



**MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the
Pliocene Ridge CSD Board of Directors
Date: Thursday February 15, 2024 Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Pike City Firehouse.**

1. ESTABLISH QUORUM, CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE: The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by President Larry Allen. **Flag Salute.** Present: Board members, Larry Allen, Bruce Coons, Grace Lundeen and Pam Davis. Chris Mills was absent. Also in attendance: Chief Dorn and Alleghany Assistant Chiefs David Arbogast and Ned Cusato, Pike Community Support Foundation President Roland Robertson and Treasurer Denise Ruane. Pliocene Ridge CSD Secretary Rae Bell Arbogast was present and took the minutes.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Approval of current Agenda, Minutes for regular meeting held January 18, 2024, the Treasurer's report for January 2024 and ratification of form RD 442-7 submitted as part of the USDA Vehicle Reimbursement Grant. **A motion was made to approve the consent calendar by Bruce Coons, seconded by Pam Davis Ayes: Allen, Davis, Coons, Lundeen Noes: none Absent: Mills Abstain: none ~ Motion carried.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Incoming Letter from AT&T re: pending applications with PUC to get out of California as Provider of Last resort. **Outgoing** State Controller's Report Cover Sheet and copy of FY 22/23 Budget mailed to the State Controller's Office, Sympathy Card signed by firefighters given to Sherri Vieira **Email topics (in & out):** With Blain Boden re: State Controller's report, Sierra County OES re various opportunities and meetings, USDA Rep Robin Yasso re vehicle reimbursement grant application. Corrected copy of budget sent to Van Maddox along with a few questions about the Title III money available to pay for fires, NORCAL EMS re updated protocols and their 17th annual Northstate Prehospital conference, USFS re: surplus vehicles that they have, Sierra County Firesafe counsel re: vegetation clearing grants for homeowners, Golden State Risk Management Authority re: training grant. Congressman Kevin Riley representative and Calif. Special District's association regarding an email that was sent out encouraging fire departments to apply for the Federal Fire Fighters Assistance Grant. Rae Bell wanted to make sure that Kevin Riley's office is aware that fire departments structured as Special Districts are not recognized by the Federal Government and are not able to apply for the fireman's assistance grant. Despite Rae's efforts, nobody responded back to her.

b) *Committee/Member/Business Reports:*

1. Chief's Report ~ Chief Dorn reported that it has been quiet. There was one call for a vehicle over the bank cancelled by CHP. Pike City Fire Captain Cameron Shay got his EMT license and has also gotten his commercial driver's license enabling him to drive the water tenders. A CPR class is scheduled for Sunday Feb 18th with 16 first responders signed up. Water Tender 67 is close to being in service. It needs to be filled and a little more test driving needs to be done.

2. Assistant Chiefs' Report: David Arbogast reported that the Forest Service has been burning piles on Ridge Road. Don't call it in.

3. AVFD non-profit corp: ~ Rae Bell reported that the membership drive went well and that the annual meeting notice and request for nominations will be mailed after their next board meeting. There has been some difficulty in getting a quorum together for a board meeting.

4. *Pike Community Support Foundation* ~ No report.

5. *Board Member/Staff Reports* ~ Nothing in addition to Rae Bell's report provided in writing. Bruce Coons did not wish to discuss the replacement of 7145 (previously requested agenda item).

6. *Firewise Community Projects* ~ Report provided in writing.

7. *Firehouse Projects & ADA Compliance*:~ Two items under New Business for Pike City Firehouse. No report on Alleghany Station 1 repairs.

6. ACTION ITEMS

a) Unfinished Business

1. *Appoint Risk Manager*. No volunteers, no action taken.

b) New Business

1. *Consider Pike Firehouse Planning Committee recommendation to hire architect*: Roland reported that the committee had met prior to the board meeting and recommends that PRCSD hire Russell Davidson to complete the cost comparison and feasibility study for two options: 1. Add a two engine bay structure on lot and upgrade existing firehouse to be ADA complaint OR tear down existing firehouse and construct new ADA compliant firehouse/community room. **A motion was made to authorize staff to sign a contract with Davidson Architecture to complete the cost comparison and feasibility study by Bruce Coons, seconded by Grace Lundeen Ayes: Allen, Davis, Coons, Lundeen Noes: none Absent: Mills Abstain: none ~ Motion carried.**

2. *Allocate Funds to hire architect*. It was reported that the Pike Firehouse Planning Committee does not have a firm figure for the cost of the study. Item to be carried to next month.

3. *Approve letter to Public Utilities Commission regarding AT&T's request to get out of the landline business*. **Motion made to approve the letter as provided by Bruce Coons, seconded by Pam Davis. Ayes: Allen, Davis, Coons, Lundeen Noes: none Absent: Mills Abstain: none ~ Motion carried.**

4. *Approve 2023 Summary report to be sent to district residents and property owners and submitted to the Mountain Messenger*. Rae Bell reported that she found two more runs to include in the 2023 summary after the meeting packets went out. **Motion made by Bruce Coons to approve the 2023 Summary report with the addition of two more runs, seconded by Pam Davis. Ayes: Allen, Davis, Coons, Lundeen Noes: none Absent: Mills Abstain: none ~ Motion carried.**

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEXT MEETING DATE & AGENDA ITEMS: The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2024 in Alleghany.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rae Bell Arbogast, Secretary