

PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PENN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
July 3, 2007

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: Larry Bailey, Randy Casto, Bob Webster; Kurt Grundel and Bill Neville

Absent: None

Others: Chief Vander Plaats, public and firefighters

Secretary-Clerk: Debbie Hughes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chief Vander Plaats said the Auxiliary luncheon was yesterday and they donated \$45,000 to the District. The board was very appreciative.

CONSENT CALENDAR

R. Casto motioned to approve the consent calendar as presented. B. Neville seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Chief Vander Plaats reported:

- Joanne Drummond of the Nevada County Fire Safe Council has been doing an excellent job informing the public on fire safety.
- CalFire is working on a new fire plan for State response area lands. Most of the areas around here that are now considered moderate fire severity will be changed to high.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE AGENCY

K. Grundel talked with Battalion Chief Wagner who brought up many valid points regarding the JPA. The issues are use of the command vehicle, access to the air filling station, and communications. K. Grundel will bring these back to the next JPA meeting.

CHIEF'S REPORT

In addition to report in packet, Chief Vander Plaats said:

- Lake Wildwood Association placed the chain back up at the Station 44 driveway approximately 1 week ago, but at a subsequent meeting it was agreed to temporarily remove it. The LWVA will be discussing it at their 7/17/07 board meeting as they feel it poses a security threat when it is not up. L. Bailey and B. Neville agreed to draft a letter to LWVA.

RESOLUTION 2007-11 CONSIDERATION OF UP TO A 3% CPI FOR THE FIRE BENEFIT ASSESSMENT FEE

The board discussed that this is necessary to pass to try to keep up with inflation. B. Neville motioned to approve Resolution 2007-11, a 3% Consumer Price Index be added to the current fire benefit assessment fee. B. Webster seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 2007-9 ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE AND FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY PROGRAM

R. Casto motioned to approve Resolution 2007-9 as presented. B. Neville seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 2007-10 CITIZENS BANK WAIVER OF SECURITY FOR DEPOSITS OVER \$100,000

Chief Vander Plaats explained that FDIC insures public accounts up to \$100,000. We have 2 CDs at Citizens – one in the amount \$50,000 and one for \$62,500. \$12,500 is not insured, the risk to the District is minimal, and the rate of return is the highest that could be found in Northern CA. L. Bailey motioned to approve Resolution 2007-10 as recommended by the Chief. B. Neville seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF OPERATING PLAN BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST

Chief Vander Plaats said we have a 5-party strike team agreement in place that we usually use. Tahoe National Forest prefers to have their own agreement, so if they needed us they could individually call us up as a resource. This agreement is signed annually; however we have never used it. B. Webster motioned to approve the Tahoe National Forest Operating Plan. R. Casto seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

REVIEW OF BY-LAWS

Tabled until another board meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

1. Director Bailey - Citizen's Review Committee – L. Bailey reported that the committee originally said they'd present their findings in a public forum at the August board meeting, but two members are out of the Country so it'll probably be September.
He also said he attended the NCS DIA (workers comp) meeting. They voted to use on-line training for their special district's members, for such things as ethics and sexual harassment training. It'll cost approximately \$165 to start up and \$400 annually. Chief Vander Plaats and L. Bailey weren't in favor of this since we do our own training, but the district was out-voted.
2. Director Neville – Nothing to report at this time.
3. Director Webster - MOU Negotiations will be discussed in closed session tonight.
4. Vice-Chair Casto – Same as #3 above.
5. Chair Grundel – Nothing to report at this time.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:35 pm pursuant to Government Code Section 54795.6 the board went into closed session.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

The board came out of closed session at 8:12 pm. Action taken in open session:

1. B. Neville motioned to authorize Chairman Grundel to sign the agreement between the District and Battalion Chief Wagner as presented. R. Casto seconded. Motion unanimously carried.
2. B. Neville motioned to authorize Chairman Grundel to sign the agreement between the District and Career Staff as presented. R. Casto seconded. Motion unanimously carried.
3. B. Neville motioned to authorize Chairman Grundel to sign the agreement between the District and Office Staff. R. Casto seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None

ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hughes
Secretary to the Board