



**MINUTES of the Special Meeting of the
Pliocene Ridge CSD Board of Directors
Date: Sunday October 29, 2023 1:00 pm
Location: Alleghany Firehouse station 2 and by telephone conference.**

1. ESTABLISH QUORUM, CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by President Larry Allen. Present: Board members, Larry Allen, Bruce Coons (arrived late), Pam Davis, Grace Lundeen and Chris Mills. Also in attendance: District Chief Dorn and Alleghany Assistant Chiefs David Arbogast and Ned Cusato & Pike City Assistant Chief Jim Buckbee. Pike Community Support Foundation President Roland Robertson and Treasurer Denise Ruane (by phone). Sierra County Supervisor Lee Adams. Public present: Dawn & Dan Gomes (by phone) Burns & Vicky Tenney, and Sherri Lee Vierra. Pliocene Ridge CSD Secretary Rae Bell Arbogast was present and took the minutes.

2. ALLEGHANY AMBULANCE ISSUE: The current extension provided by NORCAL EMS for the agreement for Downieville FPD to house an ambulance in Alleghany, staffed by PRCSD personnel was due to expire on October 31st. Staff reported that since the last PRCSD meeting in September considerable time and consideration had been given to the idea of converting the ambulance into an alternate transport vehicle per NORCAL EMS Limited Transport Policy # 3007. This change would increase the district's ability to move medical patients to a higher level of care even when no EMT is available. Currently there are only two EMTs in the district. Staff's inquiry included a consultation with both the district's insurance company and NORCAL EMS. It was determined that the current insurance coverage covers emergency medical services, and no additional coverage would be needed. An agreement with NORCAL EMS would be needed.

After a long discussion including questions and answers, a motion was made to convert the ambulance into an alternate transport vehicle per Norcal EMS Policy # 3007 and to accept Downieville FPD's offer to transfer the vehicle with call number 7145 to PRCSD.

**Motion made by Chris Mills. Grace Lundeen seconded. Ayes: Allen, Davis, Lundeen, Mills.
Noes: none Absent: Coons Abstain: none ~ Motion carried.**

3. PIKE CITY FD RESCUE TRUCK : Staff explained that Rescue Truck 6740 had to be taken out of service four days prior due to engine problems. The two options for resolving the issue are to fix the current vehicle or find a replacement for it. There was a discussion about the idea of fixing it. The truck is a 1983 Chevy. It was estimated that it would cost about \$6,000 to have a new engine put in and it needs a new clutch as well. After further discussion staff was instructed to look for a suitable replacement vehicle and report back to the board with some numbers. In the meantime, Staff will find a "stop-gap" measure to deal with the situation.

4. WATER TENDER BID Prior to the break-down of 6740 as mentioned above, both the board and staff had determined that the highest priority for the district's fleet is to upgrade the water tender call # 6790. This vehicle is 47 years old and is called out more frequently than any other district vehicle, often being requested by surrounding local agencies. For over a year, Chief Dorn had his eye on one that he knew was scheduled to be surplus by the Peardale Chicago Park FPD. He recently learned that they are taking sealed bids with a minimum bid of \$20,000 required.

On October 28th, Chief Officers Dorn, Buckbee and Cusato had gone to look at it and took it for a test drive. They reported that it is a little smaller than the current tender which is good as it is easier to

maneuver in tight places, such as the many back roads in our area. It is in excellent condition and has been well-maintained. Vintage 2005.

Chief Buckbee reported that he had been shopping used water tenders for several years and stated that all the similar ones that he had seen were going for from between \$45,000 and \$50,000. Older ones typically go for \$18,000 to \$20,000. The general consensus was to bid high so that this opportunity is not missed. Treasurer Rae Bell Arbogast reported that the district could apply for up to 75% reimbursement for the vehicle if it is purchased. While there is no guarantee that the grant would be awarded the district does qualify to apply.

A motion was made by Chris Mills to authorize Chief Dorn to bid up to \$30,000 on the water tender known as Peardale-Chicago Park FPD Engine 57 and seconded by Grace Lundeen. Ayes: Allen, Coons, Davis, Lundeen, Mills. Noes: none Absent: none Abstain: none ~ Motion carried.

5. Letter of Support to PUC re undergrounding power lines A motion was made by Bruce Coons and seconded by Pam Davis to authorize the Secretary to send a letter of support for PG&E's proposed project to move the power lines in our area underground. **Ayes: Allen, Coons, Davis, Lundeen, Mills. Noes: none Absent: none Abstain: none ~ Motion carried.**

6. UPDATE ON PIKE CITY FIREHOUSE ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS Pike Community Support Foundation President Roland Robertson reported that they had a difficult time finding an engineer or architect willing help with the analysis with many unreturned phone calls and declinations. Finally, they have an Engineer named Russell Davidson working on it. They will be requesting a Planning Committee Meeting soon.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rae Bell Arbogast, Secretary