



MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the

Pliocene Ridge CSD Board of Directors

Date: Thursday March 16, 2023 Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Alleghany Station 1 (had to move location at the last minute because the phone was not working at Station 2) and by conference call

1. ESTABLISH QUORUM, CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE: The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by President Larry Allen. **Flag Salute.** Present: Board members, Larry Allen, Bruce Coons Pam Davis, and Chris Mills (both Pam & Chris M. arrived after the consent calendar was approved). Director Grace Lundeen attended by phone. Also in attendance: Pliocene Ridge Fire Chief Chris Dorn, Alleghany Assistant Chiefs David Arbogast and Ned Cusato. Pike Community Support Foundation President Roland Robertson and Treasurer Denise Ruane (by phone). Public present: Vicky Tenney (by phone). Pliocene Ridge CSD Secretary Rae Bell Arbogast was present and took the minutes.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Approval of current Agenda, Minutes for regular meeting held February 16, 2023 plus a minor correction to the Jan. 19th minutes (typo on start time) and Treasurer's report for February 2023. **A motion was made to approve the consent calendar by Bruce Coons, seconded by Grace Lundeen Ayes: Allen, Coons, Lundeen Noes: none Absent: Davis & Mills Abstain: none ~ Motion carried.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: For items not listed on agenda. None

4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Correspondence:

Incoming: Gov. Compensation report letter and PW from Calif. State Controller (scanned and forwarded to Blain Boden), Donation of \$5,000 for the Alleghany Fire Department from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous, Blank Form 700s from Sierra County Clerk-Recorders office

Outgoing: Secretary of State Registry of Public Agencies form SF-405 (used to be called Statement of Information) mailed to the Secretary of State to update the board and officers, notices from Chief Dorn sent to a few individuals who were removed from the active roster this year, due to a lack of training attendance and call response per district policy, new ID cards issued to all active first responders, thank you letter and receipt for tax purposes for \$5,000 donation listed above

b) Committee/Member/Business Reports:

1. Chief's Report ~ Chief Dorn reported that call activity has been light and nothing is burning [snowy weather since last meeting]. He noted that a wet winter can lead to a higher fire danger when things dry out because of the extra vegetive growth. He said that all the surrounding fire districts had been swamped during recent severe winter storms and the light activity in our district speaks to the preparedness and self-sufficiency of our citizens.

2. Assistant Chief's Report: Alleghany Fire Assistant Chiefs David Arbogast and Ned Cusato reported that there was one medical call since the last meeting that was a transport from Alleghany to the Pike Firehouse where an ambulance from Sierra Nevada took the patient. The ambulance isn't fixed but it can be driven. It is going to the mechanics on Wednesday the 22nd.

3. AVFD non-profit corp: ~ Rae Bell reported that she has offered to help them get their non-profit status in good standing and that she met with their Treasurer Coral Spencer earlier that day.

4. Pike Community Support Foundation ~ Roland Robertson stated that he had nothing to report other than for items already on the agenda.

5. *Board Member/Staff Reports* ~ In addition to the written report that was provided in advance, Rae Bell reported that a Rural Medical First Responder Skills Day is going to be held at the Pike Firehouse on April 22nd. This is being paid for with a grant from the district's insurance company plus a grant obtained by the Sierra County Health Dept.

6. *Firewise Community Projects* ~ Rae Bell reported that she attended the Nevada County Firewise Coalition's meeting on March 13th (online).

7. *Firehouse Projects & ADA Compliance:*~ Roland reported that he had received the copy of the ADA compliance survey for the Pike Firehouse from Rae Bell but had not had time to look at it. He wanted to know if it would be ok for him to start looking for money for the bigger Pike Firehouse project and if he could be authorized by PRCSD to talk to the board of supervisors. Larry Allen stated that it would be ok if he looked for money. Rae Bell pointed out that it is great to keep looking for "pots of money" and a grant writer, but the district isn't ready to seek funding yet. Nothing has been decided about what the long-term plan is for adding two engine bays in Pike. Rae also mentioned that the district can most likely get 75% funding from USDA Rural development once the project is defined. It is a source for the other 25% that needs to be found.

8. *Pending Grants:* In addition to the written report provided, Rae reported that the district applied for and was awarded a grant for NARCAN from the State Dept. of Health.

5. ACTION ITEMS

a) *Unfinished Business* None

b) *New Business*

1. *Proposed changes to Policy # 2010 Funds:* A written report was provided suggesting that the sections dealing with splitting mutual aid and emergency response revenue be removed from the policy all together. This would result in all funds earned remaining in the General Fund. After a brief discussion a **motion was made by Chris Mills to remove both sections from the Policy as suggested above. 2nd by Bruce Coons. Ayes: Allen, Davis, Coons, Mills Noes: none Absent: none Abstain: Lundeen ~ Motion carried.**

2. *Approval for treasurer to leave mutual aid standby call revenue earned in 2022 in the General Fund.* Roland Robertson wanted it in the record that he was opposed to both this item and the one above in item B.1 Vicky Tenney stated that she also opposed both actions. **A motion to authorize the treasurer to leave the mutual aid revenue in the general fund was made by Chris Mills and seconded by Bruce Coons Ayes: Allen, Davis, Coons, Mills Noes: none Absent: none Abstain: Lundeen ~ Motion carried.**

3. *Authorize staff to purchase new tires for engine 7180 and have the air conditioning repaired, the engine brakes and front alignment checked. To be paid for out of the general fund.* **A motion was made to authorize staff as listed above, 2nd by Chris Mills. Ayes: Allen, Davis, Coons, Lundeen, Mills Noes: none Absent: none Abstain: none ~ Motion carried.**

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEXT MEETING DATE & AGENDA ITEMS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2023 at the Pike Firehouse.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rae Bell Arbogast, Secretary