

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2010

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Grenfell.

Present:

Gary Grenfell, Vice President
Madelaine Kiliany, Clerk
Craig Powell, Director

Absent:

Dave Giblin, President
Mike DeLaurentis, Director

Staff in Attendance:

Chief Tony Corado
Board Secretary Debbie Frick
Deputy Chief Lawrence Bettencourt
Division Chief Bryan Ransdell
Division Chief Eric Walder
Fire Marshal Bob Richardson

Public Comment: None

Special Presentation: None

Consent Agenda: Director Kiliany made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Director Powell.

Carried

OLD BUSINESS

2010/2011 Preliminary Budget Review: Chief Corado reviewed the preliminary budget and noted that the revenues were projected flat. He explained that the budget would be adopted in June.

Master Service Plan Review: Chief Corado reviewed the plan and explained that these are guiding documents. He stated that normally the adoption of the plans authorizes purchases contained in the budget.

Truck 17 Replacement: Chief Corado stated that he wanted to provide some follow up information after the workshop last month. Prior to the meeting, a tiller from Rocklin and quint from the manufacturer were brought to the District to allow everyone to view them and ask questions about their abilities and use. At the last board meeting, the board requested that the Battalion Chiefs provide their recommendations for the truck replacement. Chief Corado stated that there was some reference in the document that the BC's provided that the ambulance response was compromised. He explained that the District is currently exceeding the response time standards. He noted that the response times are reviewed regularly to make sure that the District is meeting the established standards. Chief Corado explained how staffing works within the District. He noted that if there were some issues that developed, it would be evaluated and a recommendation would be made to solve the problem. The BC's

had a couple of recommendations; the first was to replace Truck 17 with an engine. Chief Corado felt that the BC's had not embraced the change the District has made in the last two years of using the truck. Their second recommendation was to replace it with a quint. Their last option was to refurbish the truck. Chief Corado stated that he would not recommend putting new money into a thirty year old piece of equipment. He explained that if money was the issue the District could pursue purchasing a used piece of equipment but it might be difficult to find one that was already modified to meet our needs. Compromises would most likely have to be made. Deputy Chief Bettencourt distributed some information with some specs for the truck that was being looked at and stated that Pierce may be able to get a demo truck for the District to view.

Director Kiliany had asked about access at fires. Fire Marshal Bob Richardson gave a short presentation on required access for fire apparatus from the fire code and how the District responds.

Division Chief Ransdell gave a presentation on the Compressed Air Foam system (CAF) which the District would like to equip the new truck with. He explained that it is mixture of foam and water that is pressurized. It is safer for firefighters and has greater penetration than water alone. He stated it consists of 51% water, over 40% foam and the remainder is air. By using this mixture it allows the firefighters to remain a safer distance from the fire. He stated that several agencies have had success in using it. The advantage of the CAF system on the truck is it uses less compartment space and weighs less. Having more compartment space would allow the firefighters to be more efficient and have better access to their equipment.

Director Powell asked if the figure of \$800,000 was a good figure for the truck purchase.

Deputy Chief Bettencourt stated that Cal Fire just bought a quint with equipment for \$900,000 and Rocklin Fire paid \$996,000 for the tiller they just purchased.

Director Powell stated that if you considered the difference between an engine costing around \$400,000 and a truck costing \$800,000 it would most likely be worth it. He stated that if you amortized it over the life of the truck being thirty years that it might be worth it for \$13,000 a year or \$1,100 a month to get the service it would provide. He asked Chief Corado when the District would purchase the truck.

Chief Corado stated that it would not be purchased until the budget is approved and there is an authorized budget number. He noted that it was a long process to go through to purchase the truck.

Director Kiliany brought up her concerns about purchasing a truck verses using the funds for staffing.

Director Powell stated that according to the budgeting principles those funds couldn't be used for staffing.

Matt Feely representing Local 3809 thanked Chief Corado for having the committee put together and he felt that it brought forth a lot of good information. He stated that the number one concern the union had was the safety of its members. He stated that he would like to start using the truck even more like a truck and he felt it would eliminate the opposition.

Mutual and Automatic Aid Policy: Chief Corado stated that after reviewing the policy last month, he made some of the recommended changes. Director Kiliany asked how the policy was developed. Chief Corado stated that it was a new policy but was business as usual. He stated that there was not a written policy in place and this policy was being developed to have it in a written form.

Director Kiliany made a motion to approve the Mutual and Automatic Aid Policy. Seconded by Director Powell.

Carried

PERS Contract Amendment Resolution: Chief Corado stated that the resolution of intent was approved at the March board meeting. The final resolution was presented for approval. Director Powell made a motion to approve Resolution # 7 The Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract. Seconded by Director Kiliany.

Roll Call Ayes: Powell, Kiliany, Grenfell Noes: None Absent: DeLaurentis, Giblin

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Chief Evaluation Date: June 29th was selected as the evaluation date for Chief Corado.

State Parks Cooperative Emergency Services Agreement: Chief Corado stated that former Chief Bailey had met with State Parks in 1997 to try to get an agreement in place. He was not successful and it was resolved by having the District respond when requested by State Parks. Several things have changed that have caused the District to modify its response. Cell phones are causing the District to get dispatched to calls. In addition, State Parks has reduced their response capability dramatically. In the past they had a fully funded life guard program and had an adequate number of first responders. That as since changed. The District has been meeting with State Parks regarding the agreement but there has been some disagreement over the language. Chief Corado stated that our legal counsel will require that language. State Parks has also stated that they can't enter into an agreement because the federal government owns the property. There will be a meeting set up with State Parks, the Bureau of Reclamation and the District to discuss the agreement further.

Information and Discussion Items

Committee and Monthly Reports: None

Correspondence: None

Chief's Report: Chief Corado reported on the following items:

Chief Corado, Debbie Frick and Deputy Chief Bettencourt have been meeting with Wells Fargo in regards to financial independence from the County. Wells Fargo has a division that specializes in government accounts.

Division Chief Walder spoke about a field save of a 13 month old near drowning. The grandfather started CPR and the District provided ALS services. The child was transported to UCD. The grandfather came in and thanked the District for their assistance and said the child was doing well.

Chief Corado stated he had a couple of inquiries on the Eden Roc property.

The training structure being built in the back of Station 17 is for ventilation training.

Division Chief Ransdell has been conducting Wild Land RT-130 training for the lower region this week. Regional training Wild Land 2010 will be held on June 26th in Auburn.

Zofran an anti-nausea medication will be put into service after June 1st.

The Captain recruitment is in process and the Engineer recruitment has been opened.

The District is participating in a health and safety expo that will be held at Del Oro High School.

The State is proposing to add the Hidden Valley area into SRA land.

Functions: Kiwanis Golf Tournament on May 23, 2010

Board/Staff Comments: None

Future Agenda Items: None

Closed Session: None

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary
Debbie Frick