

PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
February 4, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Penn Valley Fire Protection District was called to order by Chairman Stephenson 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, Terry McMahan, Bruce Puphal and Bruce Stephenson

Absent: None

Board Clerk: Debbie Hughes

Others: Fire Chief Wagner, Finance Administrator Thelen, Joey Jordan, Firefighters, and Auxiliary Members

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Auxiliary Members Maureen and Jack Wise and President Lettie Lewis were at the board meeting to present a semi-annual donation to the District. Lettie Lewis presented Chairman Stephenson for a check for \$49,000 requesting that \$5,000 go to the Paramedic Scholarship Fund. B. Stephenson thanked the Auxiliary for all of their continued hard work and the donation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Grundel motioned to approve the consent calendar. Director McMahan seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

Chief Wagner attended the meeting this morning and reported:

- County OES is in the process of making changes to the hazardous vegetation ordinance, then it'll go to the Board of Supervisors for final approval. Director McMahan said it's minor clarifications to clean up verbiage.
- State OES requested census information about the District.
- Two wildland urban interface (WUI) drills are coming up at Cascade Shores and in the Wolf Mountain area.
- Nevada County is looking for permanent funding for vegetation management by way of a possible parcel tax fee or increasing the sales tax.
- Homeland Security recently realized they had grant money left over from fiscal year 18/19. We've put in for radios for that year and for 2020/21.

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- The ECC is in the process of upgrading the Cad system; when that begins the public will be able to text to 911.
- The Handle With Care Program for students has been utilized by law enforcement.
- The MOU between NID and fire agencies is being updated.
- Department of Transportation was asking if the fire agencies would support them for roadside vegetation grant funding.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE AGENCY (NCFA-JPA)

Chairman Grundel reported they are having a board meeting in March. They still need to discuss the use and/or cost of using the air station.

LAFCO

Chairman Grundel said they met last month. They discussed the county sanitation annexation that took place at Higgins Corner without first being approved by LAFCo. It's been sorted out. Tomorrow night is the AB 1234 Ethics Training that LAFCo is presenting with Attorney Kit Elliot.

PENN VALLEY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Captain Pitts said the breakfast continues to do well. They just purchased 4 new computers that the District needed.

BENEFIT ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

J. Jordan reported the committee is meeting weekly at her house (Wednesdays @ 2PM). They are collecting endorsement cards and sign-up sheets from people who would be willing to host an informational reception. These will be neighborhood events at which somebody from the committee, a board member or Captains Thomas and Pitts would also attend to inform the public about the assessment and answer questions. She says for this to work we would need at least 20 parties inside LWW since they have the densest population. They have nailed 3 major talking points which will be confirmed at their meeting tomorrow. California Professional Firefighters will be helping with a lot of the printing, but the committee will need at least \$10,000 in donations and they currently have \$4,000.

FIRE CHIEFS REPORT

In addition to the written report in packet Chief Wagner said:

- For January we updated our response to 126 calls.
- We have an employee on personal injury leave. He's using sick leave credits however his doctor released him to modified duty today.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Stephenson asked that "Old Business" be added to the agenda.

1. Outcome of Letter to LAFCO Regarding their Legal Counsel Reviewing Certain Parcels that the District doesn't Receive Property Tax Income for.

Director Grundel said he'd find out where LAFCo is with this and report back.

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2. Status on Letter from NCFCA to Board of Supervisors/Cal Trans regarding Approving Access to Emergency Vehicles at Hwy 20 and Rex Reservoir Crossing
Chief Wagner said the ECC was working on this because they can get all the response times through the CAD system. He said he just received an email today from the ECC.

DISCUSSION/ ACTION ITEMS

VI-1 Fire Suppression Benefit Assessment

Legal Counsel is still reviewing Harris and Associates Engineer's Report, they should be done sometime the middle of next week. K. Grundel motioned to approve the increased parcel charge of \$202.28 from the Engineer's report once approved by Legal Counsel. Director Puphal seconded. Motion unanimously carried by a roll call vote.

VI-2 Approval of Resolution 2020-02 Nomination of K. Grundel for Special District Member of LAFCo

Kurt Grundel is the current Chairman of LAFCo and has been a member since 2006. His four-year position is up in May and he'd like to be nominated for another four years. He has the support of LAFCo and would like our District board to also support him. Director Farrell motioned to approve Resolution 2020-02 Nominating Kurt Grundel for the position of Special District Member for LAFCo. Director McMahan seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

VI-3 Change March Board Meeting Date due to Conflict with the Presidential Primary

The board agreed to push the board meeting out to the second Tuesday March 10th since Nevada County Elections Department rents our meeting room.

VI-4 Possible Approval of Naming the Meeting Room in Honor of Former Fire Chief Ron Hayward

Chairman Stephenson would like to name the Meeting Room Building after Ron Hayward. He was instrumental in getting Penn Valley Fire the first ambulance, training the EMTs, fire and rescue meetings and responding to numerous calls for many years. He put his heart and soul into the fire department even becoming Fire Chief. Director McMahan motioned to move forward with this and design some sort of plaque. Director Grundel seconded. Motion unanimously carried. Once the plaque is done the board would like to have a presentation with his son, daughter and The Union Newspaper.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

1. Director Farrell – He submitted an article about our Paramedic Scholarship Program with Colin Gault's picture to The Wildwood Independent.
2. Chairman Grundel – He's met a few times with Smartsville Fire Board member Rebecca. She's new on their board and was inquiring about The Brown Act, amongst other things. They are having a special board meeting this Thursday @ 6 P.M.
3. Director McMahan – He thanked the Auxiliary for their donation and all they do for us.
4. Director Puphal – None
5. Director Stephenson – None

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INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

(refer to red correspondence book)

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chief Wagner reported that we received a beautiful print of fire activity from an artist's group that lives near where the Kincaid Fire was. The painting was originally 6 x 7 and when it was shown they received many donations. With those donations they made prints for every fire agency that responded (Lt Jon Winslow).

ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hughes
Clerk to the Board

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