

APRIL 08, 2009
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
DIAMOND SPRINGS / EL DORADO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

PLACE: **DIAMOND SPRINGS FIRE STATION**
 501 MAIN STREET
 DIAMOND SPRINGS, CA 95667

Board of Directors' Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman, Robert Larsen.

ROLL CALL: **PRESENT:**
 Ed Cunha
 Bill Flynn
 Charles Hoff
 Jackye Phillips
 Asst. Chief Robert Combs
 Chief Cunningham
 Robert Larsen

ABSENT:
 Asst. Chief Erik Peterson – ill

FLAG SALUTE:

Flag salute lead by Jackye Phillips.

ADOPT AGENDA:

NEW BUSINESS: #1. COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT: #16 and #17 will not be annexed in at this time. Motion made by Jackye Phillips to accept the Agenda with stated correction. Motion seconded by Bill Flynn/CARRIED.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the March 14, 2009 Board of Directors' Meeting read. Motion made by Jackye Phillips to accept the Minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Charles Hoff/CARRIED.

OPEN FORUM: For public testimony

Kate Whitehouse, Administrator, Gold Country Retirement Center spoke on behalf of the residents regarding the bills they have received from the District. The residents nor the facility can afford these bills. Ms. Whitehouse is requesting the residents not be billed or billed at a reduced rate, or to possibly negotiate a yearly fee to be paid by the Center.

Ken Whipple, owner of a private ambulance service out of Sacramento spoke regarding working out of El Dorado County West Slope on type Code 2 calls, and not taking away calls such as 911 calls. Private companies are used for transport of non 911 calls.

Former board member, Bud Baker spoke on behalf of the volunteers, stating that all through the past years the Board and personnel never billed for services and kept the tax rate down.

Chief Cunningham spoke stating the District has been frugal, funded exclusively by property taxes by the citizens of this District. Service Area 7 does not provide proper service. The District does not get paid for the service and is responsible for the liability, etc, no revenue is received for it. If calls don't go through 911, the District does not provide fire personnel to the scene. The retirement facilities are 10% of what the District does. The law states that the District cannot bill tax payers for non-tax payer bills. Chief Cunningham explained the situation stating most of the equipment is staffed by volunteers from their homes or other districts loan their personnel and equipment to the retirement housing foundations. He further stated the District has offered to negotiate the billing fee on many occasions through the past years with no response. The District is voting on alternative fee schedules, are not here to make money.

Questions heard and responded to: It was questioned as to why a fire engine always shows up on 911 calls. The personnel from the engine show to help transport the equipment to the scene and back, also helping to carry the injured party to the ambulance. This also lessens the possibility of injury to personnel/volunteers. There must always be 2 personnel on the gurney at all times. 911 calls discuss further and the time issues involved. There is always a paramedic on an engine and at many times, the 1st at the scene which has proven to be life saving if they are at the scene within the 1st 6 minutes. Fire Districts discussed in more detail and their history of development.

Ken Whipple, Chief Cunningham and Asst. Chief Robert Combs explained the differences between 911 calls and the personnel needed in comparison to a private ambulance call for a less severe problem. All Districts' engines are ALS (Advanced Life Support) and can be at the scene before an ambulance which can be a life saving issued.

Kate Whitehouse spoke regarding 911 calls and decisions behind the determination of 911 calls. 911 calls are made at the order of the physician. If independent living, the person makes their own decision as to whether or not it will be a 911 call.

Chief Cunningham and Ms. Whitehouse will get together and discuss fee reduction, etc. The fee will be the obligation of the Retirement Housing Assoc. and would not be passed to the residents.

Break 7:53 – 7:58 PM

CORRESPONDENCE:

- › Received correspondence from Gold Country.
- › Received correspondence from UC Davis regarding the anniversary of the burn center (Firefighters' Burn Institute).

DISTRICT BILLS:

District bills in the amount of \$30,406.31 read. Discussion held on the following items:

Analytical Chemists › SCBA's
Sacramento Uniforms › Honor Guard uniforms
City of Placerville › Live scan services
Sierra Tire › Tires for Truck 48

Motion made by Jackye Phillips to pay the bills as submitted. Motion seconded by Charles Hoff/CARRIED

CHIEF'S REPORT:

1. Written Chief's Report and Asst. Chief Erik Peterson's report submitted by Chief Cunningham; LAFCO MSR and Ranchia included in packet.
2. Revenue discussed, lean budget.
3. Lori Tuthill requested to put 1 grant in for \$20,000.00.
4. Budget analysis was provided to the Board Members, Looking good this year in Class 30 and 60. Finishing up a couple of projects. Chief Cunningham is to meet individually with Board members regarding the budget.
5. Two auditing phases have been completed.
6. Pagers discussed (PDA's).

ASST. CHIEF ROBERT COMBS' REPORT:

1. Discussed Honor Guard training; SCBA's grant; annual evaluations of personnel.
2. **CALENDAR:** The monthly calendar is getting full, the Calendar was included in Board packets.
3. **FIRE PREVENTION:** Adoption of Resolution 2009.02 is on the Agenda for tonight, includes 9 petitions. A lot of construction going on and discussed. Developers are taking advantage of construction costs being down.
4. **TRAINING:** Discussion included Investigator's Seminar (fire investigators), 77 annual business inspections completed; provided assistance to El Dorado Hills on a vehicle fire; school presentations made; Lori Tuthill participated in a forum with El Dorado County Realty Association, 25 realtors plus brokers attended, was well received. Lori and Robert will meet with Ken Baglia, interested in doing public awareness article, etc. Lori is acting P.I.O., the Sacramento Bee is involved along with FOX 40. Lori went over grant issues and proposals, included Title III funding: \$41,670.00 to develop programs for education - FEMA.
5. **GRANTS:** The Clearing House Grant discussed. Regional Pre Plan Grant discussed SCBA Grant is ready to input data. Asst. Chief Robert Combs voiced ideas to offset costs, i.e., tax deductible donations to the district. He stated we have some significant hazard waste facilities in the District and we need to get a handle on what we have. Also possible mitigation fees as an offset. He offered to make a presentation at the next Board Meeting.
6. **MEETINGS:** Discussed the Fire Safe Council and Fire Prevention Officers meetings.

7. **ROAD STANDARDS:** Road standards were discussed including inclines.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT:** Chief Cunningham stated reaffirmation of the Special District Meeting for May 27, 2009 to conduct a Public hearing to consider the annexation of territory within the proposed Annexation No. 2 into the Diamond Springs/El Dorado Fire Protection District Community Facilities District No, 2006.01.
2. **STRATEGIC PLANNING:** Chief Cunningham requested adoption of:
 - A. The Diamond Springs – El Dorado Fire Protection District Values Statement regarding the Diamond Attitude. Motion made by Jackye Phillips to adopt the El Dorado Fire Protection District Values Statement. Motion 2nd by Bill Flynn./CARRIED.
 - B. Adoption of the revised The Diamond Springs – El Dorado Fire Protection District Mission Statement. Both versions were ready by Chief Cunningham. Motion made by Charles Hoff to accept El Dorado Fire Protection District Mission Statement, Version 2.2 March 11, 2009. Motion 2nd by Ed Cunha./Opposed by Jackye Phillips. Motion CARRIED.
3. **LAFCO MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEWS:** Chief Cunningham requested authorization to submit to LAFCO April 17th at 1700 hours, the revision of text to the 2008 MSR. Motion made by Jackye Phillips to authorize Chief Cunningham submit the revision of text to LAFCO. Motion 2nd by Charles Hoff.
4. **RESOLUTION 2009-03:** Chief Cunningham requested approval of Resolution 2009-03 Alternative Fee Schedule for cost recovery of District suppression and incident related services. Item C read by Chief Cunningham, releases the District of the daily billing chore, etc. Methods discussed. This item tabled until the May Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT 2006.01 ANNEXATION INTENT MEETING:** Lori Tuthill went over the Petition Consent and Waiver for Annexation into the CFD 2006-01 regarding 15 parcels, A and B and 7 maps. Chairman Robert Larsen authorized the waiver of the reading of 2006.02. Motion made by Jackye Phillips to accept A and B, Resolutions 2006.01 and 2006.02. Motion 2nd by Charles Hoff. Roll call vote as follows:

Charles Hoff	Aye
Jackye Phillips	Aye
Ed Cunha	Aye
Bill Flynn	Aye
Robert Larsen	Aye

Carried unanimously.

Motion made by Jackye Phillips to accept Resolution 2009.04 adopting an annexation map showing the boundaries of the territory proposed for inclusion in

the CFD No. 2006-01 and Annexation No. 2 excluding the Pirrello parcels leaving 15 parcels. Roll call vote as follows:

Charles Hoff	Aye
Jackye Phillips	Aye
Ed Cunha	Aye
Bill Flynn	Aye
Robert Larsen	Aye

Carried unanimously.

2. **LAFCO:** Chief Cunningham asked if any Board Members were interested in serving on the Special District Board for representation to LAFCO. Motion made by Jackye Phillips to submit for nomination Robert Larsen. Motion 2nd by Bill Flynn.

NEW PURCHASES:

New copier discussed and the cost. The current copier is very old and in continuous repair.

EMPLOYEE/VOLUNTEER INPUT:

None

Meeting adjourned,
Respectfully submitted

Caroline Falconer
Board Secretary