

# Ebbetts Pass Fire District



## MINUTES

Board of Directors  
December 18, 2018

APPROVED 01/15/2019

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 A.M. by President J. Scott McKinney and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Directors present: Denny Clemens, Jon Dashner, Mike Barr, and Scott McKinney. Directors absent: Thomas Sullivan.

District personnel present: Fire Chief Mike Johnson, Intern Paxton Fassbender  
Battalion Chief Rodney Hendrix, Captain James Crabtree,  
Engineer Jim Eaves, Engineer Bryn Buhler  
Firefighter-paramedics Dana Johnson and Nathan Attaway  
Firefighter-EMT Sean Bitner

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 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Sullivan).

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 4.1. Finance Committee (Directors Dashner & McKinney)

Chief Johnson stated that while we sometimes did not meet this month it is of value to note that we are closing in on the end of the “Dry Period” for the fiscal year. The District is set to receive the first tax payment for approximately \$1.7 million. This will repay the County Treasury amount we have been loaned—an amount listed here for \$1,163,809.85. As for the budget status, we are at 38% expenditure for the Fire Budget, 49% of our Paramedic Engine Budget, and 42% of the Station 3 Budget.

- 4.2. Personnel Committee (Directors McKinney & Sullivan)

Chief Johnson stated that there was to no report to be given this month.

- 4.3. Fire Prevention Committee (Directors Clemens & Sullivan)  
Chief Johnson stated that no meeting this month although Calaveras OES called an evacuation meeting here with law enforcement, CalFIRE, and EPFD. As a result, CalFIRE has partnered with us to make an escape route zone map for responders to use and OES to notify with. In conjunction with that, our CalFIRE partners also want our two agencies to complete an older draft of “Citizen Evacuation Guide” for this area in hopes it will go county-wide eventually.
- 4.4. Apparatus/Equipment Committee (Directors Clemens & Sullivan)  
Chief Johnson stated that there had been an Apparatus Committee meeting this past month.
5. Scheduled Items:
  - 5.1. Fire Agencies Insurance Risk Authority: Notice of Nomination and Election Procedures for the 2019 Election of Members to the Authority’s Governing Board  
Chief Johnson stated that this is the JPA we use for our insurance needs and is looking for Nominees for its Board if anyone is interested with the deadline being March 1, 2019.
  - 5.2. California Public Employees’ Retirement System: 2018 State, School, and Public Agency Member Certified Election Results for CalPERS Board of Administration  
Chief Johnson stated that the results of the CalPERS Election for Board of Administration was listed: Theresa Taylor, Rob Feckner, and Jason Perez. This will start a four-year term for these individuals.
  - 5.3. CSDA: Gold Country Regional Chapter Membership/District Finances Workshop  
Chief Johnson discussed a new opportunity today from CSDA—a Regional Chapter for the “Gold County” is being presented for a membership fee of \$25. It looks as if there will be three Gold Country classes that may be of some value to attend and make the \$25 members a real value since we can recapture a \$10 per person savings per class. The first class is “District Finances Workshop” on January 30, 2019, in El Dorado Hills. The other two classes are in April and October although untitled at this point.
  - 5.4. Thank You Card: Thank you card from Retired Fire Chief Warren Wilkes  
Chief Johnson noted that some Board members were aware of Warren injuring his knee this past summer which required many lift assists and an ambulance ride or two. We are thankful to have helped Warren.
  - 5.5. Thank You Card: Thank you card from Linda Baker  
Chief Johnson noted that the thank-you, expressed his happiness that the District could help, and gave commendations to the crews for earning these very nice cards.
  - 5.6. Calaveras Enterprise: Ebbetts Pass Fire Meeting Addresses Sustainability  
Mr. McKinney noted this article about the town hall meeting was good. s

**6. REPORTS****6.1. Administrative Report**

Chief Johnson noted that December has been a busy month and thanked everyone involved with the work going on for the Tax Measure in May—especially the focus group. Now we have a direction and it is time to plan for the next steps. There will shortly be another focus group meeting among many to make continuing plans. May will soon be here, so we must stay focused and keep working toward educating the community how important it is to pass this special tax measure.

**6.2. Legislative Report**

A new session is set to start at the first of the year

**6.3. Administrative - EMS**

Chief Johnson stated that there was no report to be given this month.

**7. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONSIDERATIONS**

7.1. Board Members – Eave member gave positive feedback on the assessment and expressed thanks towards the EPFFA and the on-duty crew. They also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

7.2. Firefighters Association – Battalion Chief Rodney Hendrix gave a thank-you to the Board members and all that they do for this department. He also stated that one of our own Ken Sherfey's mother was at working during the time that the Camp Fire started and that she, unfortunately, lost her home as well as her belongings. The District members and the Association pulled together to get her some money to help her get back on her feet after the devastation. She expressed great gratitude and said great things about the district and all that we do.

7.3. Employees' Group – None

7.4. Public Comments – None

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Dashner made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Barr seconded; motion passed unanimously.  
9:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Howard  
District Secretary