

**DIAMOND SPRINGS/EL DORADO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 10, 2023**

PLACE: Diamond Springs Fire Station
501 Pleasant Valley Road
Diamond Springs CA 95619

Director Phillips called the meeting to order 3:02 pm.

Roll call as follows	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
	Phillips	Moffett
	Cooper	
	Weidert	
	Pettibone	
	Chief Gallagher	
	Chief Yaws (late)	

Pledge recited

Adoption of Agenda – Agenda corrected as follows: Old Business, Item 3 moved to New Business. Moved Closed Session to beginning of meeting. Motion to adopt the agenda as amended made by Gary Cooper. Motion seconded by Michael Weidert. Motion approved.

The Meeting was Adjourned to go into closed session at 3:05pm.

Meeting called back to order at 3:43

Report from Closed Session – No Action Taken on either item.

There was one correction to the minutes presented. A motion to approve the minutes as corrected from the December 13, 2022 meeting made by Michael Weidert. Motion seconded by Michael Pettibone. Motion approved.

Director Phillips opened the Public Forum at 3:46 pm.

Correspondence: Chief Gallagher read a letter from El Dorado Disposal thanking the crew for coming out to help them put together the Bikes purchased through donations. The Fire Fighter's Association donated \$1,000 last month.

Consent Items: A motion to approve the January Consent Items made by Michael Weidert. Motion seconded by Michael Pettibone. Motion approved.

CHIEF'S REPORT on Operations, Training.

- Budget Update: On track.
- Calls 290 in district, E49 – 116, Rescue 7, Truck 3
- JPA – Above 90% response in all areas. Utilization all under except M89 who went over last month. Some issues with wall time in Sacramento – spending time waiting on beds affecting utilization. Mercy Folsom in emergency and units have been diverted.
- The Single Role Medic contract was awarded to County Fire. It will be M49 and will run out of Station 49 as a single role with County Employees.

- On the Saturday before the new year's storm, the Rescue was staffed up – They responded to one water rescue, a vehicle check and a check on a resident. A three team boat rescue crew was put together to extract a body from the river. Staffed up a Water Rescue Team with Employees from DSP & ECF and a second one with 2 DSP Employees, 4 Employees from EDH. OES has them on standby until tomorrow morning much like we staff strike teams. Reimbursement to be paid. Water teams staffed across entire state – Fire, Law Enforcement, PG&E all collaborated.
- T49 and L26 Tribal Police requested the aials for a lost officers service.
- Training – Live Fire Training with County Fire cancelled due to storms, will have tomorrow and will reschedule the cancelled sessions.
- Combined CPR Training also done.

BC's Report –

- Structure Fire Greenstone – Woodsman Loop - 2 story with fatality – Rescue, County Fire and us. Did training after. Veerkamp was called in to excavate the roof and the second story which was immensely helpful. We were able to use the Arson Task Force.
- Hotel Conference call – difficult project. They will be hiring a fire design specialist to help solve their problems. New inspector putting together a report, getting a handle on state mandates.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Consolidation Discussions with County Fire** – The Next meeting is on the 12th at 1:00 pm, board members, (Dave,) EDC Fire and a couple of their Board Members and union. January 26, LAFCO, Chiefs, Union, everybody at the LAFCO Office. Chief explained we are in the initial stages of the discussions. Feasibility Studies need to be done. Unions and Board gave their support to having discussions. Denault – Retirees are not opposed to doing what is best for the district. Retirees are concerned about what will happen to our benefits and will fight tooth and nail to keep our benefits. Retirees want to be kept informed. Chief said County Fire discussed that our salaries and all benefits need to be protected. Chief Gallagher is looking actively for legal opinions and guidance on this. Make sure it will improve the services for the residents of this district. Spencer – meeting chiefs acknowledged that they would all be providing and how we can provide better services. Make sure our assets are strong and do not give them away. We need to be equal. Phillips – Calls in District increased – are we providing the service or can we improve. Floyd wanted to know if meetings with LAFCO are open to the public. Phillips wanted to get the agencies together before the LAFCO Meeting on the 26th. After LAFCO Meeting there will be Town Hall Meetings. Leah – Discussion has not been do we need them or vice versa but recognizing our strengths and weaknesses. Positive discussions. Thursday – 1:00 pm here asked for one other Board Member to attend. Pettibone will try.
2. **Shared Services with El Dorado County FPD Update** – Going well. Sharing Prevention Services, Chief Coverage – both districts have 2 chiefs covering 24, 7 & combining training in both departments. County Employees staffing the water rescue team results of this, then EDH wanted to team up and staff equipment. Pretty amazing for the entire county.
3. **Fire Summit Meetings Update** – No update – BOS, LAFCO and Districts have asked for three different options of consolidation.
4. **Board Policies & Procedures Adhoc Committee Formation** - Phillips looked at current policies and looked at some from other agencies. Would like to form an Adhoc Committee to do that – Weidert & Phillips to head up this committee. Send input to Dave or Michael if you have any.
5. **Succession Planning** – No update since last month.

6. **Strategic Plan** –Chief Gallagher reviewed the Strategic Plan – on going living document. Phillips – Met with Strategic Plan on November 28th. Policies and Procedures updated and on web site. Would also like to form a Finance Committee – Re-Look at Medical Opt Out. Shared Services, Solar Project, would like to put a Standing Committee together to make sure we stay on track and going. 1 Board members, chief and one other person. Director Cooper & Director Pettibone, Chief will find out what staff person would like to be on the standing committee.
7. **First Responder Fee** – DTA has information they requested waiting to hear back.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **2023-2023 UAL Update** – Chief Gallagher met with Weist Law & Cal Muni – CalPERS took a hit of 6% - Our shortfall is \$93,000. They recommended us paying \$418,000 at the end of the year but we will have to wait and see what our actuals will look like in April May and have another meeting with them. Dave would like to put finance committee together – chief would want finance committee in this meeting. Would Don be interested in assisting the District with the Finance Committee. Cooper & Pettibone
2. **Surplus Utility Box from C8100 Vehicle** –Wing Utility Box removed from 8100, \$1,000 to \$2,000. Possibly get \$500 to \$1,000. Or donate to another department or nonprofit. Motion to surplus the Taylor Wing Utility Box from C8100 made by Gary Cooper. Motion seconded Michael Weidert. Motion approved.
3. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Adhoc – Station 48 – Weidert, Pettibone
 - b. Standing – Strategic Plan, Budget/Finance, 115 Trust, Facilities, Solar – Cooper, Pettibone
 - c. Board Policy Committee –Weidert, Phillips

Director Phillips closed public comment at 4:54pm.

NEW PURCHASES: None

EMPLOYEE / UNION: Union Submitted a request for a salary survey and a few other questions in regards to consolidation from Mastagni.

Motion to adjourn made by Gary Cooper. Motion seconded buy Michael Weidert. Meeting adjourned at 4:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Lori Tuthill, Board Secretary