



MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Pliocene Ridge CSD Board of Directors

Date: Thursday October 21, 2021 6:30 pm

Held by conference call

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by President Guyer.

Board members present Daniel Guyer, Larry Allen, Grace Knowles and Chris Mills. Director Bruce Coons joined the meeting after the consent calendar was approved. Also in attendance: District Chief Chris Dorn, Alleghany Assistant Chief David Arbogast, Pike Community Support Foundation President Roland Robertson and Treasurer Denise Ruane, AVFD non-profit Secretary Lynn Russell, member of the public Vicky Tenney and PRCSD Secretary Rae Bell Arbogast who took the minutes.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Agenda, Minutes and Treasurer's report

A motion was made to approve the consent calendar as presented by Larry Allen, 2nd by Grace Knowles

Ayes: Allen, Guyer, Knowles Mills Nays: none Absent: Coons Abstain: none ~ Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Vicky Tenney reported that caller ID and call waiting were needed on the phone line at the Alleghany firehouse Station 1 for dispatch. She was told that management will take care of it.

4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Correspondence See Staff report for list.

b) Committee/Member/Business Reports:

1. Chiefs Report ~ Chief Dorn reported that activity has been light with 2 medical calls, and a mutual aid medical response. Attendance at training has picked up a little. He has spoken to some Nevada County people about apparatus for the district very cheap.

2. Assistant Chief's report: Assistant Chief Arbogast reported that he is getting back into the swing of things after being out of the area all summer. PG&E planned a power shut-off that did not happen, but they had to move everything in and out of Station 2 to accommodate them.

3. AVFD Inc. Non-Profit Corp: ~ Lynn reported that they are still working on their name change. They have had some issues getting financials for the board of equalization audit. Jan Sticha has drafted new articles of incorporation for board approval.

4. Pike Community Support Foundation ~ Roland reported that they are still working on getting their banking in the new name. The deadline for their next newsletter is November 1st. They are really concerned about the toll that the lack of events due to COVID is having on community connection. They are hoping to have a Christmas Party without a raffle, if conditions allow for it. They would like it to be a district-wide event.

5. Firewise Community Projects ~ Provided in writing on Staff report. Additionally, the signs for Alleghany still need to be mounted. Grace Knowles wanted to know how to get a copy of Pike's firewise certificate. It was explained that it is available on the district website under the "firewise" link at the top of the page.

6. Board Member/Staff reports: Daniel Guyer read a letter of resignation, attached to these minutes.

7. Wayman Dam Project Rae Bell provided a report in writing. Roland wanted to share his position on the project: He thinks that the project would be nice to have but he sees public funding as an issue, and thinks that a formal legal opinion is needed. He agrees with Rae's statement that it would be a "long shot" to get the project done in time to take advantage of the \$20,000 allocation from the board of supervisors. He hopes that the money could be applied to something else if it isn't used for the pond.

Chris Mills asked if the pond was only going to be for helicopter drafting. It was explained that was not a primary use. Being able to fill fire trucks is the intended primary use.

Chris Dorn explained that a stand-pipe isn't really needed. The hydrant that is there now works great for filling up trucks. He stated that he is a strong proponent of the project, however it is funded. If there is a fire more than 50 to 100 acres water supply is going to be an issue. Water will have to be trucked. Having this pond could be a game a changer in the event of a catastrophic wildfire.

8. *Firehouse Projects & ADA Compliance*: Written report on Alleghany Firehouse Project provided. Nothing to report regarding the Pike Firehouse.

9. *Pending Grants*: OES SIREN FOR ALLEGHANY Nothing to report OES AIR BAGS & CAMERA FOR PIKE Nothing to report. CDF FIREMANS 50/50 nothing to report.

5. ACTION ITEMS

a) *Unfinished Business*

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

2. *MOU between the District and the non-profit corporations*: It was explained that the Alleghany non-profit needs to adopt their new name before the addendum restating the legal names of all parties can be executed. This is being kept on the agenda as a reminder.

b) *New Business*

1. *Accept donations from Pike VFD non-profit Corp*: A list of purchases made prior to the non-profit's name change was provided and is attached to these minutes. **A motion to accept the donation of equipment valued at \$8,855.20 was made by Bruce Coons 2nd by Larry Allen. Ayes: Allen, Coons, Guyer, Knowles Mills Nays: none Absent: none Abstain: none ~ Motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEXT MEETING DATE & AGENDA ITEMS

Grace wanted everyone to note the date of the Christmas potluck: Saturday December 11th.

Chris Dorn thanked Dan Guyer for his years of service on the board, stating that Dan has been a shining beacon of light, leading the meetings and staying focused. He wishes that he could refuse his resignation. Everyone agreed. Dan said thank you and he will still continue to serve the district, but not in an official capacity.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2021 in Alleghany at Station 2.

Agenda items: move from "reports" to "action items" for further discussion and possible action: Alleghany Firehouse Project, Wayman Dam Project

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rae Bell Arbogast
Secretary

STATEMENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Pliocene Ridge Community Services District

Dear fellow Board members, staff, Chiefs, and interested member of the community

I have decided to resign my position as a member, and President of the PRCS District Board of directors, effective as of the adjournment of this meeting. I am glad that we now have a full slate of directors, so that we can have a full quorum, and business can be carried on as normal.

The issue that has brought this up is the District's recent decision to take a lead role in pursuing the project to dredge out the Wayman Dam pond, as a source of water for fire fighting use. As many of you may know, I hold a water right to use the water released from that impoundment for irrigation purposes. This dam has been used strictly as a point of water diversion, and never as a storage facility, since I have been here.

I feel that the appearance of a conflict of interest on my part could harm the district. As Risk Manager, and Board member I would not want that to happen.

As has been acknowledged, the property on which the dam/pond and some of the conveyance lies, is part of Tahoe National Forest. The water of "Texas Ravine" was first diverted for agricultural use by Thomas Wayman in around 1860. The Waymans were ranchers, teamsters, and miners, and owned a great deal of land in Pike, definitely more than 1200 acres. Thomas Wayman applied for and was granted all the water in Texas Creek, above his diversion, in 1867.

When I became a landowner of a small part of the Wayman Ranch, but a part that used most of the water, in 1974, the Forest Service required me to renew an existing special use permit, for the use and maintenance of the part of the system on USFS land. Since there were two other land-owners at the time, whose properties (also part of the original ranch) were served by the pipeline, we were required to form an organization to apply for this permit. That organization, the Wayman Ranch Pipeline Association still exists to this day. I have renewed the Special Use Permit every year since around 1975.

However, I did not conceive of this project to improve the pond. My fellow water users, conceived of, planned and began this project without consulting me, or seeking to involve me. In reality, I wouldn't gain anything materially if the project goes through. I think it's a worthwhile project, but I would only benefit the same as any other member of the community whose property might benefit from increased water supply in the event of a bad fire. Granted, my property is pretty close to the site, about ¾ of a mile. There are at least seven houses, I can think of, that are closer.

I have recused myself from every public discussion of this project, since it was first brought before the Board. I have abstained from every vote regarding it. I don't feel conflicted in any way about my actions in this matter. I have not attempted to benefit personally in any way from this project. But when the matter changed from Board recognition of a private project, that could benefit our District's ability to increase our fire fighting capabilities, to a publicly funded project...my situation has changed. If it had been my decision, I would never have sought public funding, but just gone ahead and done it with our private funds, if ever the Forest Service gave their approval. This is why I am tendering my resignation from the Board. I have really enjoyed serving on the Board, all these years, with all you good people. I hope I can continue to serve the district, but just as an interested member of the community.

Thanks a lot for everything.

Dan Guyer,

October 6, 2021