

PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PENN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 5, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Penn Valley Fire Protection District was called to order by Chairman Grundel at 6:40 P.M. at Station 43. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken.

PRESENT

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

Absent: None

Others: Chief Vander Plaats, Barbara Faletti, new Directors Larry Bailey and Bill Neville, firefighters and auxiliary members

Secretary-Clerk: Debbie Hughes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

At the luncheon yesterday the Penn Valley Fire Department Auxiliary made a semi-annual donation of \$100,000 to the District. Betty Strle, a long time member of the auxiliary, passed away and in her estate she left \$64,000 to the auxiliary. The board and Fire Chief expressed their gratefulness to the Auxiliary. President Ten Eyck said she'd like to a plaque put up in B. Strle's honor.

CONSENT CALENDAR

R. Casto motioned to approve the consent calendar. H. Weston seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

See report in packet.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE AGENCY

See report in packet.

LAFCO

H. Weston reported that Chief Keller of Truckee has declared an interest in sitting on the LAFCo board. K. Grundel is already an alternate member but he said he'd like to run for the position also. This is on the agenda later under Discussion/Action items.

PENN VALLEY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

See report in packet.

CHIEF'S REPORT

In addition to report in packet Chief Vander Plaats said:

- That we are \$185.00 in the "black" with the smoke detector program. We have installed 160 detectors and visited/inspected 55 homes. This program is well received by the public and donations are being made to the District.
- He thanked FAE Thomas for his demonstration at the Auxiliary luncheon. He used FF Bevard as a model and showed all of the different gear that needs to be worn when on a call, specifically a fire and the total cost of it all.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO NEW DIRECTORS LARRY BAILEY AND BILL NEVILLE

K. Grundel had the new members recite the Oath of Office and welcomed them aboard. A big thanks was given to the outgoing members Hank Weston and Roberto Garcia. Speaking as a resident of the District, John Pelonio expressed appreciation to the retiring directors for the progress that has been made to the District. The new board members then assumed their positions.

REQUEST FOR SURPLUS AMBULANCE FROM NEVADA COUNTY SHERIFF'S SEARCH AND RESCUE (NCS&R)

Officer Walter Jones explained to the board that the NCS&R relies on donations and volunteers for most of their missions. We would be selling our ambulance for approximately \$3,000 when the new one arrives in February 2007. Officer Jones said that is 1/2 of his budget of one year. The board expressed concern that they have to be careful to not make a gift of public funds. After much discussion it was agreed by all that this donation would actually benefit the citizens of Penn Valley Fire District through public trainings, the use of the ambulance in rescue missions or evacuations, etc. B. Neville motioned to direct staff to formulate a resolution developing an agreement (that Legal Counsel would be happy with) to donate the old ambulance to NCS&R. R. Casto seconded. Motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: L. Bailey, R. Casto, K. Grundel, B. Neville, B. Webster; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None

BREAK: 7:50 – 8:10

AB1600 DEVELOPMENT FEES ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

R. Casto motioned to accept the findings for the AB1600 Development Fees for 2005/06 as presented by staff. B. Neville seconded. Motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: L. Bailey, R. Casto, K. Grundel, B. Neville, B. Webster; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None

NOMINATIONS FOR LAFCO COMMISSIONER DUE TO THE RESIGNATION OF H. WESTON

R. Casto motioned to adopt Resolution 2006-15 nominating K. Grundel for special district member. B. Neville seconded. Motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: L. Bailey, R. Casto, K. Grundel, B. Neville, B. Webster; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None

CONSIDERATION TO CHANGE PERSONNEL CODE REGARDING EMPLOYEES WORKING OUT OF GRADE FOR MORE THAN 12 HOURS.

R. Casto motioned to accept staff's recommendation to change the personnel code to reflect pay to commensurate with grade, effective with the pay period beginning 12/18/06. L. Bailey seconded. Motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: L. Bailey, R. Casto, K. Grundel, B. Neville, B. Webster; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None

CONSIDERATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE TIME OFF FOR CAREER EMPLOYEES

L. Bailey motioned to grant ATO of 12 hours to safety employees and 4 hours to miscellaneous employees as recommended by staff. B. Webster seconded. Motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: L. Bailey, R. Casto, K. Grundel, B. Neville, B. Webster; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None

DISCUSSION WITH EMPLOYEES REGARDING LABOR ISSUE EDUCATION

The labor negotiating committee reported on what has transpired so far in safety employee labor negotiations for the MOU. It was noted that Richard Reed is no longer negotiating for the safety employees; they are negotiating for themselves. The whole package the employees presented to the board was rejected, but not all individual items. R. Casto said he'd like to regroup and hold an open dialog with the safety employees. There was a long constructive discussion tonight. The employees would like the top commitment from the board to be a shorter work week, with the board agreeing they would like to work for this goal. The employees said many safety employees are looking for other jobs due to the long (72 hours) work week. The employees would like to retain the trained personnel they already have instead of being a "revolving door" for so many people. The board was very open to all comments and would like to consider and hear all options from employees to work this out. R. Casto will report on this next month.

ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hughes
Secretary to the Board