

AUGUST 13, 2008
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 Chairperson, Jackye Phillips.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Bud Baker; Ed Cunha; Robert Larsen; Bill Flynn; Asst. Chief Erik Peterson; Asst. Chief Robert Combs, Acting Battalion Chief John Wiegel; Chief Cunningham and Jackye Phillips.

FLAG SALUTE:

Flag salute lead by Sean Wilson.

ADOPT AGENDA:

Time Sensitive Matters – Swearing in of Employees: postponed to the September meeting.

Motion made by Robert Larsen to accept the Agenda with the state change.
Motion seconded by Bill Flynn./CARRIED

MINUTES:

Minutes of the July 9, 2008 Board of Directors' Meeting read. Motion made by Robert Larsen to approve the minutes as read. Motion seconded by Bill Flynn./CARRIED

Minutes of the July 30, 2008 Special Board of Directors' Meeting read. Motion made by Robert Larsen to approve the minutes as read. Motion seconded by Bud Baker./CARRIED

OPEN FORUM: For public testimony

No public comment at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Pioneer Fire Prevention District, Chief Gill, personally expressing gratitude for the support given over the last several weeks.
2. Letter from Pat Kersch, Incident Commander thanking the Strike Team for their assistance.
3. Letter from Andre Toutjian regarding 4077 Alfa Strike Team, letting Chief Cunningham know of the great job in Strike Team leadership given by Acting Battalion Chief John Wiegel.
4. Letter from Kurt Taylor regarding Strike Team 4077 Alfa, thanking

DISTRICT BILLS:

District bills for the amount of \$73,190.58 were read. Discussion held on the following item:

ALSCO is close to the last of the bills from them.

Sperian maintenance of SCBA test equipment.

Lehr Auto alternator went out, purchased a new alternator and had the old one rebuilt.

Coalinga Motors purchase of a Command vehicle.

Enterprise Investigations background investigations; we receive a lot of feedback.

Kaiser all-inclusive bill: 2 physicals which were very extensive.

Luigi's Pizza food for the Strike Team, will be billed back to the State.

CJ's Bobcat Bud Baker stated he is not a licensed contractor.

Morgan McDow wildland hose packs.

Adirondack Direct furniture for the Association, will be reimbursed.

KM Tire Prevention #49, etc.

Motion made by Bud Baker to pay the bills as submitted. Motion seconded by Robert Larsen./CARRIED

CHIEF'S REPORT:

1. **PROPOSITIONS:** Chief Cunningham gave a heads-up on Proposition 1-A and 42, stating the Governor is resistant on signing; are sending letters to the Governor and Legislative Representatives. He stated others are doing the same, requesting not to sign those propositions.
2. **EXCESS LIABILITY:** Audit completed.
3. **PERS:** PERS rate to remain unchanged.
4. **FIREFIGHTING MUTUAL AID/STRIKE TEAMS:** Debbie has completed the preliminary analysis. The State is slowing down

payment for Strike Teams. They still owe payment for last years oil spill.

5. **MID-YEAR EXPENDITURES:** Will get a mid-year analysis on expenditures, personnel, etc. There will probably be a couple of Board Workshops this year.
6. **DEVELOPMENT FEES:** April and May -0-; June \$2,920.00.

ACTING BATTALLION CHIEF JOHN WIEGEL'S REPORT:

1. **CALLS:** Calls for July at 200, dropping from July 2007 by 40 calls. 34 were out of District responses, i.e., Strike Teams. Significant call – wildland fire with structure involved off Washington Street, 2nd alarm requested. There were 2 structure fire shortly after that. Greg Rhode did a great job and there were many resources on the fires. Fatality fires up North, 11 dead firefighters and one remains in critical condition.
2. **PERSONNEL:** John Wiegel is to return back to Captain on the A Shift. Firefighter Christine Carnahan will complete her assignment at the end of August; she is a success story.
3. **NMS Cast:** Assessment is completed as of today, we are well along the way and further ahead than most in the nation.
4. **TRAINING:** Structural firefighter training to take place 8/25/08, is a large building, the old HBO building on El Dorado Road near the freeway.

ASST. CHIEF ROBERT COMB'S REPORT:

1. **ORIENTATION:** Asst. Chief Robert Comb's touch on his orientation process, completing approximately 50 hours or orientation, 10 hours with personnel, training, etc.
2. **FIRE PREVENTION:** Completed inspections, fire investigation; worked with Asst Chief Erik Peterson and developers.
3. **FIRE SAFE COUNSEL:** Attended the Fire Safe Counsel meeting at Logtown.
4. **INCIDENT:** Worked on a hazardous materials incident.
5. **BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS:** Started background investigations on Title III grant money to assist in obtaining fire safe funding.

ASST. CHIEF ERIK PETERSON'S REPORT:

1. **TRANSITION:** Erik discussed the transition with Asst. Chief Robert Combs. Currently working out of boxes.
2. **UNION MINE TOWER:** The Union Mine Tower – Station 44 was approved by the Planning Dept and the Board of Supervisors, is currently being reviewed by the Building Dept. and on hold.
3. **FIRE SAFE COUNSEL:** The Logtown Fire Safe Counsel meeting was good.
4. **COMMAND VEHICLE:** A new Command Vehicle was purchased.
5. **PERSONNEL:** Dale Lambert is out on vacation.
6. **COMPUTERS:** The installation of the computers in the vehicles was discussed; hardware needed, etc. Parts for mounting have been ordered. The interface with Camino is held up. There is also an issue with Verizon. The project must be completed by the end of the grant or we will have to request an extension.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **JPA AMBULANCE CONTRACT – DISPATCHING SERVICES:** Chief Cunningham stated they are still sorting through the last administration for the JPA. A bid package is going out for the audit. Expenditures 2007/2008 are on track. Chief Cunningham is requesting a slight increase in the budget for wage increases regarding the overtime demands, fuel, medical supplies and vehicle maintenance. Closing 2007/2008 is over expended for Class 30 due to industrial injury. Discussed Class 40, increases in communications, fleet maintenance, fuel costs, medical supplies cost; a \$15000.00 error due to JPA error. The JPA should be forgiven for that. The Board Meeting is scheduled for 8/20/08.
2. **EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS:** Action item pending. Will go to NEW BUSINESS and then Closed Session.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **TOBACCO USE POLICY:** Tabled, no report.
2. **PERSONNEL POLICY REVISION:** Tabled, no report.
3. **JOURNAL TRANSFER:** Staff request the Board Members authorize the transfer of \$17,905.00 in development fees into the general revenue in support of the budgeted purchase of the Command Vehicle (6040 \$35,810.41) Motion made by Robert Larsen to approve the transfer of

\$17,905.00 in development fees to the general revenue fund. Motion seconded by Ed Cunha. Roll call vote at follows:

Bud Baker	Aye
Ed Cunha	Aye
Robert Larsen	Aye
Bill Flynn	Aye
Jackye Phillips	Aye

Carried.

4. **DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY – DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY:** Staff request authorization to dispose of a Paramount Workout Machine valued at **\$50.00** or less; may be sold at bid or auction; released to a government agency or community service group at no charge; sold as scrape material. Motion made by Bud Baker approving the disposal of surplus property as stated. Motion seconded by Bill Flynn.

CLOSED SESSION: 8:04 PM to 8:25 PM

Back in session: the Board reviewed the employees group request for adoption of Resolution 2008-08 (**OLD BUSINESS #2A**) authorizing withdrawal from the PERS program to the FDAC Employment Benefits Authority. Motion made by Bill Flynn to approve withdrawal from PERS. Motion seconded by Bud Baker. Roll call vote at follows:

Bud Baker	Aye
Ed Cunha	Abstained due to conflict of interest
Robert Larsen	Aye
Bill Flynn	Aye
Jackye Phillips	Aye

Carried with one abstention.

The Board reviewed the employees group request for adoption of Resolution 2008-09 (**OLD BUSINESS #2B**) approving membership in the Fire District association of California Employees Benefits Authority (FDAC). Motion made by Robert Larsen to approve membership in FDAC. Motion seconded by Bill Flynn. Roll call vote at follows:

Bud Baker	Aye
Ed Cunha	Abstained due to conflict of interest
Robert Larsen	Aye
Bill Flynn	Aye
Jackye Phillips	Aye

Carried with one abstention.

NEW PURCHASES:

Purchase of the new Command Vehicle discussed; now need to get it set up with radio's, etc.

EMPLOYEE/VOLUNTEER INPUT:

None

Meeting adjourned,
Respectfully submitted

Caroline Falconer
Board Secretary