



Quincy Fire Protection District

Board of Commissioner's

Minutes Meeting May 12, 2022

Feather River Bulletin Conference Room

- I. Chairman Mike Taborski called the meeting to order at 8:00 am with Treasurer Andy Ryback, Commissioner Johnny Mansell, Fire Chief Robbie Cassou and Administrative Secretary Karrie White present.
- II. Public Comment: None
- III. Mansell made a motion to approve April 14, 2022 meeting minutes, Ryback seconded, motion approved.
- IV. Financial Report: Treasurer Ryback
 - a. No Financials provided by the county.
 - b. Claims signed
- V. Fire Chief's Report - Chief Cassou
 - a. Fire Academy 18 is coming along nicely we started with 42 participants and have 35 left. Our department will have 4 graduates. The Fire Chiefs Association will be doing a barbeque for the crew on Saturday. Graduation is Saturday at 5 pm.
 - b. I drove the new ladder truck down to Hi-Tec in Oakdale, having them take a look and let me know what repairs need to be done and the cost to get it in service. Since Dixie Fire we've not touched it, we've had three truck break down needing repairs, Charlie has not had the time. I do not expect to hear from them until they have had time to look at it.
 - c. I have applied for the 50/50 grant, they changed the name from Volunteer Firefighters Assistance grant (VFA) to 50/50, I put in for wildland radio equipment. Radio gear for wildland firefighter is an issue the radio recommended is three times bigger, the older ones have upgraded software and still have issue, I reached out to the forest service to see if they have used the newer ones, they have not used them as of yet so I will cross that bridge when I get to it.
 - d. On the second Tuesday in January we do fit testing for the SCBA's along with an OSHA medical questionnaire, then we submit it to our insurance company. We also do a mask fit test with exercises they have to do with a computer to see if the masks fit correctly, to

see if our volunteers are fit. We have eight in the department that the insurance company wants to have more testing done before they clear them. Taborski asked with the academy wrapping up is this something we can now focus on? Robbie: We have 22 firefighters and 8 are in question including myself. I will focus on the issue next week.

- e. We have had some issues with the OES fire payments from last year. One of our firefighters had a check she never received, Karrie researched and found the county had written the check but had no idea of what had happen to it. The check had not cleared the bank, so the county voided the check and reissued another with the correct amount.

Karrie also sent out an email to confirm that everyone had indeed received a check. Neal Caiazza emailed back that he never received a check. So now we have one that was overpaid and one that was underpaid. Captain Matt West and Karrie are working together to find out what happened and how we are going to fix it. Matt has been meeting with the five others involved in the situation.

Karrie suggested to Matt to make a sign-in spreadsheet with dates and times and exchange times for the next fire season. The board ensued in a lengthy discussion on how to correct the overpayment and recommended talking with the overpaid individual suggesting we/he adjust the hours on the over payment next fire season.

- f. Ecco Green is coming out to inspect the lighting fixtures we replaced a year ago and take pictures of the fixtures for their records.
- g. Riley Dupont has returned from the Firefighter 1&2 Academy in San Diego. Riley was working for Cal Fire and his goal is to stay here and help us with training. Riley bought a piece of property here to put a home, so it appears he is staying.
- h. Matt West has received college grant funding for Basic 32 entry level Wildland Firefighter and S-290 Intermediate Wildland behavior courses. We want to get some of our volunteers trained as a certified crew/engine bosses as part of the documentation they like to see when you go out on wildland fires.
- i. Stockcar races have started, and the Children's Fair is also this Saturday but due to the academy we cannot staff it. Assistant Chief David Schmid is reaching out to Greenhorn and Meadow Valley to see if they anyone willing to cover those events.
- j. The Plumas County Fire Chiefs Association is meeting on June 4 at our fire station.

VI. Other Business

- 1. Fire Station 2 replacement:

Ryback said at the last board meeting we discussed the Bowling Alley and Beatty's place coming open and the price of the properties. The board ensued in a lengthy discussion on finding available properties or the probability of reconstruction Station 2 along with the short/long term plans with the fire department.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the Butterfly Valley annexation.

Chief Cassou: I did return the map, and it's still pending and is not progressing.

3. Discussion, possible action regarding the purchase of Andy's Way property.

Chief reported on the mobile home tenant: I spoke with his sister and brother regarding the eviction process to see if they could help, they are not in the area. Chopper has been helping with Plumas Crisis Center application process to get him help to find a place but so far to no avail. Mansell will call the attorney Charles Simonetti to have him proceed with the unlawful detainer to have him evicted.

Cassou will call the tenant's sister and let her know we are proceeding with the eviction. He said we need to have an informal conversation with the other two tenants to give them time to begin looking for another place to relocate.

4. Discussion, possible action regarding LaPorte Facilities project:

Mansell: I have not heard anything as of yet

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Taborski at 8:51 a.m.

Submitted:

Chairman Taborski

Date

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