

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
April 10, 2019

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. by President, Chris Gibson.

Present:

Chris Gibson, President  
Gary Grenfell, Vice-President  
Sean Mullin, Clerk  
Dave Harris, Director  
Terri Ryland, Director  
Tom Millward, Director  
Russ Kelley, Director

Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Fire Chief, Eric Walder  
Deputy Chief, Karl Fowler  
Board Secretary, Kathy Medeiros  
Battalion Chief, Matt Feeley  
Firefighter Paramedic, Robert Sinetos  
Engineer Paramedic, Matt Tribur  
Engineer Paramedic, Cameron Wardlaw  
Firefighter Paramedic, Leo Borishkevich  
Division, Chief, Michael Ritter

Special Presentation: The Chief held a special presentation in the Station 15 Truck Room for the promotional pinning's of Captain Joe Stephens and Captain Cody Forrest. The oath of office was administered by President Gibson to promoted Captain Joe Stephens. Chief Walder congratulated them for their accomplishment and dedication to the fire service.

Public Comment: None

Closed Session: None

Consent Agenda: Director Ryland made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Director Mullin. Carried

Ayes: Harris, Gibson, Grenfell, Kelley, Millward, Mullin, Ryland Noes: None Abstain: None  
Absent: None

OLD BUSINESS

Station 15 Construction Update: Chief Walder began that holding the board meeting at the newly renovated Station 15 gives all an opportunity to see the completed work. He noted that there were still four items of attention before moving the crew back into the station. Division Chief Ritter

took the Board and public on a tour of Station 15 and reflected on all of the changes. It was noted that there was still a need to make sure that all subcontractors have been paid for their work in order to release any liens. Division Chief Ritter added that there is a need for a final charge for the HVAC system as well. Captain Gray is expected to finalize the work connecting the computer system and one week later staff will move in. Among the many improvements made were the sprinkler system, exhaust system, and electrical improvements that brought the station to code and ADA compliant for a commercial building.

District Strategic Planning: Chief recommends an update and discussion on the strategic planning committee and progress made to date. The District has set a goal to complete the strategic planning process and a committee has been formed to complete this goal. Chief Walder began that since the last board meeting there has been a second full day session with the consultant and more outcome from that session has been received. Moving forward from that session along with multiple surveys the District has created a new mission, vision and District values. Chief Walder noted that the results will be brought to the next board meeting for further discussion along with the strategy map and documents that will need to be adopted by the Board. He noted that 18 District members and Board members contributed.

Station 18 New Truck Room Planning Update: Chief recommends discussion on the progress made to this point with the planning for the Station 18 new Truck Room. Chief Walder discussed that the project is a Board goal for this year and an old Loomis Fire District project as well. The Facilities Committee has plans with an architect that is 80% complete before going to construction documents. Then there will be a preliminary cost analysis for the project. The current property is two parcels that is in the process of being merged by the Town of Loomis. The Facilities Committee will bring the documents back to the board for approval once they are completed. Director Mullin inquired whether the Board could view the current state of Station 18. Chief Walder responded that he will hold a future board meeting at Station 18.

## NEW BUSINESS

2019 Ambulance Rate Review: Staff recommends review and discussion on the current ambulance rate schedule and discussion on area rates and rate increase mechanisms. In 2006, the Board requested that the costs and fees associated with the ambulance transporting service be reviewed and presented to the Board each year. The fees have been increasing each year at the review period with one year where there was not an increase. The process for determining the rate increase is time consuming for staff and confusing to the Board. Chief Walder proposed looking at a different approach to raising the rates of the District to keep up with increasing costs of providing the service. He continued that with Medicare and Medi-Cal the District only received \$300- \$400 of an \$1800 invoice. Chief Walder proposes applying a cola to the rate using a CPI, similar to what Sac City and Sac Metro are currently using. He continued that Sac Metro has a clause that should something extraordinary hit the agency the Board can still take action to raise the rates. The current ALS base rate is \$1923 and with a CPI the rate would increase to \$1961. He concluded that the District currently has \$2.19 million in EMS salaries and can justify utilizing the CPI. Chief Walder asked the Board for authorization to bring the issue back for action at the next meeting. The Board unanimously authorized the Ambulance Rate Review issue to return for further review and approval.

Ayes: Harris, Gibson, Grenfell, Kelley, Millward, Mullin, Ryland Noes: None Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Fire Agencies Self Insurance System: Staff recommends that the Board vote for up to four positions to fill future vacancies on the FASIS Board of Directors. FASIS is the JPA that provides workers compensation and other benefits to the Fire District. Director Gary Grenfell has been nominated for election to the FASIS Board of Directors. Director Grenfell has served on the FASIS Board in the past and has offered to run for the upcoming term. The Board unanimously authorized Chief Walder to vote for Director Grenfell for the FASIS Board of Directors.

Ayes: Harris, Gibson, Grenfell, Kelley, Millward, Mullin, Ryland Noes: None Abstain: None  
Absent: None

## INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Placer County Fire Service Issues: Chief Walder recommends discussion on the latest developments in Placer County Fire Service delivery system and consolidation efforts countywide. He continued that recently the County has proposed an ordinance due to the Camp and Sonoma Fires and the reinvigorated fear of wildfire. The new unfunded mandate requires fire agencies to inspect individual homes property maintenance of 100' land clearance around resident's homes. With over 10,000 parcels in the District, the District does not have the manpower to inspect each parcel. At this time, the District will need to closely monitor this situation. Chief Walder will continue to update the Board as new information is released.

FDAC Annual Conference Discussion: Chief recommends a short discussion on the 2019 FDAC Annual Conference. The Fire Chief and five Board members attended the Fire Districts Association of California (FDAC) 2019 Annual Conference. The conference provided valuable training to the attendees with topics developed around the current issues facing Fire District's in California. Attendees also received valuable information from agencies such as PG&E, CalPERS Pension and OPEB contributions, Workers Compensation training, Time's Up, and Ready Set Go.

Correspondence: A monthly statement for the month of February from the PARS Trust reflecting the recent earnings to the OPEB account.

### Chief's Report:

- Crew had a field save off Olive Ranch Road last month for a pediatric drowning. The fast response, bystander CPR, and skilled District Employees are responsible for the great patient outcome
- Structure Fire on Auburn Folsom last month of aggressive attack on 18,000 square foot home. Homeowner was able to occupy separate wing of the home that night.
- Firefighter and Employee Awards and Recognition Event was held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and by all accounts was a success.
- SCBA Regional Grant was awarded to a vendor and we should be receiving the new units prior to the end of the budget year.
- Chief Fowler will be alternate Operational Area Coordinator and Chief Higgins will be the Operational Area Coordinator as elected by the WPCFCA.
- Chief Walder attending the EFO Symposium at the National Fire Academy at the end of the month.
- Informed today that we received three radios from the Placer County OES Homeland Security Grant Program, \$13,743 value.
- Fire on Auburn Folsom determined to not be arson by our investigators.
- SPFD Arson Investigation Team will be adding two additional members to the cadre.

- Six additional employees attending Trench Rescue and eight will be going to Rescue Systems 2 – both courses offered locally in Sacramento.
- District provided Driver Operator 1A Training last month to 7 employees and Driver Operator 1B this month to 8 employees and 2 from outside.
- RT 130 will be sponsored and coordinated this year by SPFD, by Battalion Chief Feeley, with site at Folsom Lake State Park or venue in Rocklin.
- All units have been equipped with at least one 32 tone radio to be compliant with the new system.
- Engineers manipulative testing is at the end of the month with 3 employees taking the exam.
- Announcements for Internal Paramedic Firefighters and External Fire Marshall Position are being prepared.
- Chief Walder spoke March 26<sup>th</sup> with other agency Fire Chiefs; at the HSB Penryn Mac meeting held at the Blue Goose to discuss wildland response and readiness.
- Well Quest at northwest corner of Old Auburn and Sierra College moving forward at the County but needs to meet some additional FD requirements to move forward.
- Placer Retirement is heading to the Planning Commission.
- White Hawk I and II approved.
- Easter Public Education events coming up at GB Kiwanis held at Cavitt School on the 13<sup>th</sup>, Hidden Lakes Easter Egg Hunt and Parade on the 13<sup>th</sup>, Loomis Community Easter Egg Hunt at Clarke Powers School on the 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Special Olympics sporting event at Granite Bay High School on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- April 27<sup>th</sup> Fire and Life Safety Expo at the Lutheran Church on Douglas Boulevard along with SPFD, CHP, and PCSO there in conjunction with the Los Lagos Subdivision.
- May 11<sup>th</sup> evacuation drill involving Los Lagos and Walden Woods with more details to follow.

Functions: None

Board/Staff Comments: None

Future Agenda Items: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ambulance Rates Ordinance, Strategic Planning Approval

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary, Kathy Medeiros