



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

Date: Thursday May 19, 2022 Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Pike Firehouse, 100 Pike City Road

**1. ESTABLISH QUORUM & CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by President Larry Allen. Flag Salute. Present: Board members, Larry Allen, Bruce Coons, Grace Knowles and Chris Mills. Also in attendance: District Fire Chief Chris Dorn,

Alleghany Assistant Chiefs David Arbogast & Ned Cusato. Pike Community Support Foundation President Roland Robertson and Treasurer Denise Ruane. Public present: Vicky Tenney and Scott B. (bidder for fire truck) PRCSD Secretary Rae Bell Arbogast was present and took the minutes.

**2. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE PAM DAVIS:** It was realized too late that Pam Davis does not use email on a regular basis so must have missed the meeting notice. Chris Mills volunteered to call her in the future.

### **3. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**Agenda, Minutes and Treasurer's report**

**A motion was made to approve the consent calendar. Motion made by Bruce Coons, seconded by Chris Mills Ayes: Allen, Coons, Mills Nays: none Absent: none Abstain: none Vacant: one~ Motion carried.**

**Item 6.b)1 Fire Truck Bid opening was moved up to this spot by consensus.**

The following bids were tallied:

Truck #1 1968 Structure Truck Alleghany – received one bid for \$5,000 from Matt Butler which was below the minimum bid amount of \$7,500 NO SALE

Truck # 2 1968 Brush Truck Pike – received two bids, one for \$4,510 from Scott B. and one for \$5,150 from Rich Regan SOLD to Rich Regan.

Truck # 3 1971 Brush Truck Pike – received one bid for \$2,267.89 from Rudy Phillips – SOLD to Rudy Phillips.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** none

### **5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**a) Correspondence** See Staff report for list.

**b) Committee/Member/Business Reports:**

*1. Chief's Report* ~ Chief Dorn reported that they have been busier this month with several calls including a structure fire in Alleghany that was caught in time to prevent major damage, a medical call in Alleghany and several cancelled mutual aid calls. The new engine is in Alleghany and is being outfitted. He thinks that he can get the Forest Service to donate or loan hose to put the truck in service.

He has found a grant writer who might be able to help the district apply for grants.

He is still looking for a new water tender to be housed in Pike.

The electronic sign for the Pike Firehouse is in Roland's garage, he will pick it up, he and Ned plan on taking it to the County yard in Alleghany to build a base for it.

*2. Assistant Chief's report:* Assistant Chief Arbogast reported that both departments have been doing wildland training together and they recently did hose lays at Plum Valley.

Chris Dorn added that there are 2 new recruits attending trainings and one of them is an x hot-shot with a lot of valuable experience, he has been provided with gear. The other one, lives between Pike and Alleghany and radio communication with his house is proving to be a challenge.

3. *AVFD Inc. Non-Profit Corp*: ~ No report

4. *Pike Community Support Foundation* ~ Roland Robertson reported that their next newsletter will be coming out shortly. They decided to move the bake sale to July as they are hoping to utilize the new electronic sign to advertise it. They also are planning a craft sale in December but don't have a date yet. The crafters will donate items and the Foundation will sell them. This will provide good advertising to the crafters. He also stated that he would like Chris Dorn to write something for the newsletter and to feature something on the firewise efforts as well. Next deadline is Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>.

5. *Firewise Community Projects* ~ Written report provided. There was a discussion about Zone Haven. Rae Bell read the following update from Jason White, whose family owns the Oriental and Kenton Mines: Our timber harvest plan is what is known as a nonindustrial timber management plan. It is a permanent plan instead of one that has to be redone every time you harvest. The fuels reduction work we are planning is on the top of the ridge, where we have 140 acres near the old airport. It's an area that burned in the 60s and replanted with pine, but was never thinned so it is a fire trap. Our plan is to log that section and then bring in someone to do the fuels reduction work. I'm told by our forester that there should be some money available from the state or feds to cover some of the fuel reduction work costs. The area is a ridgetop, so would be an ideal spot to thin and remove brush to provide a line of defense for the community. Right now we still have not gotten approval for the plan (I meet with the forester and the state inspectors tomorrow.) We've been waiting 3 years for approval! Tentative schedule would be doing that section next year assuming approval is granted this year.

Chief Dorn stated that the district should do everything it can to get behind this project.

6. *Firehouse Projects & ADA Compliance*:

Alleghany Station 1: Rae Bell reported that the metal has been ordered for the side and the roofer has not set a date yet to put new screws in the roof. Moving the propane tank is included in the current site plan on the existing permit for the walkway project, so no additional permit for that is needed

Pike: The new engine for Alleghany is too big for the bays in the Pike Firehouse which brings us back to the problem of needing larger engine bays in Pike. Upgrading the engines will have a positive impact on Pike's ISO rating. A plot plan of the Pike Firehouse lot has been looked at and adding two bays is doable, but it will be a big project involving excavation and a retaining wall. Rae Bell reminded everyone that 75% funding can most likely be obtained via a USDA rural development grant, it is the other 25% that has eluded us so far, possibly the grant writer can help.

7. *Pending Grants*: Written report provided.

## **5. ACTION ITEMS**

### **a) *Unfinished Business***

1. *Bylaws-Policies* – **The revision to Policy 2010 Funds was approved as presented. Motion made by Chris Mills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grace Knowles. Ayes: Allen, Coons, Mills Nays: none Absent: none Abstain: none Vacant: one~ Motion carried.**

2. *MOU between the District and the non-profit corporations*: Nothing new to report.

### **b) *New Business***

1. *Firetruck bid opening*: See above.

2. *Resolution to update signature card and safety deposit box.* This item was tabled until all board members are present (including newly appointed board member Pam Davis).
3. *New signage needed for firehouses:* It was noted that new signs are needed with the updated district logo and also to rename the departments. Staff will come up with an idea to present at a future date.
4. *Preliminary Budget:* Draft budget documents were provided in the packets for June adoption. There were no questions or comments.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEXT MEETING DATE & AGENDA ITEMS**

Chris Dorn reported that a ban on all burning will go into effect on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2022 to be held at Alleghany Station 2. Agenda items: Adopt preliminary budget and renew Rae Bell's contract.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rae Bell Arbogast  
Secretary