

**DIAMOND SPRINGS/EL DORADO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 14, 2024**

PLACE: Diamond Springs Fire Department
Firefighter's Hall
3734 China Garden Road
Diamond Springs CA 95619

Director Cooper called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Roll call as follows:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
	Cooper	Anderson
	Weidert	
	Rutherford	
	Pettibone	

Pledge recited.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Weidert. The motion was seconded by Director Rutherford. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2024, made by Director Pettibone. The motion was seconded by Director Weidert. Motion approved.

Director Cooper opened the Public Forum at 3:01pm.

Correspondence: None

Consent Items: A motion to approve the January Consent Items made by Director Weidert. The motion was seconded by Director Rutherford. Motion approved.

CHIEF'S REPORT on Operations and Training.

- December calls: We responded to a total of 321 calls (215 E49, M48 282 M49, 3 R49).
- We are running out of ECF's new Engine with Engine 49 on it. New Pierce Engine 49, 28 & 25 have new. Doing 3 open houses so the community can see the new equipment.
- Jonathan Sherwood was promoted to Inspector II. He will be pinned at the Joint Badge Pinning ceremony on February 6, 2025, at 5:30 at Red Hawk Casino.
- We have two crews at So Cal Fires.
- Chief Johnson from El Dorado Hills Fire retired. Chief Lillienthal is the Interim Chief.
- Cristy Jorgenson is back full-time for the JPA with one assistant. County / JPA Contract negotiations in progress.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. DSP-ECF Working Group Update – Met on January 8th. We will be hiring a receptionist – The Admin staff worked together and brought a plan forward. Receptionist Job description, and wage scale will be presented to the ECF Board, and we will begin recruiting once the position is approved. We had to pause the LAFCO Application process to get side letters for Safety and Miscellaneous MOU's. The side letters need to be in place before we move forward with the LAFCO Application. Just received the draft side letter from the union yesterday. Union members on Strike Teams also causing delay. May request to have a special board meeting when ready. Admins combined MOU for future, side letter will need to be done. Deputy Chief pay scale and job description to be hired by ECF is being worked on. Once approved, the position will be flown, and we will do a testing process.
2. First Responder Fee Postponement of Implementation-Reviewed the Staff Report and asked for the Board to approve the postponement of implementing the collection of the First Responder Fee. Would need to reprogram the current Image Trend system. A motion to postpone the implementation of Diamond Springs-El Dorado FPD's First Responder Fee made by Director Weidert. The motion was seconded by Director Rutherford. We will use the ECF First Responder Fee after the annexation is complete and we will go back and look at analysis from the consultant. The fee is based on call volume. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Committee Reports

Adhoc Committees –

- Annexation Committee - see above. Rutherford thanked the Admin Team for their work on staffing for the annexation. He is glad we are working on the Deputy Chief position. The Fire Chief spot will most likely be someone from the outside. We are hoping to fill the Deputy Chief position internally.

Standing Committees

- Strategic Planning Committee– Planning Group Meeting on the 21st at 9:00 at Station 49. Rutherford & Pettibone to attend.
- Finance Committee – Yesterday's meeting was canceled and the committee met right before this meeting for convenience. We have collected about half of our tax revenue for the fiscal year. Profit and Loss numbers look good. We are about where we should be at this point in the year.

New Purchases: AV Equipment. Paid for chassis on Type 3.

Employee/Union: – Two strike teams out. The Engineers test being taken by one member & national registry next week. Confined space in Siskiyou County in a couple of weeks.

Items for the next meeting: None

Director Cooper closed the public forum and adjourned the meeting at 3:39pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Tuthill