

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2007**  
**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, Jackye Phillips.

**ROLL CALL:** **PRESENT:** Robert Larsen; Bill Flynn; Asst. Chief Marty Sanford; Chief Cunningham and Jackye Phillips.

**ABSENT:** Bud Baker, Ed Cunha; Asst. Chief Erik Peterson who is on assignment.

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Flag salute lead by Charlie Hoff.

**ADOPT AGENDA:**

No additions

Motion made by Bill Flynn to accept the agenda as submitted. Motion seconded by Robert Larsen.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes of the August 8, 2007 Board of Directors' Meeting read and correction stated. Motion made by Bill Flynn to approve the minutes with correction as stated. Motion seconded by Robert Larsen/CARRIED

**OPEN FORUM: For public testimony**

No public present came forward.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Thank you letter from Keith Richter, Contra Costa Fire District for the District's participation in services for 2 firefighters who lost their lives.

## **DISTRICT BILLS:**

District bills for the amount of \$67,677.66 were read with discussion held as follows:

### **T. CUNNINGHAM – Born to be Wild, small tools: Chief**

Cunningham was able to buy a brand new stream light light box, for \$26.65, the usual price is approximately \$120.00.

Motion made by Robert Larsen to pay the District bills as presented. Motion seconded by Bill Flynn./CARRIED

## **CHIEF'S REPORT:**

1. **CALLS:** Calls down, had a couple of acute incidents, one being a structure fire.
2. **DEVELOPMENT FEES:** No report from the county.
3. **ARRAIGNMENT:** Ben Cunha was arraigned yesterday on 3 felony counts, all arson, one with arson special circumstance aggravated; jail with no bail. One count within the District. Chief Cunningham stated he did not know how this would affect the District. Asst. Chief Sanford had been dealing with this issue. There were 3 agencies directly affected by these charges. Ben has been placed on Administrative Leave. Chief Cunningham stated we are assuring the community we concur with the ongoing investigation; are concern with the losses and events suffered by the community. Our thoughts are with Cunha family and their long history with fire prevention and the community. He stated we need to show our support to the Cunha's.
4. **DISTRICT BUDGET:** Chief Cunningham stated we are on track with not too many changes. The budget will be adopted at the October Board of Directors' Meeting. He stated Fixed Assets may go a little bit in the hole.

## **ASST. CHIEF MARTY SANFORD'S REPORT:**

1. **ARRAIGNMENT:** Asst. Chief Sanford is making sure information to the press is factual; Channel 3, 10, KFBK radio, CNN and the newspapers have picked up on the story. May organizations and

individuals are voicing their support to the District. He stated crews and personnel are doing well, responding professionally and appropriately, they remain strong. He is making sure that all information is distributed to all personnel and volunteers.

2. **PERSONNEL:** Jack Daniels and Rob Sime are out on the Moonlight fire.
3. **DATES AND EVENTS:** Certain events on the Calendar were discussed; 09/17/07 is the anniversary of the El Dorado Fire in 1923 and 09/28/07 is the anniversary of the Nashville to Sac Hill Fire in 1945. He stated the fire danger is still high for September and October due to drought conditions.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **1. JPA AMBULANCE CONTRACT – DISPATCHING SERVICES:**

**(a)**

Discussed committee reports, are still moving ahead on the ambulance startup. Have been meeting aggressively with the fire chiefs, putting together a business plan for ambulance organization and the JPA; includes leadership, finances, level of service, etc. Chief Cunningham stated the District has gained a positive reaction from 6 of the JPA Board Members. He discussed this in more detail, stating the JPA would become more like the Chiefs' Association, etc. would allow individual boards, etc. to have representation, operation of ambulances back with the individual fire districts. The JPA Design Committee liked the proposals. Chief Cunningham stated this has been the most productive work he has ever done in the history of the JPA. Dan Frances was removed from the loop. The Board of Supervisors are showing opposition and we will still be butting heads with the Health Dept.

**(b)**

Chief Cunningham stated the JPA Board of Directors need direction on reorganization; need to survey the Districts' Board Members on their position on the question of "Reorganization of the JPA Board of Directors, specifically, is the existing board to be reduced in operational size? 2 proposals were stated by Chief Cunningham. The board directed Chairperson Jackye Phillips to voice the District's support that any change is acceptable and is better than what they have been doing which is nothing over the past years.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **PARAMEDIC LIST EXTENSION:** Asst. Chief Sanford requested the Board extend the 08/05/05 Paramedic List, with the extension to be terminated by the Chief or the Board on or before 08/01/08. He confirmed that the list is not an EMT Paramedic List. Motion made by Robert Larsen to extend the Paramedic List as request. Motion seconded by Bill Flynn./CARRIED
2. **ADOPTION OF CODES AND AMENDMENTS:** Chief Cunningham stated he will request a reading and public hearing. Rich Krek briefed the Board on the fire code, stating the interim fire code is a international code over the United States. California is the last state to adopt the International Code. He stated this is not as restrictive as the Uniform Fire Code and has loop holes. California adopted the International Fire Code effective 1/1/08. We need to adopt the code by 1/1/08. We are not 100% on the code. The format is a State wide format. Board members instruction to review the code, is 25 pages, discrepancies to be discussed and what we are trying to keep in the code; each member to go through 4 to 5 chapters. The code is now in chapters, not articles. We will also need to revise other documents to match the chapters, i.e., Fee Structures, etc. This will be a large project. We are adding items not in the fire code. Building and design standards also play into this, buildings need to be fire resistant (Wooie Act)

## **NEW PURCHASES:**

Fire Prevention Toyota Pickup previously discussed.

## **EMPLOYEE/VOLUNTEER INPUT:**

None

Meeting adjourned,

Respectfully submitted

Caroline Falconer  
Board Secretary