

PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 5, 2019

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

PRESENT

Directors: David Farrell, Kurt Grundel, and Bruce Stephenson

Absent: Terry McMahan and Bruce Puphal (excused)

Board Clerk: Debbie Hughes

Others: M. Thelen, Captain Miller, Captain Pitts (for Chief Wagner) and PV Firefighters.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDER

Director Farrell motioned to approve the consent calendar as presented. Director Stephenson seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

Captain Pitts reported that Chief Wagner attended the meeting this morning and he'll report on any pertinent items next month.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE AGENCY (NCFA-JPA)

Chairman Grundel said they've met and are going over the budget. They have a new contract with Banner Mountain which will increase expenses.

LAFCO

Director Grundel reported they will be closing the spheres of influence for Nevada City, then Grass Valley and finally Truckee. Also, they haven't increased membership dues in many years so special districts will probably see a 16 – 20% increase. Our current cost is \$1,700 - \$1,800 per year.

PENN VALLEY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Captain Pitts said it was a dismal breakfast with only 68 people (but there was snow everywhere in the county). The paramedic scholarship fund is still in the red, but they're hoping that changes soon. The Association is having a meeting tomorrow night.

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### FIRE CHIEFS REPORT

In addition to written report in packet Captain Pitts said:

- The number of calls we were dispatched to in February was 105.
- Regarding the staffing in the Chief's Report the directors talked about establishing another hiring list.
- Community and residential groups continue to come to us for wildfire safety in their neighborhoods.
- We are also having numerous inquiries regarding the new cannabis cultivating ordinance and what's involved.

### DISCUSSION/ ACTION ITEMS

#### VI-1 Annual Review of Reports for Safety Officers, Training Officers and Equipment and Apparatus

Captain Josh Miller prepared and reported on these.

- A. Safety Officer's Report – We had a couple of safety incidents this past year at a \$2,600 cost for apparatus repair. We had a few first aid injuries and a couple of worker's compensation injuries which resulted in some time off.
- B. Equipment and Apparatus Report - Engine 43 had turbo and transmission repair for \$11,200. With the new emission laws, turbo engines are trying to blow the exhaust out and they end up being ruined. Medic 43 had numerous issues this past year for total repair costs of \$9,900.
- C. Training Officer's Report – See the training hours in the report. Captain Miller said district staff trains often. Interns have accumulated 500 hours of training; career staff trains them which in turn keeps them on top of training also. The district runs significant incidents and are as good if not better than neighboring departments.

#### VI-2 Public Hearing Ordinance 2019-01 Review of Fee Schedule on Ambulance Service Rates, Fees for Services and Call-Outs, Rental Fees and Use of Facilities AND repeal Ordinance 2017-02

Chairman Grundel opened the public hearing. This is the first hearing so if no changes are made tonight the second hearing will be at the next board meeting and the ordinance will be adopted. D. Hughes said the ambulance rates and itemized charges were raised 10% to keep up with increasing district costs. (This is also comparable to SNA rates). A flat rate fee of \$400 for Cannabis Operation Permits was added since the Cannabis Ordinance was passed to make cannabis growing legal. Chairman Grundel read the Ordinance Title and closed the public hearing. This will be on the April agenda.

#### VI-3 Approval of Resolution 2019-01 Lease Purchase Agreement with Leasing 2, Inc.

The board voted unanimously to approve the lease financing proposal with Leasing 2, Inc. for a new ambulance at the February board meeting in the amount of approximately \$242,446.00. Since it was board approved Leasing 2, Inc. would like to finalize the proposal with a formal

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resolution. Director Farrell motioned to approve Resolution 2019-01 of Penn Valley Fire Protection District Extract of Minutes. Director Stephenson seconded. Motion unanimously carried by a roll call vote.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

1. Director Farrell – Regarding the Chief's Report he's sorry we're losing more personnel and that folks are interviewing elsewhere. He hoped that the raises that were negotiated for the last two years were enough to keep people here.
2. Chairman Grundel – Nothing to report.
3. Director Stephenson – He complimented the crews on the handling of the difficult and interesting calls they've recently had.

#### INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

(refer to red correspondence book)

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER

Director Puphal won't be at the next board meeting. He's attending FDAC's "Getting the New Board Member on Board and Helping Them to Be Successful" and "Brown Act: Principles, Traps and Avoiding Unintentional Violations on April 2<sup>nd</sup> (our board meeting date) in Napa.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Director Stephenson motioned to adjourn at 7:10 P.M. Director Farrell seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hughes  
Clerk to the Board