

PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PENN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 6, 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: Kurt Grundel, Larry Bailey, Bill Neville and Bob Webster

Absent: Randy Casto (excused)

Others: Chief Vander Plaats, firefighters and auxiliary members

Secretary-Clerk: Debbie Hughes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Discussion/Action Item #4 was requested to be moved to #1.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

See report in packet.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE AGENCY

No meeting.

LAFCo

K. Grundel is on the budget committee and they are just starting their financial review.

PENN VALLEY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Tim Clark has volunteered to spearhead the breakfasts, as the Association elected him President.

CHIEF'S REPORT

See report in packet.

Policy Handbook and Memorandum of Understandings: Chief Vander Plaats said that some of the documents need to be updated, changed or deleted. Staff is helping with this; the Board is welcome to help review also. He also explained that the signed contract (MOU) supersedes policy, except in the case of a federal or state law in place which would take precedence.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. K. Grundel presented a plaque to honor former Board Member Roberto Garcia for his years of service.
2. Our Workers' compensation carrier Northern California Special Districts Insurance Authority (NCS DIA) is requesting member districts to have a voting representative at their board meetings. They have been having trouble getting a quorum. K. Grundel is currently our representative and Chief Vander Plaats is our alternate. The board agreed to have the remaining board members alternates also. (Larry Bailey, Randy Casto, Bill Neville and Bob Webster) When the packet is received from NCS DIA it will be distributed to all board members.

PENN VALLEY COMMUNITY RODEO ASSOCIATION (PVCRA) LEASE DISCUSSION

Bob Webster reported that the PVCRA would like a 5-year lease commitment. Bob Winters (PVCRA) said at the meeting with the board committee they addressed concerns that were brought up last year, and they would be taken care of this year. The PVCRA is having a difficult time raising money, as the bigger organizations ask them how long will they be here, will there be a rodeo next year, and why should they donate money if the PVCRA doesn't have a lease next year? Chief Vander Plaats asked the committee to include the Auxiliary in their discussions. B. Neville motioned to direct B. Webster and R. Casto to negotiate a contract with the Penn Valley Community Rodeo Association to provide a 5-year lease with an option for first right of refusal (if the District should sell the land), with modifications of traffic rerouting at Spenceville and Penn Valley Dr., rerouting pedestrians around Station 43 living area, improve the parking patrol, and improved trash pick-up after the event. L. Bailey seconded. Motion unanimously carried by a roll call vote.

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCo) BALLOT FOR ELECTION

B. Neville motioned to cast a vote to elect Ron Perea of Truckee Fire Protection District for alternate Special District Member. L. Bailey seconded. Motion unanimously carried by a roll call vote.

AMBULANCE RATES REVIEW

Chief Vander Plaats explained that our rates are lower than neighboring public agencies and private sector companies. The board agreed this needs to be addressed but thought the focus at this time should be directed at the February, 2008 ballot measure we hope to have. B. Neville motioned to table this until April 2008. L. Bailey seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL FISCAL YEAR TO DATE REVIEW

The board reviewed the documents in the packet. B. Neville commended the Chief and staff for overall following the bottom line of the budget year-to-date.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

1. STRATEGIC COMMITTEE: L. Bailey and B. Neville updated the board on the Citizen's Committee. In the board packet, see the draft that has the items they

would like the committee to focus on. Although they are looking for a couple more people to participate, they hope to have the committee assembled and meeting by the 3rd or 4th week in March.

2. **PROPERTY AND FACILITY COMMITTEE:**

- A. B. Webster has met with Battalion Chief Wagner for review of Station 43 remodel. The Firefighters had some changes that were given to the Architect.
- B. The rodeo grounds were addressed earlier in the meeting.
- C. Negotiations have been suspended with office personnel. 2007/08 negotiations with safety personnel will begin soon.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:20 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 9:15 pm. K. Grundel reported no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned at 9:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hughes
Secretary to the Board