DIAMOND SPRINGS-EL DORADO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
December 11, 2019

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

Board of Directors’ meeting called to order at 1803

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

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

Time Sensitive Matter
1. Election of Officers –
   a. President – A motion to nominate Patrick Williams for President was made by Richard Boylan. Motion seconded by Gary Cooper. Motion approved. A motion to nominate Gary Cooper for Vice President was made by Patrick Williams. Motion seconded by Paul Watkins. Motion approved. Lori Tuthill was appointed for Secretary.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2019 board meeting was made by Gary Cooper. Motion seconded by Richard Boylan. Motion approved.

Director Williams opened the Public Forum at 1809.

Correspondence: Chief Ransdell read a note from Mary Tueller from 600 N. Circle to Captain Phillips and his crew thanking them for putting out a fire and saving her house on Halloween.

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

Chief’s Report –
1. Discussions continue with the Fire Authority – EDH, County & DSP – Two people from each board would go to Fire Authority Meeting – boards would otherwise stay the same. Williams asked if there is a termination clause in the JPA Fixed contract. Chief Ransdell was not sure. Tim Cordero to take the reigns as the new Fire Chief for El Dorado County FPD on January 2, 2020. Looking at 201 Rights because we have already been providing the service. Received some totals from Public Record Requests that project the County will collect 19 million dollars in Fees this year, which means they are keeping 6 million dollars. Find other revenue sources than property taxes. AB1705 increasing the amount of recovery monies. CSA7 built on $25 per parcel tax. Looking to see if they are
collecting these taxes correctly. On the JPA Board the non-providers out vote the providers. Bringing it in house would help with quality mgmt., education, more ambulances, etc. For forty years, we have provided fire based EMS.

2. The Chief attended the Disaster Council Meeting today at the Pub Safety Facility – Discussed the PG&E shutoffs.
3. Strike Team/ & local cover invoices have been signed so the reimbursements should start coming in.
4. Chief attended the Homeland Security Grant meeting with EID, SO, Placerville Police, Fire – He put in a request for $80,000 towards Flak Jackets and $40,000 for equipment needed for the Arson Trailer.
5. Chief discussed the Amador Contract with Chief Lindgren – On hold for the remainder of contract due to financial constraints. The Cal FIRE engine will not be dedicated but we are working with County Fire to cover it.
6. Chief reported that we just had a Cal PERS Audit that identified a couple of issues with the payroll reporting. We are working with County Payroll on the items.
7. Cal Net will be installing a backup Generator for the cell tower at Station 44. Ken is working with them.
8. The Type 3 has been outfitted with equipment and the crews are being trained. Anticipating it to be in service soon. Committee did top notch work on this vehicle.
9. Personnel – LaCurelle & Quinn accepted offers from Sac Metro – Redko will be hired for one spot & Flanders from Lincoln, Nebraska received a conditional job offer.
10. Stats – A little down from last month – Engine ran more calls than ambulance for third month in a row. Engine 3383 calls this year. Medic 49 – 307 calls this month, graph shows type, majority are medical and/or medical transfers. DSP was number one for percentage of calls last month. Medic ran a total 3185 calls so far this year.

Deputy Chief’s Report –

1. Will be attending Juvenile Fire setters Training.
2. Attending the Ca Conference of Arson & CCAI Feb & March
3. Still receiving several request for defensible space inspections.
4. Biggest Construction Project right now is the Target T.I.
5. Ken was re-elected as President of FPO’s – Discussed what other Fire Districts are doing in their Prevention Divisions.
6. Working on a Shared Services Agreement for Prevention with County Fire – discussion being held and policies being written.
7. NFPA 13D Meeting with County – Presented a letter from the Chiefs on why we want to require sprinklers in Manufactured Housing at a meeting with Tiffany Schmidt, Michael Knight & Tom Burnette. We were given ok to move forward with this requirement and will be helping County write the resolutions for other fire departments. The White Paper Ken & Casey wrote answers why Manufactured Homes should have fire sprinklers. Nominal cost $20 to $30 per month is offset by decrease in homeowner’s insurance. It is a Life Safety issue. HUD regulates manufactured housing. HUD has no standard for Fire Sprinklers. Title 25 allows local agency to require them. Design is done by the factory. ($4500 to $6000 to install the sprinklers when they are being manufactured). Smoke Alarms are already mandated but children and elderly cannot hear and/or get out quick enough. The sprinkler system will often distinguish the fire without much smoke.

New Business

1. Station 44 Generator – Will power the Cell Tower.
2. Surplus SCBA Air Compressor & tanks – Stark system removed. It was about $10,500 came from SCBA Grant. Board gave the Chief authorization to surplus the old compressor.
3. Peace Officer Designation for Prevention Division – Currently working on 17 prevention policies. Policies to allow them to carry while on duty. Signed Ordinance from the past not found so we will be doing a new Ordinance. Penal Code 83.87 gives Chief Authority to allow them to carry. DA will work on staying certified. Plan for training – quarterly training. Front Site has a 3 day PC 832 course with quarterly training. Module 1 is 80 hours, PC832 is a full semester at Sierra College. Be able to protect ourselves when doing inspections in dangerous situations. (Grows, etc.). Board gave go ahead and requested a thorough presentation with policies and plans for training, etc. Stay in our lane. Lock Box in Prevention Vehicles.

New Purchases: None. E249 on Gov Deals, no offers yet.
Employee / Union Input: Phillips to retire around May. Three or four will probably test for Captain.

Director Williams closed the Open Forum at 1855. A motion to adjourn was made by Richard Boylan. Motion was seconded by Gary Cooper. Meeting was adjourned at 1911.

Respectfully submitted, Lori Tuthill, Board Secretary