongoing regarding the Station 3 staffing enhance which will begin in January.

6. **Reports**

6.1. Administrative Report

Chief Johnson reported there was much discussion among the staff about how the current Station 3 could house the additional personnel until the proposed new station was built.

6.2. Legislative Report

Dane Wadle of the California Special District Association reported on various legislation affecting special districts.

6.3. Administrative - EMS

Chief Johnson reported that Spencer Hickok continued to explore suppliers and software for reporting incident and PCR data.

7. **Comments, Questions, Considerations**

7.1. Board Members

Mr. Clemens noted that it was good the District continued to be fiscally responsible.

7.2. Firefighters Association

Battalion Chief Aaron Downing remined everyone of the upcoming awards dinner on December 7th and thanked Mr. Dashner for supplying the wine for the event.

7.3. Employees' Group

None.

7.4. Public Comments

None.

8. **Adjournment**

Mr. Neal made a motion to adjourn; Mr. McKinney seconded. 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Howard

District Secretary