

**DIAMOND SPRINGS/EL DORADO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 11, 2024**

PLACE: Diamond Springs Firefighters Memorial Hall
3734 China Garden Road
Diamond Springs CA 95619

Director Cooper called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

Roll call as follows

	<u>Present</u>
	Gary Cooper
	Michael Weidert
	Lloyd Rutherford
	Michael Pettibone
	Matthew Anderson

Pledge recited.

Time Sensitive Matters

1. Director Cooper opened the Public Hearing on the matter of setting the FY 2024/2025 Appropriation Limits pursuant to article XIII B of the State Constitution via Resolution 2024-02 at 3:02 pm.
2. Director Cooper opened the Public Hearing on the matter of adoption of the FY 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget pursuant to Government Code 13890 at 3:02 p,.

A motion to adopt the Agenda was made by Lloyd Rutherford. Motion seconded by Matthew Anderson. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from the May 14, 2024, Meeting made by Michael Weidert. Motion seconded by Michael Pettibone. Motion approved.

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

Correspondence: The Association received a thank you note and a donation of \$500 from June & Stan Dean in Lake Oaks Mobile Home Park for responding 3 times to Stan's Medical Issues.

Consent Items: Silverado Avionics questions. AFG Grant will cover half of it. A motion to approve the June Consent Items made by Michael Weidert. Motion seconded by Lloyd Rutherford. Motion approved.
Motion approved.

CHIEF'S REPORT on Operations, Training.

- May calls: District – We responded to 321 calls, E349-248, M49 -281 R-4 T-2.
- We participated in the evacuation drill at Log Town which went well. There was a good turnout and the town hall meeting afterward was well attended.
- We also participate in the Diamond Springs Fire Safe Council at the Fruit Growers Association. The event went well. We had good representation.
- Attended the education event at Greenstone Country's Fire Safe Council as well.
- New firefighter Brad Jones is on board. He is participating in the new hire academy with EDC's 2 new hires. They will all be sworn in at a Badge Pinning Ceremony at 4:00 pm on June 13, 2024, at the Fire Fighter's Hall.

- Training – Swift Water Drill completed last month. The drill went well.
- Cameron Park Update from Chief Cordero – Cal FIRE contract had new staffing models that were more costly, so the CSD hired Don Ashton to do an analysis & AP Triton to do a Feasibility Study. ECF & EDH put in proposals to provide service. The Cameron Park CSD will not release the Feasibility Study, but they did release the report done by Don Ashton. The analysis recommended that the CSD go with the proposal from El Dorado Hills Fire. A Workshop is scheduled for June 12, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Cameron park Community Center. ECF submitted a response to the analysis. The CSD has re-signed a contract with Cal FIRE for 3 years while they figure out how to proceed. The report from Don Ashton is available on the CSD webpage.

OLD BUSINESS

1. DSP-ECF Working Group – Gallagher/Rutherford – We received a draft healthcare resolution from legal counsel. We are making a few corrections and will send them back to legal. Once complete we would like to have a meeting with actives and retirees to explain it. Meeting will be noticed to employees and retirees and a remote Zoom option will be available. The SB is headed to the next committee on June 19th 2024 at 9:00 am. It is not on the consent calendar this time so we will have union reps and Chief's attend. We had our first Policy/SOG Meeting and discovered that both districts have outdated policies, and it will be labor intensive to go through them. We decided to get a quote to see what it would cost to purchase a Lexipol subscription. We met with Lexipol on Monday and got a proposal. We will have the working group review the proposal and documents. The plan would be to do one set of updated policies combined for both districts. The cost would be split between both districts. We are working on a draft for a new shared services agreement to put both departments in the same Telestaff and to enable line personnel to work anywhere. We will be talking about the negotiations with the County at the next joint meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Local 4972 MOU Extension – The MOU is complete but Chief Gallagher needs to go through it. The new MOU incorporates all the side letters. The MOU will be presented for approval at the July Board Meeting. The current MOU expires June 30, 2024, so the union is asking for an extension. A motion to approve the request to extend the current MOU for the time needed to approve the new MOU made by Lloyd Rutherford. Motion seconded by Michael Weidert. The Motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.
2. A motion to approve Resolution 2024-03 adopting a revised Pay Schedule for 2024-2025 effective June 29, 2024, made by Michael Pettibone. Motion seconded by Lloyd Rutherford. Motion approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Director Cooper closed the Public Hearings on the matters of the Appropriations Limits and Preliminary Budget at 3:34 pm.

3. A Motion to approve Resolution 2024-02 setting the FY 2024-2025 Appropriations Limits at \$6,265,001.84. made by Michael Pettibone. Motion seconded by Matthew Anderson. Motion approved by a unanimous roll call vote.
4. FY 2024-2025 Preliminary Operating Budget and fiscal projections – Chief Gallagher reviewed the preliminary budget with the Board. There is an increase of \$140,000 (2%) in tax revenue. This will be updated before the final budget is adopted once we receive the estimate letter from Sally Zutter. Decreased the UAL Bond Payment by \$150,000 due decrease in 24-25 interest payment. Class 30 increased by 3.5% COLA. Added \$30,000 in fixed assets to convert the dually to a water rescue rig. Vehicle Maintenance was increased by \$30,000. Also added \$10,000 to purchase a new ice machine. Will purchase an additional 3 sets of swift water gear. Added \$74,000 for health insurance premiums. The final budget will reflect the purchase of the new Type 3 engine using CFD Funds. LAFCO Map project also included in the budget. A motion to approve the 2024-2025 Preliminary Operating Budget and fiscal projections made by Michael Pettibone. Motion seconded by Michael Weidert. Motion approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Committee Reports

Adhoc Committees

- Annexation Adhoc Committee – Covered above

Standing Committees

- Strategic Plan Standing Committee – No Report
- Budget/Finance Standing Committee– Pettibone – Profit and Loss numbers are good. Still must post about \$72,000 overtime costs from Shared labor, the annual CERBT payment but we are forecasting ending the fiscal year with about \$400,000 to the good. Development Fee expenditures are on hold due to the current climate.

Items for next meeting: Id Cards

New Purchases: None

Employee/Union:

- The Union discussed the draft revised shared service agreement, and they are in support of it.
- Captain Wolf explained the confined space rescue used to save a 60 lb. dog that fell into a well. With a little creative thinking and some tied webbing, they were able to save the dog.

Director Cooper closed the Open Forum and adjourned to Closed Session at 4:05 pm.

Director Cooper re-convened Open Session at 4:22 pm.

Report from Closed Session

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (1 item) (Gov Vode 54956.9) – The Directors gave Chief Gallagher direction to have our legal counsel report to opposing counsel their findings that the retiree in question is already receiving the maximum amount under the applicable 2010 healthcare vesting schedule and that no other monies will be paid out.

Director Cooper adjourned the meeting at 4:23.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Tuthill, Board Secretary