



MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Pliocene Ridge CSD

Board of Directors

Date: Thursday February 18, 2021 6:30 pm

At the Pike City Firehouse

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm by President Guyer. Board members present Daniel Guyer, Larry Allen, Grace Knowles and Chris Mills. Director Bruce Coons joined the meeting at 7:00 pm. Also present were District Chief Chris Dorn and Alleghany Assistant Chiefs David Arbogast & Ned Cusato, PCVFD non-profit President Roland Robertson, Treasurer Denise Ruane & director Marge Cole, AVFD non-profit Chairman Jan Sticha. Public present: Vicky Tenney. Secretary Rae Bell Arbogast was present and took the minutes.

Flag Salute

2. CONSENT CALENDAR: A motion was made to remove the agenda item from the consent calendar and adopt it by Chris Mills 2nd by Larry Allen Ayes: Allen, Guyer, Knowles, Mills Nays: none Absent: Coons Abstain: none Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA A motion to move the fire truck item to the beginning of the agenda and to add two items under new business: 1 to authorize the district treasurer to request title III money from the County for the firewise effort & 2. to consider swapping out one of the Ad Hoc committee members. Motion made by Chris Mills 2nd by Larry Allen Ayes: Allen, Guyer, Knowles, Mills Nays: none Absent: Coons Abstain: none Motion carried.

POTENTIAL NEW FIRE TRUCK (NEW BUSINESS) Chief Dorn explained that he has been working with North San Juan Fire District (NSJFD) to ensure that Pliocene Ridge CSD gets first dibs on any trucks that NSJFD is trading out for newer models. He pointed out that almost half of the district's emergency calls last year were mutual aid calls to either North San Juan or Camptonville. It is in NSJFD's interest to have the best possible response from Pike when they need it. He had been hoping for a type 3 engine, but N. San Juan decided to surplus their type 6 instead of their older type 3.

NSJFD Chief Flores offered the truck to Chief Dorn for \$15,000. Chief Dorn and crew showed the truck to all in attendance including a demonstration of its foam capability. The truck only has 24,500 miles on it with less than 400 hours on the pump. It doesn't require a special license to drive (as a type 3 does) and it is a four-wheel drive. It is a 1998 Ford Diesel. The asking price is an approximately 50% donation to the Pike Fire Department because similar used trucks are listed at \$30,000.

Pike VFD non-profit President Roland Robertson stated that his organization is in a position to make the purchase 100% and he would call a special meeting to discuss it. The only caveat would be that the truck remains in Pike.

The Pliocene Ridge Board made a motion to authorize Chief Dorn to let North San Juan know that the district wishes to purchase the truck and the price is acceptable. [funding details to be worked out later] **Motion made by Chris Mills 2nd by Bruce Coons Ayes: Allen, Coons, Guyer, Knowles, Mills Nays: none Absent: none Abstain: none Motion carried.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) *Correspondence*

National Fire Protection Association annual survey received, filled out and sent back. Special Districts Financial Transaction Report cover page signed and mailed to the State Controller's office (the auditors file the actual report electronically), thank you card send to Pike City VFD non-profit for their continued support of the Pike Fire Department, memo sent to all directors with an updated index for the district's Policies & Procedures, Request for the Gov. Compensation Report for 2020 from the State Controller's office (forwarded to district auditors). Statement of facts updating the slate of directors sent to the Secretary of State.

b) *Committee/Member/Business Reports:*

1. *Station 67 Chief's report* ~ Chief Dorn reported that the firewise USA application was submitted for Pike earlier that day and Alleghany's should be going in soon. This will be huge for improving the safety of firefighters in the event of a fire, getting grants, and helping with insurance availability and pricing.

2. *Station 71 Chief's report:* ~ David Arbogast reported that both fire departments (Pike and Alleghany) had their first training in a long time [since the last COVID-19 uptick]. The training was held on February 15th and it was a "Stop the Bleed" training presented by a nursing student from UNR Melissa Lowe. A special training kit was donated to the district so that we can continue to train with it. The plan is to resume training every-other Monday. He also reported that there were two cancelled medical calls since the last meeting.

3. *AVFD Inc. Non-Profit Corp:* ~ Chairman Jan Sticha reported that they have had very few meetings because of Covid-19. They briefly had a full board, but now have a vacancy again.

4. *PCVFD Non-Profit Corp: report* ~ President Roland Robertson reported that they are preparing the documents to change their name. They had their first face-to-face meeting in a long time the previous week.

5. *Firewise Community Certification Project* ~ Report provided in writing (attached to these minutes).

6. *Risk Manager Report:* No report.

7. *Board Member/Staff reports:* Report provided in writing (attached to these minutes)

5. ACTION ITEMS

a) *Unfinished Business*

1. *Bylaws-Policies* – Nothing prepared in time for the meeting.

2. *Firehouse projects and ADA compliance:* Report provided in writing.

3. *Pending grants:* Report provided in writing. Roland added that his organization got the 6 wildland shelters and packs. (web-gear) as part of their CDF grant. The turn-outs have been ordered.

4. *Status of attorney consult re: MOU* A draft MOU was received from the attorney earlier that day. Copies were distributed and it was noted that the Ad Hoc committee needs to reconvene to go over it.

b) New Business

1. *(Fire truck purchase moved to beginning of agenda.)*

2. *Change of one MOU Ad Hoc Committee member.* After a brief discussion, a motion was made to swap PRCSD committee member Daniel Guyer for Larry Allen. **The motion was made by Bruce Coons 2nd by Chris Mills Ayes: Allen, Coons, Guyer, Knowles, Mills Nays: none Absent: none Abstain: none Motion carried.**

3. *Request title III money for firewise effort* After a brief discussion, a motion was made to authorize Rae Bell to draft a letter requesting title III funds from the County to cover administrative costs related to the firewise USA community effort. **The motion was made by Bruce Coons 2nd by Chris Mills Ayes: Allen, Coons, Guyer, Knowles, Mills Nays: none Absent: none Abstain: none Motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEXT MEETING DATE & AGENDA ITEMS The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2021. The location will be determined based upon the COVID-19 situation and health department mandates.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rae Bell Arbogast
Secretary