

PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
**PENN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JULY 1, 2008

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, Randy Casto, Bill Neville, and Bob Webster

Absent: None

Others: Chief Vander Plaats and public

Secretary-Clerk: Debbie Hughes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

D. Hughes announced that Donnie Martin had passed away and the PVRCA is holding a benefit fund raiser for the family July 19<sup>th</sup>. Also, the semi-annual auxiliary luncheon is Monday July 7<sup>th</sup> at noon.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chief Vander Plaats said Airhill True Value Hardware is no longer handling charge accounts. 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 board packet Chief Vander Plaats said:

- The District is receiving 8 new handi-talkies tomorrow from the Weapons of Mass Destruction grant.
- Battalion Chief Wagner did an excellent job of organizing the EMS day.
- CalFire is trying to find funding. They are discussing trying to get a portion of property tax monies for SRA land that has homes on them.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE AGENCY

Meeting is later this month.

### CHIEF'S REPORT

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

Our engine is still out on a strike team. They were reassigned from the town of Washington to the Canyon Complex fires. There are three new firefighters on it – 2 part-times and 1 full-time.

### CONSIDERATION OF BID AWARD FOR STATION 43 ADDITION

The low bid received was from MK & Sons at \$197,093. Andrew Pawlowski attended the meeting to answer any questions the board might have. Legal Counsel J. Curtis previously talked with BC Wagner and recommended proceeding ahead with the low bidder and sending letters out to all other bidders. BC Wagner mailed out rejection letters to the other construction companies June 20<sup>th</sup>. The District has 30 days from the opening of bids (June 6<sup>th</sup>) to award the bid or they all have to be thrown out and the process started again. J. Curtis said after awarding the bid and before signing the contract check out all of the bonds. The bidder has 10 days to get all the bond information back to the District. The bidding documents requested that the bids be separated into 2 components: 1. Extra dormer room and washing decontamination room; 2. Patio cover to connect the two buildings. The back patio cover would cost approximately \$30,000 due to all the steel that would be needed for strength and the building materials that would have to tie-in with the existing building. The board members had reservations about spending that much money for a cover and agreed that the main reason for the addition is to get a decontamination room. B. Neville motioned to award the bid to MK & Sons for the dormer room and decontamination washing room in the amount of \$166,470, pending a positive reputation with the State Contractor's License Board. L. Bailey seconded. Motion unanimously carried by a roll call vote.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORTS (Comments also from the continuation on June 16<sup>th</sup>)

1. Director Neville – He attended our workers' comp (NCS DIA) board meeting.
2. Director Webster – MOU discussions will be held in Closed Session. The Penn Valley Lions will host the employee appreciation dinner on July 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be awards, pins and entertainment.
3. Director Bailey – Letters asking different organizations if we could attend their meetings need to be completed and delivered.
4. Director Grundel – The board received a letter from the Pastor of Solid Rock Church stating their unwillingness to install a Knox box system. FAE Thomas has been working on this and is prepared to pursue it further for church compliance.
5. Director Casto – MOU negotiations.

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 the board went in to closed session at 8:45 pm.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

At 9:40 pm the board came out of closed session. It was announced that the Secretary-Clerk has been promoted to Office Manager Step 4 and awarded a 2.8% COLA, effective with pay period beginning June 30, 2008. This position is probationary for 1 year. Battalion Chief Wagner is awarded a 2.8% COLA, and when he steps down and works out of class he'll be paid top step FAE/Medic over time rate, effective 6/30/08

ADJOURNMENT The board adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Debbie Hughes*

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Secretary to the Board

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