

PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PENN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 2, 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, Bill Neville, Bob Webster; Kurt Grundel and Randy Casto

Absent: None

Others: Chief Vander Plaats and public

Secretary-Clerk: Debbie Hughes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

In addition to report in packet the board had some questions regarding grants and our grant writer. They suggested that K. Grundel meet with her.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE AGENCY

The NCFCA will be looking into an alternative way of billing for the air station in fiscal year 2008/09. Some of the fire districts have pulled out of the agreement because they've purchased their own air stations. The whole idea behind the JPA agreement was for all districts to participate, and if this doesn't happen the financial burden could be too big on the remaining districts.

CHIEF'S REPORT

In addition to report in packet Chief Vander Plaats stated:

- Now that the minutes from the regular September board meeting have been approved, the certificates of deposit at Citizen's Bank can be withdrawn and deposited with Nevada County Treasurer's Department.

WEB BASED PRE-HOSPITAL PATIENT CARE REPORT AND AMBULANCE BILLING PRESENTATION

FAE Madsen along with Dustin Barton of ESO Solutions presented the board with a web and software program. FAE Madsen has been looking at various software

programs and feels this would be the best fit for the district. This program would streamline the current way that EMS personnel and office staff complete reports and billing. Presentation was made, a question and answer period followed with further discussion by the board. The board requested a customer list be made available for references, determination of which account the funds will be taken out of, and a review of the licensing agreement. B. Neville motioned to approve to move forward with the software purchase not to exceed \$8,370 initially; with the agreement ready for signature at the November board meeting. R. Casto seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

PENN VALLEY COMMUNITY RODEO ASSOCIATION LEASE

Bob Winters from PVCRA said there were a couple of verbiage changes their board requested. Page 2, # 5 conflicts with page 4 #10 underlined. The board agreed to remove *including, without limitation damage to the Leased Premises or to any personal property located thereon* in the last sentence of #5. Page 1, paragraph 1; eliminate *unincorporated non profit association which has filed for.....status.* (They have received their non-profit status.) R. Casto motioned to authorize Chairman Grundel to sign the agreement after the aforementioned changes are incorporated. B. Neville seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

SIERRA-SACRAMENTO VALLEY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
EXCLUSIVE OPERATING AREA AGREEMENT

Chief Vander Plaats reiterated the board's concerns from last month regarding the monitor fee which could potentially increase over the years and the mutual indemnity verbiage in the agreement. S-SVEMS said they want to leave the possible fee increase in the agreement, in case it needs to be raised. However, Chief Vander Plaats added that the S-SVEMS are bound to not make money on the EOA, just monitor and pass on increases if they occur. S-SVEMS' risk managers agreed to put in the mutually indemnified verbiage, as our risk manager requested. B. Neville motioned to approve the agreement. L. Bailey seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORT ON POTENTIAL BALLOT MEASURE

Directors Bailey and Webster met with Chief Vander Plaats as instructed last month to consider a potential ballot measure. Their findings are: a ballot measure is necessary to keep operating at the same level of service in the future, and a mail ballot would be best. The target date would be 10/01/08, which if passed would begin generating revenue January 2010. The board's direction is to keep moving forward with Directors Bailey and Webster on the committee. They would bring updates to each meeting so it could also be worked on at a board level.

AMBULANCE RATE STUDY

The Board raised the ambulance service rates in 2002, and reviewed them again at the March 2007 board meeting. At that time they said to bring back in early 2008, and the CRC Committee suggested looking at the rates also. The District's rates are approximately 20% below the average of all local agencies and 40% below the rates of neighboring public ALS ambulance providers. After discussion the board agreed to present these rates in the form of an ordinance at the next two board meetings. These will be public hearings.

	Resident	Non-Resident
BLS Base Rate	450.00	585.00
ALS 1 Base Rate	700.00	910.00
ALS 2 Base Rate	700.00	910.00
Mileage, per mile	16.00	18.00
Oxygen	70.00	80.00
Supplies/Pharmaceuticals	Cost plus 25%	Cost plus 25%

SITELIINE ARCHITECT AGREEMENT FOR STATION 43

Chief Vander Plaats explained that the 1st draft of the agreement didn't include the sub-contractors such as electrical, engineering, plumbing etc. Legal Counsel reviewed the document we used for the remodeling of Station 44 and suggested we use the same document, which has the Architect including drawings through the bidding process. R. Casto motioned to approve the contract with Siteline Architecture for \$25,245. B. Webster seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

1. Director Bailey – Nothing to report at this time.
2. Director Neville – He handed out a strategic planning discussion compiled from the CRC recommendations and findings report. These are the areas that should be focused on at this time.
3. Director Webster – Please RSVP to the picnic by the 10th .
4. Vice-Chair Casto – Nothing to report at this time.
5. Chair Grundel –The Executive Officer at LAFCo received a large raise.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

It was noted there are some good seminars in the correspondence book.

ADJOURNMENT The board adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hughes
Secretary to the Board