



**MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the
Pliocene Ridge CSD Board of Directors
Date: Thursday April 20, 2023 Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Pike City Firehouse 100 Pike City Rd. Pike**

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, Pam Davis, and Chris Mills Directors Grace Lundeen and Bruce Coons reported in advance that they could not attend. Also in attendance: Pliocene Ridge Fire Chief Chris Dorn, Alleghany Assistant Chiefs David Arbogast and Ned Cusato. Pike Community Support Foundation President Roland Robertson and Treasurer Denise Ruane. Public present: 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 March 16, 2023 and the emergency meeting held on March 30, 2023 and the Treasurer's report for March 2023. **A motion was made to approve the consent calendar by Chris Mills, seconded by Larry Allen Ayes: Allen, Davis, Mills Noes: none Absent: Coons & Lundeen Abstain: none ~ Motion carried.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: For items not listed on agenda. None

4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Correspondence:

Incoming: Notices from PG&E re: planned power outages, letter from Cai Sorlien re: corrections to address list.

Outgoing: Follow-up notices regarding fire dept. equipment returns from non-active firefighters. Form 700s sent to clerk-recorders office, application papers sent to Pam Davis.

b) Committee/Member/Business Reports:

1. Chief's Report ~ Chief Dorn reported that was one medical call since the last meeting that was significant because PRCSD staff were engaged for over five hours (two rode along in ALS ambulance). The patient is doing well. The tires are here for engine 7180 and should be mounted soon.

2. Assistant Chief's Report: Alleghany Fire Assistant Chiefs David Arbogast and Ned Cusato reported that there is going to be a medical responder skills day this coming Saturday at the Pike Firehouse.

3. AVFD non-profit corp: ~ Rae Bell reported that she is now the Secretary of the nonprofit corp. (not a board member) and is getting all of the delinquent non-profit filings caught up. The name change filed in 2022 was not voted on by the membership as required. The board recently voted to void the name change. The name remains Alleghany Volunteer Fire Dept. Once the AG's delinquency notice is lifted the organization can solicit for memberships again. Once there are members, the process of changing the name will be addressed, but it is going to take some time.

4. Pike Community Support Foundation ~ Roland Robertson stated that he had nothing to report other than for items already on the agenda.

5. Board Member/Staff Reports ~ Report provided in writing. Additionally, Director Mills stated that he would like to reverse his votes made in March regarding the changes to the reserve fund policy and the decision to keep the mutual aid revenue earned in 2022 in the General Fund. It was noted that this was not placed on the agenda as an action item. It will be placed on the April agenda.

6. *Firewise Community Projects* ~ There was a question about the funding that the County recently received for clearing along the roadways. Ned Cusato explained that most of the clearing is going to be around Downieville, but they are going to do Mountain House Road and some of Ridge Road. The money can only be used for clearing on Federal Land.

7. *Firehouse Projects & ADA Compliance:*~ Pam Davis read a letter from Jenny Berry with her ideas about a new firehouse. A drawing of a possible lay-out was also provided. Chief Dorn thanked Pam and asked her to please thank Jenny for her serious thoughts on the matter. He explained that the district does not own the land behind the firehouse and that the current highest priority for the Pike Firehouse is to add two large engine bays. One to accommodate the water tender and one to accommodate a modern structure truck. (neither will fit in the current firehouse) Providing ADA access for meetings is also a high priority. Adding the bays should be done in a way that addresses both current and future needs.

Roland reported that he had spoken to Supervisor Lee Adams since the last PRCSD meeting and there is money available to work on the existing firehouse. There was a long discussion about possible options for meeting current and future needs. The Chair directed that the Planning Committee reconvene and come up with some engineering studies and costs for the proposed options to bring to the board so that the board can make an informed decision.

8. *Pending Grants:* Written report provided.

5. ACTION ITEMS

a) *Unfinished Business* None

b) *New Business*

1. *Ambulance MOU* – It was reported that the meeting held in Downieville on April 18th went well. PRCSD reps, Larry Allen, Rae Bell and Chris Mills attended. Downieville FPD attendees were: President Frank Lang, Chief Officers Robert Hall and Steve Folsom, new medic Tegan Harrington and EMS coordinator Diane Wharff. Donna Stone of Norcal EMS attended via zoom.

It was explained that the current two-party MOU needs to be expanded to include The County and possibly Nor Cal EMS, at the very least Norcal needs to approve it. Nothing controversial came up, it is just a matter of addressing many things that fell through the cracks over the years, mainly regarding the County's agreement with Downieville FPD to provide ambulance services to Western Sierra County. The Sierra County Board of Supervisors and County Counsel will need to weigh-in on the situation.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEXT MEETING DATE & AGENDA ITEMS

Several in attendance reported that the next meeting date of May 18th was problematic for them. It was decided by consensus to move the May meeting to May 11th to be held in Alleghany. There was also a discussion about the call-in option with Brown Act concerns being mentioned. It was noted that nothing in the new Brown Act Rules prohibits allowing non-board members to attend by phone. Board members are limited to twice per twelve-month period.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rae Bell Arbogast, Secretary