

Ebbetts Pass Fire District



MINUTES

Board of Directors

January 16, 2018

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1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Scott McKinney and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Directors present: Jon Dashner, Dan Leary, Scott McKinney, and Thomas Sullivan. Denny Clemens was absent.

District personnel present: Fire Chief Mike Johnson, Cheryl Howard
Ron Getter, Rodney Rodr, Pete Ryan, Jim Eaves
Dana Johnson, Bryn Buhler, Sean Bitner, Will Koelzow
Dalton Butow, Jake Hylton

Others present: Kathy O'Brien, Stephanie Koelzow, Lydia Koelzow, Victoria Filev
T.J. Cornish

Media present: none

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

3. **FIREFIGHTER BADGE PRESENTATION**

Fire Chief Mike Johnson reported that it was time for Will Koelzow to transition from probationary firefighter to full-time Firefighter-Paramedic. FFP Koelzow had his badge pinned on by his daughter.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS**

4.1. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve Consent Items 4.1 and 4.2. Mr. Sullivan seconded; motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Dashner, Leary McKinney, Sullivan; ABSENT: Clemens).

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 5.1. Finance Committee (Director Leary)

Chief Johnson reported that the GEMT audit findings were discussed along with the need to update eligibility for surplus property acquisition with the State for State and Federal items. The Committee noted that the reserves have grown.

- 5.2. Personnel Committee (Directors Leary & Sullivan)
Chief Johnson reported that the Firefighter-Paramedic eligibility list from June was still valid to use although currently there were no openings; the transition from 4850 to Temporary Total Disability for Ron Getter has been done; the hearing with the CalPERS Board regarding a retired annuitant has been set in June.
 - 5.3. Fire Prevention Committee (Director Sullivan)
Chief Johnson noted the committee members had looked at the updated draft of the District's Ordinance after receiving it back from County Counsel. He noted that Mountain Retreat had added propane tanks which the District had recommended to bolster protection due the volume after a recent site visit. The County Building Department had committed to engineered plans for a wall as a suitable solution.
 - 5.4. Apparatus & Equipment Committee (Directors Dashner & Sullivan)
No report.
6. Scheduled Items:
- 6.1. State of CA Dept of GSO of Fleet & Asset Management Eligibility for Surplus Items
Fire Chief Johnson noted there were potential items for acquiring from State and Federal Surplus but the District needed to update its paperwork. After some discussion, Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the five representatives for surplus acquisition and the resolution. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed unanimously 4-0 (AYES: Dashner, Leary, McKinney, Sullivan; ABSENT: Clemens).
 - 6.2. DHCS: GEMT Audit Findings for Fiscal Year 2011-12
Chief Johnson reported that the District had received its first request for refunding of overpayment of GEMT reimbursement for fiscal year 2011-12 in the amount of \$17,117. He recommended that the District appeal the audit findings as appropriate especially when the determination of the revenue source being shared especially the sale of the station on Manuel Road. Mr. Dashner made a motion to send in the requested refund at this time and authorize the Chief to appeal it. Mr. Leary seconded; motion passed unanimously 4-0 (AYES: Dashner, Leary, McKinney, Sullivan; ABSENT: Clemens).
 - 6.3. Letter to EPFD Board of Directors from Ron Getter Requesting Self-Pay of Premium for Post-Retirement Health Care Benefits
Chief Mike Johnson noted that the District had explored the possibility for District retirees to self-pay their insurance premium post-retirements and the underwriters for SDRMA had approved. This correspondence from Ron Getter asserted his request. Chief Johnson noted SDRMA's requirements for the retiree to be contiguous while the District required it to be self-pay directly to SDRMA and the retiree was responsible for any future premium cost increases. Mr. Leary made a motion to accept that retirees may continue with the District's insurance carriers as long as the coverage is contiguous and on a self-pay basis and noted that the enrollment was extended to Ron Getter through July 1, 2018. Mr. Sullivan seconded; motion passed unanimously 4-0 (AYES: Dashner, Leary, McKinney, Sullivan; ABSENT:

Clemens).

- 6.4. Blue Lake Springs Home Owners' Assoc.: Property Lot B Unit 11, North Sierra View
Fire Chief Johnson noted the Fire Prevention Committee had worked with SPI to determine evacuation routes and there was one determined as access point on an unbuildable lot in Blue Lake Springs. This lot was being offered to the District. The consensus of the Board members was decline the offer to purchase the lot and to accept the offer to have the evacuation go both ways as needed.
- 6.5. SDRMA Save the Date Annual Members Meeting/Spring Education Day
Chief Johnson noted the date was March 20th. Mr. Dashner and Mr. Sullivan volunteered to attend.
- 6.6. Letter from Ebbetts Pass Prevention Committee: Desire to Explore Cannabis Revenue Stream
Chief Mike Johnson noted that this may be a moot point due to the recent vote by the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors but that may again change. Mr. Dashner made a motion to have the Chief continue efforts for exploration of a cannabis revenue stream for the District. Mr. Sullivan seconded; motion passed unanimously 4-0 (AYES: Dashner, Leary, McKinney, Sullivan; ABSENT: Clemens).
- 6.7. Begin 30-day Review: EPFD Fire Ordinance 2018 Draft
Chief Mike Johnson noted that the draft had been reviewed by County Counsel. He noted the changes within the document as follows: steeper penalty schedule, progressive look at cannabis cultivation, zoning for cannabis cultivation, fire sprinkler requirements for indoor cultivation.

7. **REPORTS**

- 7.1. Administrative Report - Chief Johnson noted that it was great to have the latest interns present at the meeting. He reported that CalFire Battalion Chief Scott Fremd had retired and was to be replaced by Andy Murphy. He added that he had been elected to be President of Calaveras County Fire Chiefs Association as of January 1st.
- 7.2. Legislative Report - Chief Johnson reported that recent changes in California included the inability to do background checks before a conditional job offer was proffered.
- 7.3. Fire Prevention – Chief Johnson noted Joan Lark was busy helping work with property owners to get their clearing work done.
- 7.4. Administrative - EMS – Chief Johnson noted the CFCA North meeting was later this month.

8. **COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONSIDERATIONS**

- 8.1. Board Members – Mr. Dashner congratulated Firefighter-Paramedic Will Koelzow once again.

8.2. Firefighters Association – None

8.3. Employees' Group – None

8.4. Public Comments – None

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Dashner made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Sullivan seconded; motion passed unanimously.
10:02 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Howard
District Secretary