

Ebbetts Pass Fire District



MINUTES

Board of Directors

March 20, 2018

APPROVED 04/30/18

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: Denny Clemens, Jon Dashner, Dan Leary, and Scott McKinney. Thomas Sullivan was absent.

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

Others present: none

Media present: none

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

3. **CONSENT ITEMS**

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

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 4.1. Finance Committee (Directors Dashner & Leary)

Chief Johnson noted that the COLA adjustment for the next fiscal year was determined to be 2.1% and the Finance Committee members wanted to continue some discussions including the increased impacts of PERS and worker's compensation premiums and bring the matter to the Board at its regular meeting in April.

- 4.2. Personnel Committee (Directors Leary & Sullivan)

Chief Johnson reported the results of the AME (Agreed Medical Examiner) determined that Battalion Chief Ron Getter was permanent and stationery and he cannot return to work for the District as Battalion Chief.

- 4.3. Fire Prevention Committee (Directors Clemens & Sullivan)
Chief Johnson reported there had been no meeting in March and County Counsel had determined there was no need for ratification of Ordinance 2018 by the Board of Supervisors so Ordinance 2018 is now in effect.
- 4.4. Apparatus/Equipment Committee (Directors Clemens & Sullivan)
Battalion Chief Aaron Downing reported on the quote received for an ambulance that was \$195,000 and the Committee was working on various options including cuts on requirements in the unit, 3-bid system which would probably require another two months. He noted various alternatives were under discussion and then the Board thanked BC Downing for his report and work performed by the committee members.
5. Scheduled Items:
 - 5.1. SDRMA 2018-19 Workers' Compensation Program Contribution
Chief Johnson noted that was essentially the bill for next year's workers' compensation insurance depending on the CIP earned and the EMOD factor.
 - 5.2. CSDA Board of Directors Call for Nominations "SEAT A"
No interest was shown by Board members in running for the seat.
 - 5.3. Department of Health Care Services: Inter Governmental Transfer Funds Transfer Request
Chief Johnson reported that the two transfer authorization requests had arrived with the upcoming date of April 2nd and for the amounts of \$6,590 and \$48,206 which totaled to \$54,796. He then reviewed the difference between IGT and the GEMT which were methods designed to help keep the governmental emergency services whole and the difference from the GEMT as the District would need to put up the money with the State to show its good intent and then the money would be passed to the District. He had already spoken with Rebecca Callen, Calaveras County Auditor about the need to wire the money to the State in order to receive the money and she had thought it would be feasible. When the time came he would contact her to get the wiring completed. After some discussion, Mr. Dashner made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Transfer of Public Funds #16-93605 and #16-93595 for a total of \$54,796. Mr. Leary seconded; motion passed unanimously 4-0 (AYES: Clemens, Dashner, Leary, McKinney; ABSENT: Sullivan).
 - 5.4. CA Dept. of Forestry & Fire Protection: Volunteer Fire Assistance Program (Grant)
Chief Johnson reported that the District was seeking a VFA grant for replacement/updating of six SCBA packs and two bottles for a total of 34,000 of which the District would pay half. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the grant application as presented. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed unanimously 4-0 (AYES: Clemens, Dashner, Leary, McKinney; ABSENT: Sullivan).
 - 5.5. Letter of Support from Congressman Tom McClintock for EPFD to Receive Assistance to Firefighters Grant Funding for SCBA and Type 1 Fire Engine
Chief Johnson noted Firefighter-Paramedic Bryn Buhler's diligence to achieve this letter of support for the District.

6. REPORTS

- 6.1. Administrative Report - Chief Mike Johnson reported that the District has been busy operationally due to the stormy weather. He noted there had been approximately 30 calls for trees in power lines. Additionally, there was one roof collapse onto an individual which he was interviewed about by the news media. He related a few more stories about responses, searches, and assistance provided.
- 6.2. Legislative Report - Chief Johnson noted SB1305 to allow first responders to treat cats and dogs with oxygen and he added that the District would shortly be receiving a couple of masks for such use.
- 6.3. Fire Prevention – Fire Prevention Officer Joan Lark will hold her annual lot cleaners meeting on March 27th. Planning for the May 5 Firewise meeting is also underway along with work to bring together firebreak projects around the community.
- 6.4. Administrative - EMS – The director for the Mountain-Valley EMS Agency remains vacant and the District will be keeping a close eye on that position as the contract will be up for renewal shortly.

7. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1. Board Members – Mr. Leary thanks Aaron Downing and his committee for both the product and the presentation regarding the ambulance purchase process.
- 7.2. Firefighters Association – No report.
- 7.3. Employees' Group – BC Downing thanked the Board members for their support.
- 7.4. Public Comments – None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Leary made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed unanimously.
10:26 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Howard
District Secretary