

Ebbetts Pass Fire District



MINUTES

Board of Directors

April 16, 2019

APPROVED 05/21/2019

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

District personnel present: Fire Chief Mike Johnson, Joan Lark
Acting Battalion Chief James Crabtree
Engineers Jim Eaves, Eric Griffiths
Firefighter Nick Landuyt

Others present: None

Media present: None

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

3. **CONSENT ITEMS**

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

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 4.1. Finance Committee (Directors Dashner & McKinney)

Chief Johnson stated that normally in April discussion is begun regarding the preliminary budget but he wants to wait until next month to have the results of Measure A. Adjustments will be made to the budget, but those adjustments will be made after it is determined whether or not Measure A passes. Mr. Clemens asked about Prop 172 funds. Chief Johnson said they were status quo.

Mr. Denny asked Chief Johnson if the District will get \$200,000.00 from the Board of Supervisors? Chief Johnson replied that the Calaveras County Board of

Supervisor's meeting last Tuesday approved with a vote of 4-1 a one-time allotment of \$250,000.00 which is to be used for safety equipment.

4.2. Personnel Committee (Directors McKinney & Sullivan)

Chief Johnson announced that Firefighter Paramedic Ken Sherfey accepted a position at Roseville Fire Department with his last day here being April 19. Chief Johnson wished him well and said he will be missed. Chief Johnson mentioned that Dana Johnson has been out due to an injury and will be back in June and Randayn Forest has been on maternity leave and will be back in June. He is waiting for the outcome from Measure A before any other hiring is done.

4.3. Fire Prevention Committee (Directors Clemens & Sullivan)

There has been no recent meeting.

Chief Johnson reported that Joan Lark is in the process of scheduling a meeting with Judge Healy for Chief Johnson and Joan to discuss citations and fees and the successful fire prevention program we have.

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

No meeting.

Update on Equipment: Yesterday Battalion Chief Aaron Downing test-drove one of the ambulances and it appears to have the same problem that the ambulance at Sonora Ford has. This ambulance was also towed to Sonora Ford. The estimate to repair the ambulance first taken to Sonora Ford is \$16,500.00.

At the present time, the ambulances we have: The new ambulance; a back-up ambulance (2005) and a 2012 ambulance that is at Station 3.

Mr. Clemens asked if there are other companies rather than Sonora Ford that can work on the ambulances. Chief Johnson said there are other companies but all the estimates are close and Sonora Ford is nearby and gives a 2-year warranty on their work.

5. Scheduled Items:

5.1. California Public Employees' Retirement System: Chief Johnson and board members discussed encouraging employees to purchase service credit early in their career. This information was discussed with Acting BC Crabtree. James said he would pass this information on to the Union noting that he had checked into this five years ago and thought the practice had been discontinued.

5.2. Calaveras County Board of Supervisors

Chief Johnson reported that he had received a notice of a public meeting being held on Wednesday, April 17, at 5:00 P.M. at the Independence Hall to "update the public on the work completed to date and the upcoming construction for the Murphys Drive and Blagen Road projects."

5.3. Calaveras Enterprise:

The Board members commented about the nice article in the Calaveras Enterprise regarding the Town Hall meeting about Measure A. They also noted that John Hamilton from ThePineTree.net also videotaped the meeting.

5.4 Policy Review

5.4.1 Policy 6320 Personnel – Position Description: Paid Fire Captain

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. McKinney and seconded by Mr. Sullivan to enter a 30-day review period for the revised Policy 6320. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0 (AYES: McKinney, Sullivan, Clemens, Dashner)

6. **REPORTS**

6.1. Administrative Report

Chief Johnson, Mr. Dashner and Mr. Sullivan attended the SDRMA information day in Sacramento and found it very informative.

Mr. Clemens and Mr. Barr attended the FDAC conference and brought back much good information.

Chief Johnson noted a lot of people have done and are doing a lot of work to get the word about Measure A. Calaveras County Elections Department will count votes up to May 10 with ballots postmarked by May 7.

The Focus Group meetings continue nearly every Friday as there remains a lot of work before the election and there will be a lot of work to do after the election (picking up signs, posters, etc.). It was suggested that after the election, the District have signs made that thank the community for their support.

6.2. Legislative Report

Chief Johnson gave information on a couple of spot bills for some EMS reform and regarding standards of ambulance response times.

6.3. Administrative - EMS

Chief Johnson reported that EMTs are gaining new abilities. They will now be able to check blood sugar and administer epinephrine I.M.

7. **COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONSIDERATIONS**

7.1. Board Members –

Mr. Sullivan commented on how the staff continues to do a great job and he is impressed on how everyone has pulled together for Measure A. Mr. Clemens said that everyone is going about it the right way to pass Measure A. Mr. Dashner complimented the Chief and staff and how they work together as a family. He is

overwhelmed by the response from the community. Mr. Dashner mentioned that Al Courtright passed away a couple of days ago. Mr. McKinney is also pleased to see everyone working together.

- 7.2. Firefighters Association: James Crabtree reported the association was in contact with Kathy Courtright and will send flowers; the Association will donate \$250 for the Dan Leary Memorial Golf Tournament in June and they will contact Denver Stoner's family to see how they can help.
 - 7.3. Employees' Group: No comments
 - 7.4. Public Comments: None
8. **ADJOURNMENT**
A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. McKinney and seconded by Mr. Sullivan. Motion passed by a vote of 4-0. 10:21 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Lark
Acting Secretary