

Penn Valley Fire Protection District
PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 3, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Penn Valley Fire Protection District was called to order by Chairman Farrell at 6:30 P.M. at Station 43. Director McMahan led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

PRESENT

Directors: David Farrell, Kurt Grundel, Joey Jordan, Terry McMahan and Bruce Stephenson

Absent: None

Board Clerk: Debbie Hughes

Others: Chief Wagner, Finance Administrator Thelen, Martin Webb from California Solar Electric company and firefighters.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

After discussion about our budget being in a positive position, Director McMahan motioned to approve the consent calendar as presented. Director Stephenson seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

Chief Wagner said they changed the meeting to next week due to the holiday.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE AGENCY (NCFA)

Director Grundel reported that they haven't had a quorum, so they haven't met to approve the preliminary budget yet.

LAFCO

Director Grundel said the next meeting will be in Truckee because they're discussing the Eastern County Wastewater Municipal Review.

PENN VALLEY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Director McMahan and Director Stephenson reported the last breakfast had 106 adults and 24 children.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

In addition to the report in packet Chief Wagner said:

- The District has had quite a few more calls since this packet was put together, so the number of calls is higher.
- Former Intern and now full time Firefighter/EMT Gault will be applying for the paramedic loan scholarship program.
- Firefighter Solario is out on an out of county strike team assignment. He was first assigned to the Pawnee Fire in Lake County and has been reassigned to a fire in Yolo County.
- The Spenceville shooting range was accidentally burned off Sunday night.
- For July 4th the District is having a BBQ for personnel that are working with a briefing afterwards. We will have the WT, ambulance and two engines staffed with one at LWW.
- The intersection at Highway 20 and Rough and Ready Hwy. has had two truck accidents in the past month with minor injuries however both trucks ran red lights coming down the hill.

Emergency Medical Services and Fire Prevention

In addition to report in packet Captain Thomas added:

- Our response times are running extremely tight. For May we were at 89% which means 11% of the time we were out of S-SVEMS compliance. There are usually 3-4 ambulances in Nevada County with one of those doing an out of county transport for SNA, and this is for 80,000 people. If the call volume continues this same way we could be out of compliance more often.
- He received a preliminary plan review from the county for a +/- 30,000 square foot commercial development at Pleasant Valley Road and Hwy 20.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

VI-1 California Solar Electric company – Presentation on Solar Panels for Station 43

CA Solar representative Martin Webb was here to give the board a presentation on solar panels for Station 43. He reported some about the company, projects they've completed, and he thanked the District for their service as he's personally been a resident for 19 ½ years. Fire Chief Wagner was asked to inquire about the installation of solar electric panels to offset our energy bill. He and Finance Administrator Thelen have applied for a USDA combination grant/loan, however that process has taken many months and we wouldn't hear back from USDA until the end of July. There is no guarantee we would be awarded any grant funding from USDA for the project. Martin Webb said he and Chief Wagner have been working together for a solution for Station 43. Placer County works with mPower a financing company only available in Nevada and Placer Counties that CA Solar has a collective agreement with. The loan would show up as a property tax bill. The program M. Webb is proposing is for a commercial system for non-profits through SDC Energy and mPower. Available are 10, 15 or 20-year loans. Fire Chief Wagner thinks it is a sound investment for the District. After discussion Director Stephenson motioned to

approve the ten-year loan program and to move forward with Ca Solar by filling out the applications with mPower and SDC. Director Jordan seconded. Motion unanimously carried. M. Webb said he could put us on the schedule which is approximately two months out. He also said the offer he's presenting tonight would still be good even if some panels were changed after discussing this with the board tonight. The board requested that this remain on the agenda for the August board meeting.

VI-2 - Discussion and Approval of Certified Public Accountant Audit Proposals for Fiscal years Ending June 30, 2018, 2019 and 2020

Office Administrator Hughes said there were four Requests for Proposals that were sent out. Three CPAs responded back, Larry Bain, Jensen Smith and Richardson and Company. Of those three our current CPA Jensen Smith was the least expensive at \$7,200 per year for a total of \$21,600 for a three-year contract. Director Grundel motioned to approve hiring Jensen Smith, CPA for the next three fiscal years as they have the lowest bid and our familiarity with them. Director Jordan seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

VI-3 - Discussion and Approval for wording for "Argument in Favor of Measure" and Ballot Argument Statement Form for Resolution 2018-09 Requesting Electorate to Approve and Increase the Appropriation Limit November 6, 2018.

After discussion Director Grundel motioned to keep the ballot wording we previously approved with Resolution 2018-09 at the June board meeting, use the wording we used for the 2014 election for the argument in favor of and to sign the Statement Form. Director Jordan seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

VI-4 – Discussion and Approval of Resolution 2018-10 Establishing Paramedic Training Program and an Agreement between District and Applicant for the Paramedic Scholarship Loan Program

Chief Wagner presented a revised Resolution 2018-10 that establishes a Paramedic Training Program. The agreement between the District and the applicant lists all the requirements including the loan provisions. This program is funded exclusively through donations to the District, excluding the Auxiliary unless they specifically designate so. Director Stephenson motioned to approve revised Resolution 2018-10 and the agreement. Director Jordan seconded. Motion unanimously carried. Chief Wagner clarified that the Carl Dutra Scholarship through the Penn Valley Firefighters Association is still active.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

1. Chairman Farrell – No report.
2. Vice-Chairman Grundel – No report.

3. Director Jordan – She just returned from a trip to Scotland and shared a picture of a mural drawn on a fire department there.
4. Director McMahan – No report.
5. Director Stephenson – He talked with a retired Fire Chief about our paramedic scholarship program and the man made a cash donation of \$100.

INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

(refer to red correspondence book)

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:30 PM the board entered closed session under: Government Code Section 54957.6
Discussion regarding a Contract between Penn Valley Fire Protection District and the Fire Chief.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

At 9:30 PM the board came out of closed session. Chairman Farrell reported that the action taken was: Guidance was given to the Negotiating Committee to meet with the Fire Chief on one last item, but the rest of the contract was tentatively finalized.

ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hughes
Clerk to the Board