

Pliocene Ridge Community Services District
Serving the Communities of Alleghany, Forest City and Pike City
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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Tuesday May 19, 2026, 6:30 pm Location: Alleghany Station 2
For phone Conference dial 978-990-5144 Access code 6919768#

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1. ESTABLISH QUORUM, CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a) Approval of Agenda b) Approve Minutes for regular meeting held April 21, 2026 c) Ratify Treasurer's report & bill payments for April 2026**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: The public may be heard before or during the consideration of any agenda item to be considered by the board, subject to reasonable time limitations for each speaker. Members of the public may address matters under the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors, and not on the posted agenda, provided that no action shall be taken by the board unless the matter is deemed urgent by a 2/3 vote, or unanimously if less than 2/3 are present.

4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS, STAFF &/OR COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Correspondence since last meeting –
- b) Committee/Member/Business Reports:
 - 1. District Chief's report
 - 2. Assistant Chiefs' reports
 - 3. Alleghany Fire Department Auxiliary
 - 4. Board Member/Staff Reports
 - 5. Firewise Communities –
 - 6. Firehouse Projects & ADA Compliance ~ Both Departments-
 - 7. Pending Grants – Water tanks

5. DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

- a) Unfinished business:
 - 1. District Fire Chief Position
- b) New business:
 - 1. Administrative Pay (Secretary and District Manager)
 - 2. Policy and Procedure for Water Tank Placement
 - 3. Request from Forest City for one or two tanks

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEXT MEETING DATE & AGENDA ITEMS ~ The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 16, 2026 in Pike. Agenda items: Preliminary Budget Adoption,

7. ADJOURNMENT

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MEETING MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tuesday April 21, 2026, 6:30 pm Location: Pike City Firehouse Nobody phoned in on the conference call option.

1. ESTABLISH QUORUM, CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Flag salute.

Board members in attendance: President Donna Williamson, Vice President Chris Mills, Director Oregon Burns Tenney IV, Director Chris King

Also in attendance: District Chief Jim Buckbee, Assistant Chief Ned Cusato, Assistant Chief David Arbogast, District Manager Rae Bell Arbogast, minutes taken by Secretary to the Board Genesis Devine.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

a) Approval of Agenda b) Approve Minutes for regular meeting held March 17, 2026 c) Ratify Treasurer's report & bill payments for March 2026

Without objection the consent calendar is approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS, STAFF &/OR COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Correspondence since last meeting – None

b) Committee/Member/Business Reports:

1. District Chief's report: Chief Buckbee reports that the district is experiencing a quiet time. There was 1 call for a standby for a landing zone, & 1 medical call at the 16 to 1 mine. The command rig is still out of commission. They have replaced multiple parts & reprogrammed it to no avail. Additionally, several new members are taking a basic-40 course in Camptonville. IIPP annual trainings in progress, covered Heat Illness Prevention and Bee Stings.

2. Assistant Chiefs' reports: Director King, Assistant Chief Cusato & District Manager Arbogast attended West Side Fire Mitigation Meeting in Downieville on April 6th. The meeting was organized by Sierra County Office of Emergency Services. Pike's old rescue truck has been removed from the county garage in Allegheny & brought to Chief Buckbee's house to remove the radios and other equipment before putting the truck up for auction. The district hopes to get \$10,000+ at auction

3. Alleghany Fire Department Auxiliary - The annual meeting will be held on April 30th. There are 2 new board nominees on the ballot from Pike. The goal is to create a combined Alleghany-Pike Auxiliary due to the difficulty in finding board members/volunteers.

4. Board Member/Staff Reports: District Manager Arbogast reports that she is continuing to work on the streetlight issue. The google map issue is in progress by Secretary of the board, Genesis Devine. The district will receive a \$928 rebate from the RMAP insurance rebate program. This is an increase of about \$300 from last year. The medic in Downieville has requested a meeting to discuss mutual aid concerns this coming Thursday, April 23rd.

5. Firewise Communities – Local resident Ehme Haas would like to join the committee. District Manager Rae Bell & Ehme will be meeting with forester JoAnn Fites of the Nevada County Firesafe Counsel this Friday here at the Pike Firehouse to work on the 5 year assessments for both Pike and Alleghany. They are due by November of this year. JoAnn will be helping to update the current inaccuracies of the Pike map & providing advice on how to get more community engagement.

6. Firehouse Projects & ADA Compliance ~ District Manager Arbogast & Assistant Chief Cusato report that the foundation for the new building is in progress. The county inspection on footings and steel was done on Thursday, April 16. They intend to pour concrete on Monday, April 27th. The delay is due to the supply of concrete.

7. Pending Grants – Water tanks- 7 water tanks have been delivered in Pike and 10 delivered to Alleghany. (The tanks in Alleghany were acquired by the water district there) It will be on next month's agenda to create a Policy and Procedure for tank placement in Pike.

5. DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

a) Unfinished business:

1. District Fire Chief Position: The Chief Officers have not had a chance to meet as discussed in March. The board discussed possibilities of different leadership models used in surrounding districts.

b) New business:

1. Consider revisions to Policy # 1021 Record Retention: Donna Williamson presented language changes to current policy. Motion to adopt changes to Policy 1021 as outlined was made by Chris King, 2nd by Chris Mills. Ayes: Williamson, Mills, Tenney, King, & Davis. Noes: none, Abstained: none

2. Consider adoption of Policy for Cadet Program: District manager Rae Bell had inquired about having a cadet program due local interest. President Williamson presented a draft policy for this program which incorporates best practices and safety standards for cadet programs. The board reviewed the proposed policy and minor changes were suggested during the Board discussion. Motion to adopt policy for establishing the cadet program with the incorporation of the suggested edits made by Oregon Tenney & 2nd by Chris Mills. Ayes: Williamson, Mills, Davis, King, & Tenney. Noes: none Absent: none

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEXT MEETING DATE & AGENDA ITEMS ~ The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 19, 2026 in Alleghany. Agenda items: Preliminary Budget first presentation for June Adoption, Policy & Procedure for how tanks will be placed & agreement with landowner.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:30

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by

Genesis Devine, Secretary

Pliocene Ridge CSD ~ Treasurer's Report for April 2026				Beginning Checking Account Balance	\$	3,263.10
DEPOSITS						
	Date	From:	For:			Amount
	4/23	Museum	Mouse trap reimbursement		\$	20.64
	4/28	Savings	Funds Transfer		\$	1,000.00
				Deposits Total	\$	1,020.64
EXPENDITURES						
Ck #	Date	To:	For:			
EFT	4/1	WA Bank Credit Card		Details Below	\$	311.44
		Reeds Locksmith	Command Rig 6700 lock problem	\$ 250.00		
		Amazon	2 American Flags, may sell one to ACWD for park	\$ 45.95		
		CVS	medical supplies	\$ 70.50		
		B&C	Trash can for Pike FH to help with mouse problem	\$ 43.54		
			Credit for returned starlink equipment	\$ (98.55)		
EFT	4/3	PG&E			\$	730.81
			Allegheny Station 1	178.36		
			Pike City Firehouse	\$ 218.80		
			Forest City Streetlights	\$ 36.85		
			Allegheny Streetlights	\$ 296.80		
2843	4/16	AT&T			\$	72.16
2844	4/16	Interspiro	4 SCBAS annual maintenance		\$	540.00
			Quickbooks software 1/3 PR module + per employee \$7 per month Dec thru			
2845	4/16	Rae Bell Reimburse	March		\$	282.33
2846	4/28	Genesis Devine	Feb and March Secretary 4.5 hours Gross \$76.05		\$	70.23
2847	4/28	Rae Bell Arbogast	March Admin 13.25 hours Gross \$223.93		\$	206.81
2848	4/28	Oregon Tenney IV	mileage reimbursement April BOD meeting		\$	21.75
2849	4/28	Sierra City FPD	CPR Class for one of our firefighters		\$	87.07
EFT	4/28	EDD	remainder on State PR taxes for 1st quarter 2026		\$	14.62
EFT	4/28	IRS	remainder on Federal PR taxes for 1st quarter 2026		\$	61.24
				Expenditures/transfers out Total	\$	2,398.46
Reserve Account Detail						
Contingency	\$	21,500.00				
Allegheny Fire Unallocated	\$	8,000.00				
Pike City Fire Unallocated	\$	26,950.00				
Allegheny Firehouses	\$	4,109.37				
Pike City Firehouse	\$	6,725.22				
Allegheny Fleet	\$	4,588.78				
Pike City Fleet	\$	1,202.95				
Allegheny Dispatch Office	\$	700.00				
Streetlights	\$	9,460.62				
EMS Vehicle Fund	\$	250.00				
Interest Earned	\$	12.28				
Reserve Account Total	\$	83,499.22				
				Ending Checking Account Balance	\$	1,885.28
				Starting Savings account balance	\$	114,590.09
				4/28 TR to checking	\$	(1,000.00)
				Ending Savings Account Balance	\$	113,590.09
				General Fire Fund Total	\$	115,475.37
				All Fire Funds (including reserves)	\$ 294,530.31	
Note: Current year streetlight income/expense is comingled with general fire fund.						
				Reserve account Starting Balance	\$	83,499.22
				Reserve account Ending Balance	\$	83,499.22
				Total All Funds	\$	303,990.93
CA Class investment						
	Beginning balanc	\$	104,698.64			
	Interest	\$	317.70			
CA Class ending Balance						
		\$	105,016.34			
Capital Imp. Fund =\$31,377.89 Gen. Fire Fund =\$73,638.45						
Report prepared by Rae Bell Arbogast, Treasurer						
Verified against bank statement and QB balances by: X						
Note: Savings and Reserve account reconciled quarterly.						



Staff report for meeting date 5/19/2026

Prepared by Rae Bell Arbogast, District Manager/Treasurer

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Agenda item 4. a) Correspondence since last meeting.

Incoming: Outgoing: A thank you letter and receipt for tax purpose was sent to the AK & CM Jennings Foundation for a \$3,000 donation to the Pike Fire Department.

Agenda item 4. b) 5 Staff Reports.

- Streetlights: Work is ongoing to get the lights in Alleghany sorted out. Two applications for fixture removals on lights that the district requested be shut-off many years ago were submitted after getting set-up in PGEs online construction portal. A description of one light in the County Yard that PRCSO is paying for was sent to the new director of public works. We continue to follow-up on one light on Kanaka Creek Rd that was never upgraded.
- The Government Compensation Report for 2025 was filed with the State Attorney General's Office on May 1st. It was a day late. In the past the auditors did this for us, but now we are expected to do it ourselves.

Agenda item 4. b) 6 Firewise On 4/24/26 Ned Cusato, Ehme Haas and I met with forester Jo Ann Fites of the Wildfire Ready Coalition. She is helping with the 5-year assessments for both the Alleghany and Pike Firewise Communities. They are due this year.

"Ehme" Emily Haas has agreed to join the Firewise Committee (at this point we have one committee for both communities). Ned and she will be attending a Qualified Entities Training put on by the coalition on May 31st. This is the equivalent of the "Defensible Space Adviser" training that we weren't ever able to get signed up for. (COVID hit and they quit holding them.)

Jo Ann also explained to us that any participation by committee members in any public event can be counted in the Firewise portal as an "Event". (A minimum of one per year is required for annual renewal) For example, our meeting with her and attendance at the West-Side County-wide Fire Mitigation Regional coordinator meeting on April 6th can be counted.

We also went over the map for the Pike Firewise Community. A revised map has been prepared but it must be submitted with the annual renewal packet in November. (There is no way to update it any sooner than that.)

Alleghany Fire Department Auxiliary

The auxiliary had its annual membership meeting on April 30th. Ryan McCoy and Emily "Ehme" Haas were elected by the membership and are now board members. The auxiliary has a full board for the first time in many years. After verifying the requirements, a fictitious business name statement was filed with the county. A DBA (Doing Business As) "The Fire Auxiliary" will be used with the tag line: Serving Alleghany, Forest City and Pike. A follow-up board meeting is scheduled for April 21st by conference call.