



MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Pliocene Ridge CSD

Board of Directors

Date: Thursday October 15, 2020

Location: Alleghany Station 2 with social distancing and masks

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm by President Guyer. Board members present: Daniel Guyer, Bruce Coons and Chris Mills. Director Grace Knowles was absent. Also present were District Chief Chris Dorn, Alleghany Assistant Chiefs David Arbogast and Ned Cusato, AVFD non-profit President Jan Sticha, PCVFD non-profit President Roland Robertson & Treasurer Denise Ruane, Public present: Vicky Tenney. Secretary Rae Bell Arbogast was present and took the minutes.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR: A motion was made to approve the consent calendar with a minor correction to the agenda by Bruce Coons 2nd by Chris Mills 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain, 1 Vacant, Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Correspondence

Incoming: Notice from CDF regarding inspection requirements for all high-rises and detention facilities. Signed agreement for the CDF Fireman's assistance grant, notice from Downieville Fire Protection District that Wayne Marty Creel had been appointed fire chief effective October 1st.

Outgoing: Thank you card to Zac Kostick for donating a hot water heater to the Pike Firehouse, get well card to Lee Brown, FEMA National Fire Dept. Registry update completed online, notification to Cal-Fire that there are no high-rises or detention facilities within the district's boundaries. Thank you card to Dave Jeffrey for removing the stumps next to Alleghany Station 1

b) Committee/Member/Business Reports:

1. *Station 71 Chief's report:* ~ It was reported that there had been one medical transport to Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital since the last meeting. A bleeding control training has been scheduled for November 16th. A motorcade memorial for past Downieville Chief Mike Lozano is scheduled for Sat. November 7th

2. *Station 67 Chief's report* ~ Chief Dorn reported that the Pike Fire Dept had been on a couple of mutual aid calls to Camptonville recently. Both Pike and Alleghany depts will be taking one truck to the motorcade on November 7th. The procession will start in Goodyear's Bar and drive to the memorial service in Downieville.

3. *AVFD Inc. Non-Profit Corp:* ~ Chairman Jan Sticha reported that they are considering a new name: Alleghany Volunteer Fundraising District and that they had one minor change to the draft MOU . (topic discussed later on the agenda)

4. *PCVFD Non-Profit Corp: report* ~ President Roland Robertson reported that they cancelled their annual Christmas Party due to COVID-19 and had worked on the MOU. (topic discussed later on the agenda)

5. *Firewise Community Certification Project* ~ It was reported that the Sierra County Board of Supervisors had approved using title III money to support firewise efforts in Sierra County and they recently approved an allocation of \$500 to Sierra Brooks for GIS Mapping services and another approx. \$90 for the obtaining fire district/dept. maps.

Rae stated that she had followed up with Pat Leach of the Nevada County Fire Safe Council on October 12th and she stated that they have a back-log of applications that they are working on.

Chris Dorn stated that we need to push forward with forming the committees for each community. (See Sept. minutes for more info)

6. *Risk Manager Report*: No report.

7. *Board Member/Staff reports*: Rae Bell reported that a siren test was conducted on Sept. 18th in Alleghany. Only the people in the immediate vicinity of the firehouse could hear it. She had assumed that the houses on the end of Miner's street closest to Casey's Place could hear it, but the mine office and the Allen's reported that they could barely hear it, and only if they were outside.

Evidently Lee Brown with OES has been ill and that is why he has not responded to questions about the homeland security grant for the second siren to be placed at Station 2 (County Yard).

5. ACTION ITEMS

a) *Unfinished Business*

1. *Bylaws-Policies* Nothing prepared for meeting.

2. *Alleghany Firehouse project*: Dave Jeffrey removed the stumps next to the firehouse. A meeting is being planned with the project leads (Dan Guyer, Chris Dorn, Ned Cusato, David & Rae Arbogast) to regroup. It has been more difficult than expected to get labor quotes from outside contractors.

3. *Pike Firehouse Projects*: Rae reported that she and Roland were going to meet with Bruce Boyd for an ADA assessment on October 30th. This was previously scheduled in March but got cancelled due to bad weather and COVID.

4. *Pending grants*: Roland reported that they are working on making the purchases for the current Fireman's Assistance grant.

Rae Bell reported that the district was not awarded the \$15,000 from the California Fire Foundation (CFF) that was applied for last July.

The district does have to go-ahead from CDF to begin making the purchases for the Fireman's Assistance (50/50) grant. The final invoice has to be submitted to CDF no later than June 30, 2021.

5. *Wayman Dam* Roland reported that on the Forest Service website they moved it from December to February to have something done.

b) New Business

1. *Consideration of transferring additional money to reserve funds for FY19/20:* A written summary was provided. It was decided to leave the money in the general fund.

2. *Consideration of sending a letter to the Yuba County Water Agency asking them to close the gate on Hour House Dam road during fire season.* After a discussion it was decided to hold off on making a request.

3. *Discussion about renaming the fire depts* It was noted that the MOU which is currently under consideration includes language that forbids the use of the old fire department names by the district. After a discussion, it was decided that to avoid using the legal names of the non-profit corporations the word "Volunteer" would be removed from each fire dept name, with the understanding that it will take time to change all signs etc. Motion made by Bruce Coons 2nd by Chris Mills **3Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain, 1 Vacant, Motion carried.**

4. *Draft MOU between District and Non-profits* ~ Jan Sticha reported the AVFD board added language stating that the district could not use the future names of the non profits in addition to the current names, but otherwise was ok with the first draft. (He provided a copy with their change) Roland and Denise reported that PCVFD was ok with the changes made since the draft from the committee was finalized adding more clarification regarding the insurance and an escape clause and provided a copy with a few minor changes. It was decided by consensus to incorporate the AVFD change with the PCVFD changes and give the updated copy to AVFD for a preliminary approval. The next step after AVFD looks at it again will be to have the district's attorney review it.

5. *Consideration of hiring the district's attorney David McMurchie to review and make recommendations for the draft MOU.* Rae Bell stated that she had contacted the attorney for an estimate to review the MOU and he said that it could go as high as \$1,000 depending upon how many back-and-forth drafts he has to look at. The PCVFD board stated that they thought it would be best if the district's attorney looks at it first (before their attorney). A motion was made to have the district's attorney look at (and make recommendations for) the MOU after the AVFD non-profit board gives a nod of approval. Motion made by Dan Guyer 2nd by Bruce Coons **3Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain, 1 Vacant, Motion carried.**

6. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 19th at the Pike Firehous with social distancing and masks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rae Bell Arbogast
Secretary