

Ebbetts Pass Fire District



MINUTES
Board of Directors
July 17, 2018

APPROVED 08/21/2018

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00A.M. by President J. Scott McKinney and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Directors present: Denny Clemens, Jon Dashner, Scott McKinney and Thomas Sullivan. A minute of silence was observed in remembrance of Dan Leary who passed away suddenly on July 4th.

District personnel present: Fire Chief Mike Johnson, Cheryl Howard
Aaron Downing

Others present: None
Media present: None

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

3. **CONSENT ITEMS**

- 3.1. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve Consent items 3.1 and 3.2. Mr. Dashner seconded. The motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Sullivan).

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 4.1. Finance Committee (Directors Dashner & McKinney)

Chief Johnson reported the committee had reviewed the proposed intra-account transfers and noted that the Expenditure Account Summary Sheets for all three budgets were shown with the proposed intra-account transfers already in place. After some discussion regarding budgeted amounts, overages, and the need for building reserves, Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the Intra-Account Budget Transfer for the End of Fiscal Year 2017-18 as presented. Mr. Dashner seconded; the motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Sullivan).

4.2. Personnel Committee (Directors McKinney & Sullivan)

Chief Johnson reported that Ron Getter had retired as of July 10th after 39½ years with the District. Ron Getter also was seeking disability retirement which consideration for this was currently underway with legal counsel and would be followed up when the information was ready to be presented to the Board.

Chief Johnson announced that promotions had been made effective July 16, 2018, as follows:

Battalion Chief Rodney Hendrix
Captain Pete Ryan
Engineer Bryn Buhler

He added that badges would be ready to be presented during the August meeting of the Board of Directors.

Chief Johnson suggested that the Board consider having the Chair appoint or make a motion regarding replacing Dan Leary as Board Secretary and on the committees. After some discussion, Mr. McKinney decided to appoint himself to the two committees as he was not assigned to any committees. Mr. McKinney made a motion to elect Jon Dashner as Board Secretary. Mr. Sullivan seconded; the motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Sullivan).

4.3. Fire Prevention Committee (Directors Clemens & Sullivan)

Chief Johnson reported the requested improvements had been made by SPI for the north Sierra and St. Moritz Roads. Mr. Sullivan suggested that Chief Johnson write a letter of thanks to Tim Tate of Sierra Pacific Industries and he agreed to write it.

Chief Johnson also reported that Golden Torch had submitted plans for building an equipment building.

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

No meeting.

5. Scheduled Items:

5.1. CalPERS: PEPRA Safety Fire Plan Annual Valuation

District Secretary Cheryl Howard explained that it had recently been discovered that the employees that were part of the PEPRA plan were required to pay 12% contribution starting July 1, 2018, instead of the previous 11.5%. There was some discussion and Chief Johnson noted that he had talked about it with the representative of Local 3581.

5.2. County of Calaveras Office of Auditor-Controller: May 2018 Closed

Chief Johnson noted this had been included for the Board's information.

- 5.3. Independent Contractor/Consulting Agreement: Health Policy and Management Consulting for Intergovernmental Transfers (IGT)
Chief Johnson reported that the Finance Committee members had reviewed the proposed contract for IGT consulting which includes a higher hourly rate than the previous one yet retains the same overall limits within. Chief Johnson noted that Elli Hall's assistance had been valuable this previous year. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the Elinor Hall, Health Policy and Management Consulting Independent Contractor/Consulting Agreement Medi-Cal Intergovernmental Transfers as presented and authorize Chief Johnson to sign it. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Sullivan).
- 5.4. Card from Murphys Fire District: Sympathy Over the Loss of Dan Leary
The Board members noted it was a nicely expressed sentiment by MFPD Chief Brian Wilkes.

6. **REPORTS**

- 6.1. Administrative Report
With the loss of Dan Leary, Chief Johnson noted that the District was working with a planning group planning to assist the family with building a proper memorial service for Mr. Leary.

He reported that a guest presenter had been arranged to conduct a brief class on the Las Vegas massacre. The class was to be held on July 26th with invitations being sent to area fire districts.
- 6.2. Legislative Report
Chief Johnson noted dRISC had been included in the budget with a one-time \$25 million additional this year for local fire department readiness. Mr. Clemens asked if the TOT and Prop 172 were to remain at the same percentage and Chief Johnson responded that the fire agencies had received confirmation from the Calaveras County CAO to use the same budget amounts in 2018-19 as received in 2017-18.
- 6.3. Fire Prevention
No report.
- 6.4. Administrative - EMS
Mountain-Valley EMS Agency has appointed Lance Doyle as its new Director.

7. **COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONSIDERATIONS**

- 7.1. Board Members – Mr. Sullivan expressed his happiness with the latest promotions.
- 7.2. Firefighters Association – None

7.3. Employees' Group – Battalion Chief Aaron Downing expressed sorrow at the death of long-time director Dan Leary. He noted that Mr. Leary cared about safety and about the employees themselves and he thanked Mr. Leary and the other members of the Board for their care.

7.4. Public Comments – None

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed unanimously.
10:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Howard
District Secretary