

PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PENN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 7, 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, Bob Webster; Kurt Grundel and Bill Neville

Absent: Randy Casto (excused)

Others: Chief Vander Plaats, Battalion Chief Wagner and public

Secretary-Clerk: Debbie Hughes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Chief Vander Plaats reported:

- N.C. Board of Supervisor H. Weston is trying to bring back an EMCC (Emergency Medical Care Committee) to Nevada County. It would give the County a vote in matters with S-SVEMS.
- The CalFire fire plan looks very good; they hope to have the public behind it. Part of that plan would be to eliminate private water sources for firefighting in rural areas. They would like NID to have large community supplies for the rural areas.
- See NCFCA for items discussed.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE AGENCY

K. Grundel reported:

- Air Station – There was concern that the fire districts aren't using the station for filling bottles, but are paying for it. We pay about \$1,000 per year but fill our bottles at Rough and Ready FPD. The reason behind this is that few personnel were trained to use the air station, so bottles would need to be dropped off and picked up at a later time which is inconvenient. This subject was brought before the NCFCA for the Chiefs to determine what should be done. The annual amount districts pay, is for replacement cost in 7 years. This will be brought back to the JPA at their September board meeting.
- Command Vehicle – This is another concern that was addressed at NCFCA meeting. It was thought that only NCCFPD personnel were being trained on this

due to insurance liability issues, but Sheriff Trauner said anyone with a Class B License could be trained. As of this meeting the issue has been resolved as Engineer Clayton Thomas has had training.

CHIEF'S REPORT

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

- Our firefighter that is on Workers Compensation for a back injury may be able to come back to work on light duty.
- We now have 9 interns.
- LWW – At their next board meeting on 8/28/07 the agenda will have an item to consider rescinding the motion that allowed affixing the chain across Station 44's driveway.
- Station 43 Addition – BC Wagner said that Sitrine Architecture is moving forward with the construction documents. They may be ready for approval at the September board meeting.
- We are applying for the 2007/08 Safer Grant for 3 new employees. We could then guarantee 6 people on duty 24/7.

APPROVAL TO USE NEVADA COUNTY'S COMPUTER ON-LINE WEB ACCESS SYSTEM FOR DEPOSITS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

B. Faletti explained that deposits would be made at a local bank and electronically transferred to the Treasurer. Payment requests would also be processed on-line. Use of both of these procedures will save employees' time and District fuel costs. L. Bailey motioned to approve. B. Neville seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF NEW REPLACEMENT VEHICLE FOR BATTALION CHIEF

Battalion Chief Wagner apprised the board of the background work he did on the vehicles, and the bids he received. After discussion, B. Neville motioned to propose to allow staff up to \$38,000 for the purchase of a new command vehicle for the Battalion Chief, with the caveat that staff waits to make decision until the new State pricing comes out. B. Webster seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

REVIEW OF BY-LAWS

B. Neville stated that in going through the SOPs, By-Laws, and Personnel Code he found many items referenced twice, incorrectly, etc. He thinks it would be a good idea to go through

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 NCSDIA (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