

DIAMOND SPRINGS-EL DORADO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2021

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 3:02 pm

Roll call as follows: Those present are
Patrick Williams (in-person)
Gary Cooper (in-person)
Richard Boylan (zoom)
Peter Moffett (zoom)
David Phillips (zoom)
Chief Ransdell (Host)

Guest: Spencer, Travis, Jack (zoom)

Flag Salute - waived

Added: Rescue 49, District's 201 Rights and Station 47 Discussion to Old Business. A motion to approve the Agenda as amended made by Gary Cooper. Motion seconded by Peter Moffett. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the Minutes from the January 12, 2021 Board of Director's Meeting made by Gary Cooper. Motion seconded by Peter Moffett. Motion approved.

Director Williams opened public forum at 3:05pm

Correspondence: None

Consent Items: District Bills and DSP-JPA Bills for February 2021 submitted. A motion to approve the consent items as presented made by Richard Boylan. Motion seconded by Gary Cooper. Motion approved.

Chief's Report – Chief Ransdell –

- Working on finalizing the Indemnity Agreement for use of Training Tower by EDC Search & Rescue. All outside agencies wishing to use the Training Tower in the future will need to do an Indemnity Agreement.
- Chief's Vehicle was about to be picked up when we were notified that it was hit on the opposite side in the parking lot at the repair place.
- Call Volume Statistics: Engine responded to 306 calls last month, ambulance responded to 280 calls last month. Slight increase in call volume over last year.
- Prevention – Things steady, code enforcement issues and a couple of fires.

Old Business

1. JPA Update – Chief on Ad Hoc Committee with Veer Kamp & Jorgensen on next contract. Looking at indirect and direct costs to figure out the true cost of running an ambulance. Two new JPA Directors getting a handle on things.
2. Negotiations Update – Chief is working with Engineer Daniels. MOU has been updated and just a couple minor revisions to be finished up.
3. Shared Services Agreement Update – McKay left County Fire leaving them with no Fire Marshal. Cordero asked us to help them out. Ken & Tony will be helping under a Shared Services Contract. Williams asked if we will track the hours, they spend – Chief said it would be minimal just providing guidance. County Fire will be coming up with a plan to fill the position.
4. Strategic Planning Update – Chief built foundation for it and is almost ready to launch. Would like it to be an in-person meeting rather than Zoom. Flyer coming out at the end of the week asking for people from all ranks to be a part of the group.
5. Station 47 – Need direction from Board. Home Owners Association owns bldg. Director Phillips feels like we should give it back and get us out of it. Request from Chief Johnson to use while they remodel Station 83 (Rescue). Cooper agrees to look at getting rid of it. Chief given direction by board to look into getting rid of it.
6. Rescue 49 – Trying to get Back-Up coverage but Chief does not think the County would give us any money to run the Rescue. Phillips thinks we should get some cost recovery for training, equipment & staffing. Williams thinks if we ask for reimbursement, Rescue 49 will not be dispatched. Chief to look into getting support from the other Chiefs.
7. Districts 201 Rights – Received correspondence back from anti-trust lawyer and gave chief a draft opinion favorable to us having 201 rights. Need a final opinion that Chief will share when he receives it and then we will need to make some decisions.

New Business

1. First Responder Fee – Working on a First Responder Fee along with Chief Johnson & Chief Cordero for ALS Engine Company - Working with Trident Alliance to do a feasibility study. Taxes in place for Prevention and Wildfires but not for providing EMS services. Mechanisms for Cost Recovery being looked into including private insurance. \$100 to \$600 per call would generate \$150,000 to \$900,000. Insurance Companies already set money aside for these fees. Full document coming soon.

New Purchases: Radios. Discussing future purchase of a Type 1 or Type 3.

Employee/Union: No report, left meeting to go on a call.

A motion to adjourn made by Gary Cooper. Motion seconded by Richard Boylan. Meeting adjourned at 3:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Tuthill, Board Secretary