



# Quincy Fire Protection District

## Board of Directors

Meeting August 10, 2023

Feather River Bulletin Conference Room  
287 Lawrence St. Quincy, CA 95971

- I. Chairman Mike Taborski called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with Treasurer Ryback, Commissioner Mansell, Deputy Chief Frank Carey, and Administrative Secretary Karrie White present.

Public Comment:

➤ None

- II. Ryback: noting the semantics in certain paragraphs made a motion to approve July 13, 2023, amended meeting minutes. Mansell seconded the motion; the motion approved.

III. Financial Committee Report: Treasurer Ryback:

- a) Treasurer Ryback: balance sheet shows cash is down by \$43K as far as expenses an elevated amount of \$15K related to Chief's wages in July which is an overlay of Chief Cassou's last check and Chief Carey's.

Safety equipment in maintenance has an increase of \$9k, which was discussed in the last meeting. Utilities are down but it's that time of the year.

- b) Claims Signed

IV. Committee Business, Discussion, and Actions:

1) Discussion and actions on a proposal for the sale of the newer ladder truck:

- a) Taborski said the committee's concern is whether the new ladder truck is ready to sell with no issues and that the older ladder truck was fully certified and would continue to serve the district's needs. Chief Carey informed the board the newer truck will have a shorter list of problems but could be sold as is.

After a brief discussion the committee authorized Chief Frank Carey to post the newer ladder truck with a purchase price of \$45k, accepting a bid no lower than \$30k.

The Quincy Fire Protection District's Board of Financial Committee APPROVED, AND ADOPTED a motion for the Sale price of \$45k on the 2000 American LaFrance 100 Platform, referred to as the newer ladder truck, on August 10, 2023, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Board members: Taborski, Ryback, Mansell

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

2) Discussion and possible actions on the acquisition of a Fire Chief Command vehicle:

- a) Chief Carey: We are the only department in the county that does not have a fire chief command vehicle. The deputy chief doesn't want to equip his personal vehicle with lights, sirens, and radios. Carey said he purchased the previous deputy chief's fully equipped command vehicle and would be offering that command vehicle to Deputy Chief David Schmid for a small purchase price.

Carey went to Reno and looked at 4 vehicles at dealerships, two 2017 GMC Yukon's, a 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe, and a 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe, They range in price from \$37k to \$48k, with mileage ranging from 30k to 65k. He also looked at a 2023 Yukon low-end model that listed for \$65k new. Additionally, they will need to be fitted for lights, sirens, and radios at an estimated cost of \$8k.

The committee discussed the choices and options provided by Chief Carey, along with vehicle allowances, mileage, usage, and a budget. The committee's consensus is to acquire a command vehicle for the District to own once they have formal price comparisons and a quote for the installation of the lights, sirens, and radios.

Chief Carey was instructed to contact Jack Brown at Quincy Auto to have him search for a newer Tahoe /Yukon with low milage as well as provide pricing for a new vehicle. The committee to continue the discussion at the next board meeting.

V. Fire Chiefs Report: Frank Carey

- a) We had 40 EMS calls, 7 fire calls, and 4 hazmat for a total of 51 calls with an average firefighter attendance of 3.08. In some incidents, we have more volunteers in attendance depending on the time of day.
- b) Chopper and I attended a funeral service for an employee of the forest service who was a hotshot crew member out at the Mt. Hough Ranger station on Hwy 70 killed in a motorcycle accident.
- c) Fire restrictions are in place and burning permits are suspended with the exception being only in approved fire pits and approved cooking fires at campsites.
- d) Our 2022 Assistance to Firefighters 50/50 grant has been approved. I received the approval and have a few things to follow up on next week. The grant is up to \$20k and the district was approved for \$15k the district pays \$5k. This is for fire hoses, gloves, etc.
- e) Quincy Inc Battle of the Battalions Golf Tournament is set for Saturday, October 7 at Graeagle Meadows Golf Course at 9 am.

VI. Fire Chief Drills:

On 8/1/23 – officer meeting

On 8/08/23 – forcible entry

On 8/15/23 – rescue drill we have CHP Helicopter training out at the airport

On 8/22/23 – fire commissioners’ dinner, ladder truck 8161 prep for inspection on Aug. 24.

On 8/29/23 – fire drill drivers training for prep for 1A and 1b drivers training.

## **VII. Fire Chief Monthly Inspections: Chief Carey**

- a) Inspection on Fourth and Center Street, for a 14-occupancy home daycare center in which I am doing a re-inspection on August 14 to make sure the flags are corrected
- b) Senior Life Solutions is a program that Plumas District Hospital. Normally, it is a 20-minute program, but I was there for about 45 minutes to talk to seniors about fire safety, fire extinguishers, smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, and escape plans.
- c) Feather River College update: Tony Warndorf notified me last Friday that Delta Fire Alarm Company has the plans all in place. FRC is looking for an electrical contractor to pull the wire next for installation. The fire hydrants are repaired. I gave Tony the gallons per minute flow so it can be painted on the hydrant bonnets, which allows our department to know the pressure flows that come out of each hydrant. Wilburn Construction has the plans, and parts for the hillside dorm hydrant and we are waiting for Wilburn to schedule the work.

Taborski asked Chief Carey if he was pleased with the progress and cooperation now from the college. Chief responded, “I am very pleased with the progress; lighted exit signs are installed, monthly fire inspections on the hydrants are in place. I am meeting with the resident advisor that lives in the dorms on Monday, Aug 21 to go over fire safety and extinguisher training. The student handbook has a new fire evacuation procedure and policy. If the student does not evacuate when the fire alarms are activated it is a \$200 fine, and the second offense is a \$500 fine with possible suspension/ removal of housing privileges.”

The board questioned how this is going to be monitored and enforced. After the brief discussion, the Quincy Fire Protection board agreed to extend the red tag date to the end of the fall semester, December 16, 2023, with Chief Carey reporting continued progress.

## **VIII. Engine Reports: Chief Carey**

- a) On August 24, 8161 inspection is due. It will be a busy day that evening we have open house for the Charter school, and then a fundraiser dinner for Quincy Fire Inc that evening.

## **IX. Other Business:**

### **1) Fire Station 2 replacement:**

- a) Taborski opened the floor for discussion in considering the availability of property due to the

concerns and conditions of the current building. One possibility discussed is the option of taking down the original building putting up a metal building with bigger doors, removing the exercise equipment, and considering membership at the local gym. The board agreed to the idea and instructed Carey to develop plans and prices for formal action next spring.

2) Discussion, and possible action regarding the purchase of Andy's Way property:

- a) The board briefly discussed the existing buildings and their demolition and removal. Chief Carey informed the board he would use the buildings for training scenarios before buildings are removed. He will then be extending the training grounds, facilities and equipment into the new area once cleared.

3) Discussion and possible action regarding the progress of the LaPorte Facility project:

- a) Mansell no updates at this time.

Taborski entertained a motion to adjourn the board meeting and move into closed session at 9:00 am Mansell made the motion, Ryback seconded the motion, motion approved.

**X. Closed Session:**

- a) According to Government Code §54957.6, the Board will hold a closed session for the following reason: Fire Chiefs Wages

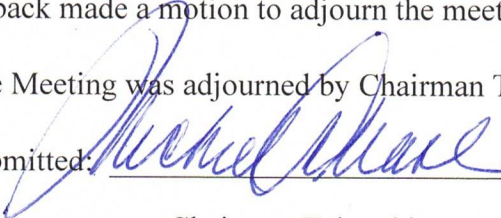
Taborski entertained a motion to adjourn the closed session, Ryback made the motion to adjourn, Mansell seconded the motion, motion approved.

Taborski reconvene to regular session at 9:17 am reporting the following actions;

- a) Action taken: Fire Chief Frank Carey was promoted to a full-time compensation package with a salary of \$65k a year as was advertised when the chief's position was flown.

Ryback made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mansell seconded the motion, motion approved.

The Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Taborski at 9:18 am.

Submitted:  9.14.23

Chairman Taborski

Date

BOC 8/10/2023