

PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PENN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 7, 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 (6:50 due to an emergency), and Bob Webster

Absent: None

Others: Chief Vander Plaats and public

Secretary-Clerk: Debbie Hughes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

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

- To go on a strike team we have to have 4 people, 3/0 staffing isn't good enough.
- If incidents occur along Federal or Federally funded road reflective vests must be worn. This will be funded by an OES grant.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE AGENCY

The September 25, 2008 meeting was cancelled due to no quorum. It is rescheduled for October 23, 2008. Bill Drown of Nevada County Law Enforcement and Fire Prevention Council said they would be paying the \$14,180 for the ProQa software for EMD at the ECC.

LAFCO

K. Grundel said the meeting is tomorrow.

PENN VALLEY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

See report in packet.

CHIEF'S REPORT

See report in board packet.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTING A MAIL BALLOT ELECTION TO ADJUST OUR SPECIAL TAX – RESCUE

Chief Vander Plaats said we should form a committee to move forward with this if we want to go to the taxpayers in May 2009. There was much discussion on this including what other measures could be used to reduce costs. The board has already taken action on most of the recommendations that the Citizen's Review Committee came up with in their report. The general consensus of the board is to move forward with a mail tax ballot in May of 2009, but to also try to come up with any alternatives that we could do.

CONSIDERATION OF PLACING AN ORDER PRIOR TO THE END OF 2008 TO REPLACE A FIRE ENGINE

BC Wagner has been gathering specifications and options for the new engine and passing them along to the apparatus committee. They'll also meet with safety personnel for their input. They will continue working on this project as prices on engines will be going up in 2009.

RESCHEDULING THE NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING (conflicts with the date of election and the use of Station 43 for voting)

After discussion, R. Casto motioned to move the meeting back 1 week to November 11th. B. Neville seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

1. Director Neville – Nothing new to report.
2. Director Webster – Nothing new to report.
3. Director Bailey – He complimented B. Neville on the 2 x 2 fire personnel presentation he did at Lake Wildwood.
4. Director Grundel – Nothing new to report.
5. Director Casto – Nothing new to report.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The issues with the station 43 addition and PG&E are all ironed out and back on track.

ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hughes

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Secretary to the Board