

DIAMOND SPRINGS-EL DORADO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 2020

PLACE: DIAMOND SPRINGS FIRE STATION 49
501 Pleasant Valley Road
Diamond Springs, CA 95619
or via Zoom Conference

Director Williams called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm

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

Guests: Retired Chief Don Denault, David Phillips

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

A motion to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2020 Board of Director Meeting made by Richard Boylan Motion seconded by Paul Watkins. Motion approved.

Director Williams opened the Public Forum at 3:04 pm.

Correspondence

1. Letter & coin from D'Agostini in appreciation of participation in EOC for COVID 19.
2. Thank you letter and pictures from the Brown Family in appreciation for going the extra mile after a call and giving the children a tour of the engine.

Consent Items: District Bills & JPA Bills – District Bills and DSP-JPA Bills for August 2020 submitted. A motion to approve the consent items as presented made by Richard Boylan. Motion seconded by Paul Watkins. Motion approved.

Chief's Report – Chief Ransdell

- We are still waiting for the opinion from the attorney on the 201 rights.
- Still working on an EMS Authority Model with EDH & County Fire. A Feasibility Plan being put together. Have had meetings with BOS and Boards. Process is moving forward again after being slowed by COVID 19.
- Chief Ransdell reported that a Boiler Plate for a Shared Services Agreement (Contract for Services) between DSP & El Dorado County Fire was drafted by district Counsel, Paul Gant. Chief Ransdell gave the Union a copy of the draft document. The Union submitted a letter to the Board stating their collective opinion in regards to all contracts for service, mergers or consolidations. The union's opinion is to pursue strengthening relationships between the district and neighboring agencies. Any pursuits must be a benefit

to the citizens of this community and to the employee group. They expressed concern for their perceived lack of inclusion in these discussions. While a contract for service could be mutually beneficial, differences in wages and benefits are of concern. They would like to be included in future discussions with County Fire but will not support any decision that jeopardizes service levels or fiscal stability of the District. As far as the pursuit of creating an EMS Authority with County Fire and El Dorado Hills Fire, the union is in support of that. Former Chief Don Denault also commented that the retirees would also like to be included in the process. DSP Directors Cooper & Moffett commented that the Unions & Fire Chiefs of both districts have much more to talk about before a draft contract is presented to them for review.

- JPA – Corado & Tuthill still administering – JPA looking for Director.
- Strike Team – Hog Fire in July. Apple Fire Aug, now on Stagecoach Fire – Earle & crew being held awaiting another wind event.
- Received notification today that the VFA Grant for Wildland Equipment/PPE submitted by Admin Assistant Tuthill was awarded for \$17,000.
- Also received notification that the AFG Regional Grant for Monitors submitted by Joel Warman was awarded.
- We are moving forward with the Fire Fighter testing process.

Deputy Chief's Report – None

Old Business

1. Approval of Resolution 2020-05 – Adopting & Revising the Conflict of Interest Code – A motion to approve Resolution 2020-05 adopting a revised Conflict of Interest Code was made by Gay Cooper. Motion seconded by Peter Moffett. Motion approved.

New Purchases: AC Units – Replaced two at a cost of \$22,000. Engine work \$7800.00

Employee/Union: Chief - Appreciate Kellogg and we will work on it together.

Good of the Order:

A motion to adjourn made by Gary Cooper. Motion seconded by Peter Moffett. Director Williams adjourned the meeting at 3:27pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Tuthill, Board Secretary