## **Board of Directors Board Meeting**

August 8, 2023 Minutes

Tony Marcaccio-Board Chair, Tina Holum-Vice Chair, Judy Hobson-Secretary, Randy Rossi-Director, Candance Flaming-Director

\*\*Mission Statement\*\*

To provide a professional and compassionate level of community fire protection, emergency medical and rescue services to the citizens and property owners within the Fire District, in order to prevent or minimize the loss of life, pain, suffering and property damage as a result of fire or other types of emergency.

The August 8th, 2023 6:00 PM meeting was conducted in person at 7061 Mt. Aukum Rd. Somerset, CA 95684 MINUTES

## 1. CALL TO ORDER and DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

1.1 Roll Call

Present: Director Hobson, Director Rossi, Director Holum, Director Flaming

Absent: Director Marcaccio

Administration: Chief Whitt, Admin. Assistant Vierra, Captain Walsh, FF Jones.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance led by

# 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.1 Administration recommends the BOD approve: Minutes from July 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 Board Meeting.
- 2.2 Administration recommends the BOD approve: Payment of bills green sheets for July 2023. Motion to adopt agenda and accept consent calendar (M/S)

Passed

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENT (Open Forum)

3.1 No public comment.

#### 4. MONTHLY/STANDING ACTIVITY REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

**4.1 Administrative/Chief's Report** – Chief Whitt reviewed Chief's report as printed in the Board Packet.

**TO:** Pioneer Fire Protection District Board of Directors

FROM: David Whitt, Fire Chief PREPARED BY: David Whitt, Fire Chief

**DATE**: August 8, 2023

ITEM: August Board of Director's Meeting Chief's Report for the Month of July

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive information about the District

## Calls for Service in September:

Call Type	<u>May</u>	Year to Date
EMS	43	237
Structure Fire	1	17
Wildland Fire	7	7
Vehicle Fire	0	0
MVA	3	35
Hazmat	4	25
Assist	8	61
Rescue	0	0
Alarms/Misc.	3	3
Cover Assignments	15	97
TOTAL	84	482
Fire Loss Total	\$ 0	\$000,000

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#### **Apparatus**

We are continuing to make good progress. Depending on the repairs, Stretch Fab is being used as a local vendor for repairs now. They have tremendous experience as an International (Navistar) mechanic.

## E-38 (Type 1 – Frontline Structure Engine)

• Back in service. Working well. Extrication tool back from repair (first time in a year).

# Reserve Engine (El Dorado Hills)

• Waiting on title for the Amador Engine before we can start further upgrades.

# E-338 (Type 3 – Frontline Wildland Engine)

• E-338 in the shop at Stretch Fab. Appears to be a bad EGR valve and cooler (California emissions stuff).

# Type 6 Engine (Known currently as Patrol 38)

• Pump rebuilt and being placed back in the Engine (\$6,700).

# Type 6 Engine (Known currently as Patrol 35)

• In service.

#### WT-38 (Frontline Water Tender)

• Repairs completed. Training on operations has begun.

## **Facilities**

Station 38 including the living quarters:

- There may be a chance to obtain a Tesla battery backup system at no cost to the District, more in the New Business. Will save the District perhaps thousands of dollars when compared to the original scope of work for the power drop.
- Re-arranging the apparatus bay and interior of Administration continues in the kitchen area: being remodeled to store in-service line personnel PPE. Locker room, bathroom, and tool room floors complete.
- Purchase for Air compressor and RIT packs in progress.

#### Personnel

- Full complement of fire personnel. All is well right now.
- Still have fairly good involvement from recent graduates from the Sierra Fire Academy.

# **Administration**

- Staff have developed our Wildly Important Goals (WIG's). They include:
  - o New Fire RMS system to be purchased (ImageTrend) in process
  - o Updating our personal protective equipment (PPE) in process
  - o Hose inventory and testing in process
  - o Pump Testing not started
  - o Radio purchase (two additional handhelds (\$3,200.00 each) complete
- Several meetings including with allied agencies and JPA including a very good conference call with the El Dorado National Forest.

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- Previous house that burned in Outingdale has been forwarded to County Building Officials for abatement.
- Continued meetings Fire Safe and Prevention Groups with a focus on Outingdale which has been identified as one of the top 5 priorities within the County with critical problems.
- Meeting with FEMA to determine reimbursement from Caldor still. Long process.

**OPTIONS:** The Chief's Report is for informational purposes. The Board of Directors may take one or more of the following actions:

- 1) Provide Staff with comment.
- 2) Provide Staff with additional direction.

FISCAL IMPACT: As noted in the report

ACTION PLAN: None. RELATED ACTION(S): None.

#### 4.2 Local #4586

No report

#### 4.3 PVFA

Still doing recruitment drive for new PVFA members. They are currently working on the transfer of the properties Station 31 and Station 35 form PVFA to PFPD. They have hired someone to do the needed paperwork.

# 4.4 Affiliated Organization Reports

Robin Kelley representing the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council shared that they had a successful clean-up day and want to schedule more in the future.

Jennifer representing the West Slope Foundation shared she went through ICS training and received certification. CPR classes will be August 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

#### 4.5 Financial

Chief Whitt proved a review of financials as provided in the board packet.

## 4.6 Standing Finance Committee Report

The finance committee did not meet last month. Hoping to schedule the next meeting next month before the board meeting date. The final FY 22-23 documents will not be available from the county until 9/7/2023, the Standing committee meeting may need to be after that date.

#### 5. OLD BUSINESS

## 5.1 Board of Directors Policy Manual Review Update

Still in Process of being formatted. Will be ready for the board to review and adopt for the September board meeting.

## 5.2 Charters for Standing Committees

Move to September Board Meeting

# 5.3 Job Description - Technical Specialist and Relative Background Information

Move to September Board Meeting

# 5.4 Station 31 Building Project

Project will be put out to bid soon- The project is still in the FEMA review process. Diamond Pacific has product for the siding for Station 31 and this can be started at any time. The Forest Service is still using the building but will be returning to Grizzly Flat in the future.

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## 5.5 Omo Ranch Fire Safe Council Water Storage Project

Chris Carr drafted a revised property agreement and will have the final copy for the Board to review at the September board meeting. All funds for the water tanks will go through the PVFA. Omo Ranch will be raising \$5000.00, West Slope will be raising \$5000.00 and the PFPD will be providing \$5000.00 toward the water storage project.

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

## 6.1 Resolution 2023-03 California Health & Safety Code Section 13146.4

(Earle)

Chief Whitt reviewed Resolution 2022-03 California Health & Safety Code Section 13146.4 and presented Battalion Chief Earle's Staff report related to the resolution

(M/S) Flaming/Hobson

Roll call vote

Ayes: Hobson, Holum, Rossi, Flaming

Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

Absent: Marcaccio

Passed 4/0

## 6.2 Measure F Update

(Vierra)

Admin Vierra informed the board that the Direct Charge Levies for the tax code were processed successfully on 8/1/2023. 2388 parcels were assed for the amount of \$204,728.42.

6.3 Tesla Battery Back Up System for Station 38 Administration & Barracks (Whitt)
Chief Whitt reviewed the pros and cons of the tesla battery backup system. The best scenario would be to have a combination solar system installed along with the backup batteries.

# 7. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS/BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS (GOOD OF THE ORDER)

- 7.1 Letter received form Lorna Cowan local resident thanking the department for the services and quick response to the two recent fires, the Rontree Fire July 23, 2023 and the Fire on Dorado Canyon Road on July 26<sup>th</sup> 2023. A thank you card from an unnamed resident was also read.
- 8. AGENDA ITEMS (For Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting)

#### **Old Business**

- 5.1 Board of Directors Policy Manual Review Update
- 5.2 Charters for Standing Committees
- 5.3 Job Description Technical Specialist Professional Services Support Division
- 5.4 Station 31 Building Project
- 5.5 Omo Ranch Water Storage Tank Proposal

**New Business** 

Approved Budget for FY 2023-2024

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<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> – Motion to Adjourn (M/S) Hobson/Holum 4/0 Meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR Tuesday September 12th, 2023 at 6pm

Prepared by:

Joy Vierra, Administrative Assistant

Chair BOD

Date

Date