



MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Pliocene Ridge CSD Board of Directors

Date: Thursday April 21, 2022 Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Alleghany Fire Station 2, 514 Miners Street, Alleghany

1. ESTABLISH QUORUM & CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Larry Allen. Flag Salute. Present: Board members, Larry Allen, Bruce Coons, Grace Knowles and Chris Mills. Also in attendance: District Fire Chief Chris Dorn, Alleghany Assistant Chiefs David Arbogast & Ned Cusato, and newly appointed board nominee Pam Davis. PRCSD Secretary Rae Bell Arbogast took the minutes.

Pam Davis was welcomed as the newly appointed board member. [Note: She was appointed by the Sierra County board of supervisors on April 19th and PRCSD did not get the oath of office papers in time for the meeting. For this reason, she is not counted on the votes.]

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Agenda, Minutes and Treasurer's report

A motion was made to approve the consent calendar. Motion made by Grace Knowles, seconded by Chris Mills Ayes: Allen, Coons, Mills Nays: none Absent: none Abstain: none Vacant: one~ Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: none

4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) *Correspondence* See Staff report for list.

b) *Committee/Member/Business Reports:*

1. *Chiefs Report* ~ Chief Dorn reported that call volume has been low which is good. They have been training to get ready for wildland fire season. Retired Nevada County Chief Tom Browning will be doing a presentation on May 2nd about the Beaver Fire burn-over. All board members are invited to attend. It is a good presentation.

The previous Friday he got a text message from another Nevada County Consolidated Fire Chief asking if we were interested in some surplus equipment and he accepted it. A whole pallet of appliances, nozzles, fittings etc was picked up and will be split between the Pike and Alleghany Fire Departments.

Should be getting the new firetruck for Alleghany from the Peardale/Chicago Park FPD next week. Price is \$17,500.

2. *Assistant Chief's report:* Assistant Chief Cusato reported that they got the old engine 7180 started and will be washing it and taking new pictures soon.

3. *AVFD Inc. Non-Profit Corp:* ~ No report

4. *Pike Community Support Foundation* ~ Grace Knowles reported that they found an electronic sign that everyone agreed on for \$2,780. They are working on getting their fundraising program back up and running after COVID shut it down. They are planning a bake sale for June 18th information will be in the May newsletter. Their next board meeting will be on May 11th.

5. *Firewise Community Projects* ~ There was a discussion about using some of the firewise admin money to hire somebody to draw evacuation maps, as explained in the written staff report. [a motion was made, but this was not properly agendized as an action item.]

6. *Firehouse Projects & ADA Compliance:* Chris Mills wanted to bring it to everyone's attention that the asphalt at the Pike Firehouse is degrading on the east end of the driveway. Chris Dorn explained that he is aware of it, but it isn't the highest priority at this time. The goal is to incorporate the repair work with a County project if possible. He and Ned will be watching for that opportunity.

8. *Pending Grants:* Written report provided. Rae Bell to follow-up with Lee Brown on the homeland security grants.

5. ACTION ITEMS

a) Unfinished Business

1. *Bylaws-Policies* – A draft revision to Policy #2010 Funds was presented for consideration at the May 19th meeting.

2. *MOU between the District and the non-profit corporations:* Nothing new to report.

3. *Discuss title III monies request:* Report provided in writing. By consensus it was agreed that Rae Bell should continue to inquire about the possibility of requesting money for on-the-ground fuels reduction work.

b) New Business

1. *Firetruck bid opening:* Only one bid under the minimum bid amount was received for engine 7180.

A motion was made to lower the minimum bid amounts as follows:

Truck #1 lower from \$10,000 to \$7,500 Truck #2 lower from \$5,000 to \$3,000 and Truck #2 remains at \$2,000.

Motion made by Bruce Coons, seconded by Chris Mills Ayes: Allen, Coons, Mills Nays: none Absent: none Abstain: none Vacant: one~ Motion carried.

2. *Approve expenditures for repairs to Alleghany Firehouse Station 1 \$3,030 to have all screws in the roof replaced plus \$ 2,306.26 for new metal siding for the west wall (materials only).* **Motion made by Chris Mills, seconded by Grace Knowlse Ayes: Allen, Coons, Mills Nays: none Absent: none Abstain: none Vacant: one~ Motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEXT MEETING DATE & AGENDA ITEMS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2022 to be held at the Pike Firehouse if the weather is good. Agenda items: Preliminary budget initial presentation, bank signature card for recent board changes, Policy #2010 amendment.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rae Bell Arbogast
Secretary