DIAMOND SPRINGS-EL DORADO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
August 14, 2019

PLACE: DIAMOND SPRINGS FIRE STATION
501 PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD
DIAMOND SPRINGS, CA  95619

Board of Directors’ meeting called to order at 1800 hrs.

Roll call as follows:  Those present are:
Patrick Williams
Gary Cooper
Peter Moffett
Paul Watkins
Richard Boylan
Chief Ransdell
DC Earle

Flag salute recited.

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Richard Boylan. Motion seconded by Paul Watkins. Motion approved.

Time Sensitive Matter

1. The Oath of Office was administered by Director Williams to swear in Casey Ransdell, Fire Prevention Officer and Blaine Fisher, Firefighter.

Minutes:  Motion to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2019 Board Meeting was made by Richard Boylan. Motion seconded by Paul Watkins. Motion approved.

Director Williams opened the Public Forum at 1811.

Correspondence: None

Consent Items:  Motion to approve the consent items as presented was made by Gary Cooper. Motion was seconded by Peter Moffett. Motion approved.

Chief’s Report –

1. Admin / JPA – JPA Finance Committee is still discussing changing the lump sum to actuals. Proposing to create JPA Fund for amounts not spent which would not help us because we usually hit the cap. Meeting to discuss will be held in September. We are a year and ½ into the 5 year contract. Diamond, El Dorado Hills and El Dorado County Fire are looking into the numbers. Meeting with consulting firm.

2. Looking at a Joint Power Authority Model for Fire Agencies to include the running of ambulance service. EDH, DSP, EDCF. Agreement was written and will be executed. GMT & ING Funding mechanisms -not sure how much County is collecting. Mechanism for getting questions answered. Joint defense counsels and public record requests. Annexations and consolidation talks continuing. Board members and union representation will be included in process. Looking at pulling out of County Banking.
3. Rescue – Most likely going with El Dorado Hills – To be determined soon. Full annexation into the EL Dorado Hills Fire Department Water District. Latrobe also annexed into the EDH FD/Water District when it was annexed.

4. Veg Mgmt. Ordinance Update – All districts spent lots of time participating in this and now the County has decided to contract with Cal FIRE. Supervisor Hidahl wondering why local agencies are not involved. Created a group of stakeholders and got buy in from everyone and then it was gone and the districts are no longer involved. We developed job descriptions and wage scales during process and now not involved. We are doing our own Defensible Space Inspections when they are requested.

5. Fleet – Type 3 – Just had the mid-point inspection done last week. The final inspection could be next month. Command Vehicle is still in Elk Grove waiting for parts.

6. Personnel – Apprentice FF – Bringing two new Apprentice’s on board this month. That will make us pretty much fully staffed.

7. Statistics – Engine - Usually averages - 230 to 240 calls per month. The average has increased to between 329-360 calls the last several months which is about 100 more calls a month. Lots of fires and medical calls. Medic – Actually staying in district a little more lately. Been busy but for once fewer calls then engine. Medic 49 & 249 are the second busiest ambulances in the County. Medic 25 being the first busiest.

Deputy Chief’s Report

1. Investigation 1C is next week in El Dorado Hills (the 19th thru 22nd).

2. Projects -Public Safety Facility will take occupancy at the end of the month. K-Mart civil work -dental office going in. Civil work started at the El Dorado Disposal Project.

3. Fire Code being reviewed for approval process. Amendments will come before Board soon. New code requires an NFPA 13D sprinklers system in modular homes. Diamond connector approved one lane in each direction. Securing easements in advance. This will improve the flow of traffic thru Diamond Springs. Discussed if Evacuation Route signage will be put up. The Chief explained that due to the different weather patterns and the fact that fire could come from several directions, it is impossible to identify one evacuation route. Fire could change and it sets a false mind set. Have to make the call when the incident happens. The best thing to do is leave if responders are telling you to go.

4. Investigations – on-going, arrest on one arson and possibly two more. Agency logos have been put on the Arson Investigation Trailer. We still need some more equipment for the trailer. Citation Program to start soon.

5. We are working on several prevention policies.

Director Boylan – Open Forum – Dorado Oaks Public Hearing next week. Controversial project. Environmental Activist spoke to Boylan after comment made about reducing fuels. We should avoid taking political positions about development projects in the district. We do statutory code enforcement. Not pro builder or anti builder. Our job is to enforce the code. We do not take a political stand on projects. When directors hear things from the community, let Chief Ransdell know.
New Business

1. Chief Ransdell went over the new Health Insurance Rates for 2019-2020 and the cost impact for the District with the board. The Union is looking at the cost of the new rates. We need to come up with a plan to make this reasonable. Possibly attaching something tied to the inflation rate or other index.

New Purchases: None

Employee / Union Input:

Director Williams closed the Open Forum at 1935. A Motion to adjourn was made by Richard Boylan. Motion was seconded by Gary Cooper. The meeting was adjourned at 1935.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Tuthill, Board Secretary