



**MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the  
Pliocene Ridge CSD Board of Directors  
Date: Thursday January 18, 2024 Time: 6:30 pm  
Location: Alleghany Station 2.**

**1. ESTABLISH QUORUM, CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Larry Allen. **Flag Salute.** Present: Board members, Larry Allen, Bruce Coons, Grace Lundeen and Chris Mills. Pam Davis was absent. Also in attendance: Chief Dorn and Alleghany Assistant Chiefs David Arbogast and Ned Cusato, Station 67 Fire Captain Cameron Shay, Pike Community Support Foundation President Roland Robertson and Treasurer Denise Ruane. Public present: Burns & Vicky Tenney. 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 Nov. 16, 2023 plus the Treasurer's reports for November and December 2023. **A motion was made to approve the consent calendar by Chris Mills, seconded by Bruce Coons Ayes: Allen, Coons, Lundeen, Mills Noes: none Absent: Davis Abstain: none ~ Motion carried.**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Vicky Tenney stated that Larry Vieira had passed away recently. It was noted that he was a volunteer fire fighter with the Alleghany Fire Department for many years. A card will be sent. A celebration of life is being planned for the spring and hopefully the fire departments can participate.

**4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a) *Correspondence:* **Incoming** Donation of \$3,000 for the Pike City Fire Dept. from the AK and CM Jennings foundation, Special Districts Financial Transactions report letter from the California State Controller's office scanned and emailed to Blain Boden, Holiday cards from several agencies, vendors and the insurance company **Outgoing** Thank you letter and receipt for tax purposes sent to the AK and CM Jennings Foundation. **Email topics (in & out):** Sierra County disaster preparedness committee re: meetings, Joyce White of DVFPD re: runs, Firewise USA re: community updates, Pike FH Planning Committee re: meeting, USDA Rural Development re: vehicle reimbursement grant

**b) Committee/Member/Business Reports:**

*1. Chief's Report* ~ Chief Dorn reported that it has been quiet with only one medical call since the last board meeting. Cameron Shay has been appointed Fire Caption for Station 67. He has been doing a lot to help us step up our game, he is almost done with an EMT course, just needs to take the test.

At the first training for 2024 the fire department crew (both depts) discussed goals for the year and came up with the following list:

- Annual Evaluations of all firefighters
- A building for the new water tender (Pike)
- Training at both stations (not just Pike)
- More frequent vehicle inspections
- Changing all small tools to using AV Gas
- Possible Engine bay (Pike)
- Community outreach
- Recruitment and retention
- Gear rack for Station 67
- Radio training

2. *Assistant Chief's Report*: Ned Cusato reported that they have been doing Ropes Training and Cameron Shay has been teaching it.

3. *AVFD non-profit corp*: ~ Rae Bell reported that a membership letter was recently sent out to property owners and residents of Alleghany and Forest City per the non-profits bylaws.

4. *Pike Community Support Foundation* ~ Roland reported that they had their Christmas party and the turnout was good. Everyone had a good time.

5. *Board Member/Staff Reports* ~ None

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

7. *Firehouse Projects & ADA Compliance*:~ The Pike City Firehouse committee reported that they met on January 5<sup>th</sup>. The architect came back with a quote that was over \$6,000 to do the cost comparison and suggested narrowing the scope (five options submitted). The scope of the analysis was narrowed down to two options: 1. Add a 40' x 40' two-bay metal building and fix the existing firehouse. 2. Tear down existing firehouse and build new 40' x 100' metal building. Denise is taking the narrowed down option back to the architect for a new estimate, then we need to determine how to pay for it.

Regarding the Alleghany Firehouse Station 1, Rae Bell reminded everyone that the metal to repair the west side of the building has been sitting in the County Yard for over a year now. Dan Guyer has offered to help with the work. We need to order two new man doors and reframe it. If food is provided it should be easy to get a volunteer crew together. Ned to look at the doors so that they can be ordered.

## **6. ACTION ITEMS**

### **a) Unfinished Business**

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

2. *Status of Pike City FD Rescue Truck*. Rae Bell reported that she had been working on the grant application and that our USDA Rural Development Representative said that it would be best to submit a single application for both vehicles. USDA won't be allocating this year's money until June but the application needs to be in by the end of March to make the first round. This creates a dilemma because the district needs to put the Brush Truck 7150 back in Alleghany before fire season starts. [It is currently being housed in Pike as a rescue truck.] After a lengthy discussion it was suggested that three applications be submitted, one for each truck individually and one for both together, so that if USDA won't fund one perhaps they will fund the other. Rae Bell will check with USDA to see if that is a good option. Staff will have to figure out what to do about the rescue truck while we wait to hear from USDA for approval or denial.

**A motion was made to authorize staff to move forward with the USDA grant application for both the water tender and a newer rescue truck, by Chris Mills, seconded by Bruce Coons, Ayes: Allen, Coons, Lundeen, Mills Noes: none Absent: Davis Abstain: none ~ Motion carried.**

3. *Status of conversion of 7145 to alternative transport vehicle*. There are a few more stickers to remove and new decals need to be put on, but it can be used, and it responded to the run in December.

4. *Appoint Project Manager for Second Siren in Alleghany* After a discussion a motion was made to appoint Ned Cusato as the project manager by Bruce Coons, Seconded by Chris Mills. **Ayes: Allen, Coons, Lundeen, Mills Noes: none Absent: Davis Abstain: none ~ Motion carried.**

**b) New Business**

*1. Temporary Housing for new Water Tender:* Chief Dorn reported that Station 2 in Alleghany is being used to house it for the winter.

*2. Appoint Officers* A motion was made to keep the current slate of officers: Larry Allen President, Bruce Coons, Vice President, Rae Bell Arbogast Secretary/Treasurer, (Chris Mills is Deputy Secretary) **Motion made by Chris Mills, Seconded by Bruce Coons Ayes: Allen, Coons, Lundeen, Mills Noes: none Absent: Davis Abstain: none ~ Motion carried.**

*3. Closed session for employee review and personnel issue per gov. code 54957 (two items).* The board went into closed session at 7:04 and came out at 7:25. No board action was taken. All members of the public had vacated the premises.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEXT MEETING DATE & AGENDA ITEMS:** The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2024 in Pike. Agenda items: status of future replacement for 7145 [missed on Jan Agenda]

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rae Bell Arbogast, Secretary