

PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
**PENN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
February 7, 2006

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. Mark Frederick led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

PRESENT

Directors: Kurt Grundel, Randy Casto, Roberto Garcia, Bob Webster and Hank Weston

Absent: None

Others: Chief Vander Plaats, firefighters, auxiliary members and members of the public

Secretary-Clerk: Debbie Hughes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Frederick informed the board and audience that CSFA is having their annual meeting March 17 and 18 in Long Beach. The Long Beach Fire Departments are cooperating in letting firefighters stay in their stations.

CONSENT CALENDAR

D. Hughes noted that in the December 6, 2005 minutes under Approval of Draft Audit, that this wording should be included: *The Board recommended making the changes that the Auditor stated in their draft letter.* H. Weston motioned to approve the consent calendar. R. Casto seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Chief Vander Plaats said in addition to report in packet:

- That we are still waiting for S-SVEMS contract.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE AGENCY

Hank Weston reported:

- Maptool is updated and being installed at the various fire departments.

PENN VALLEY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

John Pelonio said there is a boot drive 2/18 that raises money for the burn center. H. Weston explained that the donations fund a camp in the Sierras for juvenile burn victims.

### CHIEF'S REPORT

In addition to report in packet Chief Vander Plaats informed the board:

- That he'd like a committee to review the by-laws and personnel code. H. Weston and B. Webster agreed to work on that.
- That Station 43 became staffed full-time 1/9 and on 1/19 there was a structure fire up the street on Pheasant Lane that was in the garage. If not for the quick response out of S43 he believes in another 3 or 4 minutes it would have spread to the house. We have already had numerous simultaneous calls that we've been able to handle without SNA having to come down the hill.

### DISCUSSION OF EDU'S AND FURHTER RESEARCH OF OPTIONS FOR S43 LAND

R. Casto had been contacted by a local developer regarding the extra EDU's the District owns. It was quickly established that if the EDU's were sold individually the real estate worth would quickly diminish, and the District couldn't address future needs. Other developers have expressed an interest in purchasing the land. It was agreed that a strategic plan needs to be developed and defined as to what the District's needs and goals would be long-term. R. Nolle said that a committee from different groups should be put together for input. It was discussed and the new committee will be: Chief Vander Plaats, Captain Don Wagner, Roberto Garcia, Randy Garcia, Rick Nolle, Chuck Glahn, Linda Davidson, Judy Ten Eyck, and John Pelonio.

### DISCUSSION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND PENN VALLEY COMMUNITY RODEO ASSOCIATION

R. Casto apologized for the slowness in making this happen, but there is a lot to be addressed and the committee has met several times. He said the PVCRA has been very flexible to making the changes requested as facilitator operator. Legal Counsel said that to protect the District he feels he should write the document, rather than critiquing what has already been put together, then adding and deleting verbiage. Our insurance liability carrier basically said if we are doing nothing illegal, which Legal Counsel will address in the contract than they have no problem with it. Illegal being; knowingly spending money on something that won't benefit the District. We are waiting on Legal Counsel's response. Patty Wilkins said the PVCRA's insurance company could add the District and Directors as additional insureds and up the liability limits from 1 million to 3 million. R. Garcia motioned to continue this meeting and discussion to Friday February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. B. Webster seconded. Motion unanimously carried. It was noted that the District committed to 2 more years for the rodeo.

### DISCUSSION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND WESTERN GATEWAY PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT

R. Casto advised the board that WGP has reallocated \$30,000 that was for possible use for the rodeo grounds. B. Winters said WGP has a new board member on it, and they had a special meeting Saturday on this subject. The vote turned out 2 yes, 2 no and 1 abstain. The abstention wanted County Counsel's approval first. These are Prop 40 Funds with hard rules and restrictions attached to them. There is still money potentially available from WGP for the rodeo grounds through Quimby Funds, which aren't restricted. If PVCRA is to be the facility operator than maybe the Quimby Funds can be passed directly through to them. No action was taken.

ANNUAL APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURES FOR NEVADA COUNTY PAYMENT REQUEST AND PLACER SIERRA BANK PETTY CASH

B. Faletti informed the board that the Auditor-Controller requires this form be signed annually. K. Grundel motioned to retain the same County signatures as last year with the exception of adding Hank Weston. B. Webster seconded. Motion unanimously carried. K. Grundel motioned to retain the petty cash account the same as last year. R. Garcia seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

K. Grundel thanked the Auxiliary for their \$45,000 semi-annual donation. The total amount for the year is \$90,000. Over \$800,000 in the last 10 years.

Chief Vander Plaats mentioned that D. Hughes lost her husband and became a new grandma all in the same week. The Firefighter's Association is helping with the food.

D. Bishop is retiring February 20, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hughes  
Secretary to the Board

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