



Quincy Fire Protection District

Board of Directors

Meeting April 13, 2023

Feather River Bulletin Conference Room

287 Lawrence St. Quincy, CA 95971

- I. Chairman Mike Taborski called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. with Treasurer Andy Ryback, Fire Chief Robbie Cassou, and Administrative Secretary Karrie White present.
- II. Public Comment:
 - None
- III. Ryback made a motion to approve March 9, 2023, meeting minutes. Taborski seconded the motion; the motion was approved.
- IV. Financial Report: Treasurer Ryback
 - a. Ryback: Karrie provided financials for February noting the highlighted areas that are a little bit out of the norm, health insurance premium cost, the last few board meetings we've discussed getting other health insurance, Karrie, the auditor's office paid March and April premiums for Operating Engineer and CalPERS. Chief Cassou's health insurance is paid until the end of May.

Operating Engineer is a union health coverage so the department would have to join the union to keep Chief Cassou's health insurance active. Taborski; inquired about Cobra coverage, in the private sector it is 18 months, we can keep you on the existing plan for May and July, and you have 16 months of a Cobra to pay or have the option to convert to the current health plan whichever works best for you.

Ryback, in the professional account the department had several background checks and software renewals. Karrie: we had four recruits join the volunteer fire department, the department pays Plumas County Sheriffs' office a rolling fee to process live scan fingerprints, then PCSO sends to the

Department of Justice to complete an FBI background check this is in addition to the PSCO fees. Taborski questioned if the district needs this extra cost done, Chief Cassou informed the board it is required for safety officers, a requirement for Nor Cal, to safeguard public health, and safety when going into public homes.

Ryback, in addition to the background checks, were software fees, QuickBooks Elite payroll, District's website per SB 929, and Fire Station Software for our reporting to NFIRS (National Fire Incident Reporting System). The special department training had \$2,400 for driver operator 1A 2-week course. Noting the district received \$8,500 in revenue, that's the month in a recap.

b. Claims Signed:

- None

V. Fire Chief's Report: Chief Cassou

a. The Fire Academy is going strong and is occupying most of my time. Ryback asked how many, 12 and 4 from our department. Would you be willing to help if asked with the Academy next year? Yes, if I am asked.

b. Drills – April

On the 4/11/23 fire drill, we had a wildland field day.

On 4/18/23 rescue, splinting Deputy Chief Carey is teaching with Careflight / Forest Service assisting it was a pretty good drill.

On 4/25/23 structure triage and wildland interface.

We had four volunteers complete the Driver Operator 1A class. They are in the process of getting their licenses, two already have them. On the weekend of April 22, 23, and 29, 30 we have 4 more volunteers taking the Driver Operator 1B class up in Beckwourth this is a \$600.00 class per

person so you will see that. This will give them knowledge and the ability to pass on to future recruits.

Plumas County Races are starting on the 23 and the 30 of April. The children's fair and wildfire preparedness day are being held together again this year on May 13.

Taborski; does Quincy Fire have a contract with the racing association for coverage? This is done through Quincy Fire Department Inc, there is a contract.

c. Engine Company Reports:

- Engine 8122 and 8125 suffered damage from the First and Main Street fire, Chopper is getting three windows replaced and ordering parts that were damaged from the fire, there will be some painting involved at some point for 8125.
- We did burn up a lot of fire hoses, we will need to replace quite a few hoses.
- OES 360 has been out of service for a month now with electrical computer issues. We are trying to get approval from OES to take it down for repairs, once we get approval, we will need to drive it down, it will be out of service for a few months. Ryback: will the State pay for the repairs being done? Yes, they will pay for any repairs done to OES 360, once it is completed, we will be ready for fire season.
- Support 81 is having battery issues and we are in the middle of removing some items that might be a potential draw.

VI. Other Business:

a. Fire Station 2 replacement:

- Nothing at this time, Johnny was going to talk with Skip.

b. Discussion, and possible action regarding the purchase of Andy's Way property:

- Ryback from the minutes last time we had some discussion about notices and vacating, Chief Cassou informed the board that the renters are all out. The buildings are empty. Ryback mentioned that the PDH staff need a place if the visiting medical staff can't get home and the possibility of staying in one of the buildings.

I told them there might be some bunkhouse type of accommodation. Taborski let's get a key and let's see what we're dealing with. Ryback, I also told Darin about the information you had regarding the county's fifth wheels that might be something they could use.

c. Discussion and possible action regarding the progress of the LaPorte Facility project:

- No new updates at this time, Johnny is going to check the transfer status of the property.

d. Discussion and possible actions on the 218 agreement

- Taborski, 218 agreement there is a questionnaire, Robbie and I were discussing a cut-off date for erroneous errors to be covered, this would not be us but the county since they were processing payroll until the first quarter April 1, 2023. Going forward it cost \$650.00 to proceed, Ryback supported moving forward with the 218 agreement questionnaire. A motion was made by Taborski, Ryback seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

e. Discussion and possible actions on Bequette & Kimmel

- Taborski anything to add, Karrie no, Mike and I met with John Kimmel and discussed moving to desktop vs online he prefers the desktop and drive, Kathy has the payroll and liabilities done with some changes to the EDD liabilities.

- f. Discussion and possible actions on Resolution 2023-313-1 Fasis merging with FDAC (Fire District Association of California) Eb (Employee Benefits) joint powers agreement for FRMS (Fire Risk Management Services)
- Treasurer Ryback made a motion to approve the Fasis Resolution 2023-313-1 with Chairman Taborski seconding the motion, motion was approved.

g. Discussion and possible actions on Plumas Bank Accounts

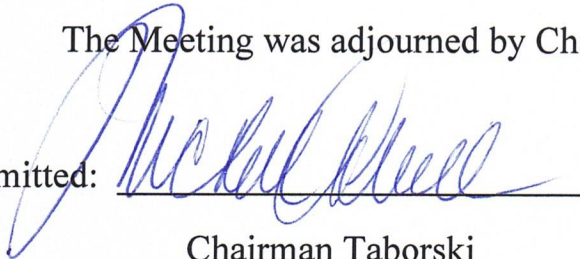
- Ryback; we've given a curve ball to Karrie changing up the accounts from Plumas Bank to Five Star, the county not releasing funds until April 5, and Ryback quoting Taborski's original comment regarding keeping it local. Once the county released the funds into the account, I went into the branch to sign the wire to transfer monies to Five Star.

Jeb the Branch Manager brought to my attention that Plumas Bank is now offering a 3.25% money market account and a 7 or 11-month CD at 4.08% with the thought of keeping it local the board Chief Cassou, and Karrie discussed the pros and cons of both banks with the ultimate decision to open up a Plumas Bank Money Market account.

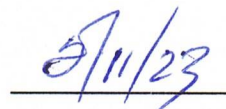
The Board of Directors agreed to transfer the 2 million into the Money Market and move 30k to Five Star to cover payables and payroll, leaving the rest until the next board meeting to discuss opening balances for the CDs.

The Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Taborski at 9:17 am

Submitted:



Chairman Taborski



Date

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