

PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
PENN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
July 7, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Penn Valley Fire Protection District was called to order by Chairman Grundel at 6:35 P.M. at Station 43. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Vander Plaats. Roll call was taken.

PRESENT

Directors: Kurt Grundel, Larry Bailey, Randy Casto, Bob Webster and Bill Neville

Absent: None

Others: Chief Vander Plaats, firefighters, Rick Nolle

Secretary-Clerk: Debbie Hughes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

The board acknowledged that they are very thankful to the Auxiliary for their recent \$50,000 donation. R. Casto motioned to approve the consent calendar as presented. B. Neville seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

In addition to report in packet Chief Vander Plaats said:

- Falls prevention week is 9/21 and we will be hosting a workshop.
- By grant we received 4 radios and 1 toughbook.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE AGENCY

K. Grundel reported that:

- The JPA made a \$400 donation to the Fire Safe Council for the upcoming insert they will have in the newspaper on wildfire prevention preparedness.

LAFCO

- Nothing new to report.

PENN VALLEY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Meeting is tomorrow night.

CHIEF'S REPORT

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

- LWW has put a delay on the down staffing of the North gate in the evening.

RESOLUTION 2009-7 ADOPTING NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) #1403 FOR LIVE BURN TRAINING

B. Neville motioned to approve Resolution 2009-7 as presented. B. Webster seconded. Motion unanimously carried by a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2009-8 ADOPTING NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (NIMS) AS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OUR DISTRICT WILL USE DURING EMERGENCY EVENTS

County OES has advised that this should be adopted. R. Casto motioned to approve Resolution 2009-08 with the few changes that are noted in the board packet. B. Neville seconded. Motion unanimously carried by a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2009-9 ADOPTING OUR SPENDING AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009/10

Chief Vander Plaats explained that every year we calculate and establish our appropriation limit for the next fiscal year. Our income is more than our appropriation limit. Every 4 years we have to go to the voters to request permission to exceed our limit for the next 4 years. This resolution identifies that we have the spending authority for fiscal year 2009/10. B. Neville motioned to approve Resolution 2009-09. B. Webster seconded. Motion unanimously carried by a roll call vote.

LAFCO ELECTION OF ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER.

K. Grundel recommends we vote for Ron Perea as he has been serving in this position already for three years. B. Neville motioned to support. L. Bailey seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE PHYSICAL FITNESS EQUIPMENT FROM BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT FUND

Firefighter/medic D. Boan researched this as one of his collateral duties. He prepared a written report and attended the meeting. Both stations will effectively be matched for exercising. The District's wellness and fitness program states the safety employees must involve themselves in some sort of physical training for 1 hour per day. After more discussion L. Bailey motioned to approve \$10,000 - \$15,000 for exercise equipment for Station 43 and 44, funds to come out of B & E. B. Neville seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

INTERVIEW OF CANDIDATES FOR THE OPEN POSITION ON THE PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chief Vander Plaats said Director Bailey submitted his resignation last month. Rick Nolle was the only person that submitted a resume of interest. The board has put together some questions to ask him. (Please note-These notes are not verbatim; just a summary of Rick's answers.)

Kurt – Why do you want to be on the board?

Rick – I worked hard on Measure R. I have a special place in my heart for the fire staff and the people support the District. It would be an honor to serve on the board.

Larry – What do you find to be the most significant issue?

Rick – Staffing and the funding for staff. In the economic state we are currently in it could be difficult to attract and keep quality people.

Bob - What do you feel is your strongest positive skill or trait?

Rick – I have a positive and optimistic attitude toward problem solving.

Randy – What do you see as desirable long range goals and objectives for the District?

Rick – I would like to see better use of the facility (training for other depts.), equipment replaced in a more timely schedule; a bigger department so that we could be a leader in fire skills, tactics and techniques.

L. Bailey motioned to appoint R. Nolle for the remaining term of 16 months. B. Webster seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

BREAK – 7:35 – 7:50 Congratulations along with a special plaque were given to Larry Bailey.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

1. Director Webster – MOU negotiations in closed session.
2. Director Casto – MOU negotiations in closed session.
3. Director Grundel – He thanked Larry for all of his hard work while serving on this board.
4. Director Neville – He thanked Larry for being a part of this board. Auxiliary – He was flabbergasted that they could raise so much money. They just made a donation of \$50,000.
5. Director Bailey – He said he has been very pleased to be a part of this District by serving on the board. He's proud to have been affiliated with everybody. He has been on many boards, but never on one that works so hard to solve problems and the needs of the public.

#### CLOSED SESSION

The board went into closed session at 8:10. They came out of closed session at 8:20.

B. Webster motioned to approve the Battalion Chief's employment agreement for 2009/10. R. Casto seconded. Motion unanimously carried. B. Webster motioned to approve the Fire Chief's employment agreement for 2009/10. R. Casto seconded. Motion unanimously carried. B. Webster motioned to approve the Office Manager's employment agreement for 2009/10. R. Casto seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

R. Casto said the board agreed to extend the safety employees current MOU up to 60 days while negotiations are continuing.

OATH OF OFFICE Rick Nolle was sworn in.

ADJOURNMENT The board adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Debbie Hughes*

Debbie Hughes, Secretary to the Board

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