



MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Pliocene Ridge CSD

Board of Directors

Date: Wednesday October 16, 2019

Location: Alleghany Firehouse, 105 Plaza Court

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by President Guyer. Board members present: Daniel Guyer, Chris Mills and Bruce Coons. Gracie Knowles did not notify the Secretary that she could not be there. Also present was Pike City Assistant Chief Jim Buckbee and Alleghany Assistant Chiefs David Arbogast & Ned Cusato; PCVFD non-profit President Roland Robertson and Treasurer Denise Ruane. Public present: Vicky Tenney and Hilary Alexander. Pliocene Ridge CSD Secretary Rae Bell Arbogast was present and took the minutes. Flag Salute.

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: [at the end of the meeting] Vicky Tenney wanted to know if the district board was going to address the toxic waste issue in Alleghany to answer the public's concerns. It was explained to her that this is not something that is under the district's jurisdiction. It would be handled at a higher level such as OES.

4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) *Correspondence:* **Incoming:** None

Outgoing: Audit engagement letter for FY 19/20 sent to Boden Klein and Sneesby, Accounting back-up for FY 18/19 also mailed to the auditors, thank you cards to: Bill Adasiewicz for assistance with easement legal docs, to Pam Saporta for deeding the easement back to the district, to Ned Cusato, David Arbogast and Larry Vieira for donating their pay from the Minnesota fire back to the Alleghany Fire Dept.

b) *Committee/Member/Business Reports:*

1. *Alleghany Assistant Chiefs David Arbogast & Ned Cusato* reported that things have been quiet since the last meeting with no runs. The firewise community presentation that Chris Dorn arranged in Pike the previous Monday was very informative, the power was out for three days due to the PG&E safety shut-off and the repeater went down the day after it came back on. It is back up.

2. *Pike City Assistant Chief Jim Buckbee* Reported that Chris Dorn apologized for not being able to attend the meeting. He had a medical training that he needed to attend. Tom Starr officially retired on his 75th birthday. They had two mutual aid calls for fires but got cancelled. There also was a fire on graveyard hill which is in the PRCSD district but our depts. did not get called. The Forest Service was nearby when it started and they got it out quickly. It was about ¼ acre.

3. *AVFD Inc. Non Profit Corp:* It was reported that they are working on their bylaws and have already adopted changes to address the role that they now fill with the formation of PRCSD.

4. *PCVFD Non Profit Corp:* Roland reported that he attended the firewise community meeting and it was very interesting. He asked if there was going to be a follow-up meeting. It was explained that a similar presentation is being planned for Alleghany, tentatively scheduled for

Nov 7th. Roland went on to report that Zac Kostick one of the firefighters participated in a Charity Shooting contest for law enforcement and took first place. The prize was \$3,000 to go to his favorite charity and he chose the PCVFD non-profit corporation as the recipient. They also got word that the “round up” event at the Briar Patch Market raised \$6,500 which will be presented to them as a photo op. sometime in the near future. They are going to try putting in for it again in about a year.

Denise stated that she wanted it in the record that the non-profit’s official name does not include the word auxiliary. That it has never been part of their name.

5. *Risk Manager Report:* Dan reported that he, Chris Mills and Rae Bell would be going to the district’s insurance company’s (GRSMA) annual conference in Corning on Wed. the 23rd.

6. *Board Member/Staff reports:* Rae Bell reported that ISO has not contacted the district to do the survey. She will reach out to them. The map for Pike never arrived, she has been going back-and forth with an ISO representative on the issue of not getting the map since August.

5. ACTION ITEMS

a) *Unfinished Business*

1. *Ongoing Policy & Procedure review/update:* Some minor changes to page 8 of the bylaws were included in the meeting packets. A motion to approve the changes as presented was made by Bruce Coons 2nd by Chris Mills **3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain, 1 Vacant, Motion carried.**

2. *Alleghany Firehouse project:* No report.

3. *Pike Firehouse Projects:* Roland Robertson reported that the stairs are finished and they are just waiting for the County inspector to sign off on them. For the standby generator project Dan Guyer reported that the generator is bolted down, the new propane tank is installed, they are just waiting for the electrician to come up and install the meter and transfer switch. It should be in the next day or two.

4. *OES grant projects in Alleghany: Dispatch Office* Nothing new to report.

Siren and back-up generator: Rae hasn’t gotten the additional estimates yet.

5. *Wayman Dam Project:* Roland reported that there is a website where the Forest Service lists the status of pending permits and the Wayman Dam Project application was moved to March.

d) *New Business*

1. *Consideration of hiring an attorney for the non-profit/special district issue:* Denise Ruane explained the results of the PCVFD non-profit corporation’s recent consultation with a corporate attorney. She explained that the non-profit needs to file paperwork to remove the firefighters from under its authority; this is not something that the district does, the non-profit has to do it for itself. She also stated that the district has no right to use the name PCVFD that it belongs to the non-profit corporation. Jim Buckbee suggested that the word “volunteer” could be dropped and the district would refer to the fire dept. as The Pike City Fire Dept. to help differentiate it from the non-profit corporation. Denise explained that the non-profit will be changing its name for better transparency but they have not decided what that will be yet. She also asked if the district would consider changing its logo to remove the PCVFD, this will be placed on the next meeting

agenda for consideration. After further discussion it was decided to table the motion to hire an attorney.

2. *Acceptance of fiscal year 18/19 donations.* The PCVFD non-profit corporation bought two sets of turn-outs for a total of \$4, 442.31 for the Pike City Fire Department. A motion to accept the donation and add it to the district's inventory for insurance purposes was made by Dan Guyer 2nd by Bruce Coons. **3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain, 1 Vacant, Motion carried.**

NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2019 at the Pike City Firehouse. Adopting the 2020 meeting calendar and considering changing the district's logo will be on the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rae Bell Arbogast
Secretary