



Quincy Fire Protection District

Board of Commissioner's Meeting

Minutes for November 10, 2021,

Feather River Bulletin Conference
Room

- I. Chairman Taborski called the meeting to order at 8:00 am, Treasurer Andy Ryback, Commissioner Johnny Mansell, Chief Cassou, Mike Flanigan, and Administrative Secretary Karrie White present.
- II. Chairman Taborski opened the floor for discussion regarding the Flanigan – Leavitt Insurance presentation with Mike Flanigan. He provided handouts to board members to review insurance coverage for property, automobile, and excess liability coverage. As the district requested, we went to market for any optional insurance proposals.

VFIS, a major market for special districts has declined to offer coverage based on the wildlife scores, a term for high brush/high wildfire exposure that they identified in Quincy. Flanigan also said he sees VFIS offering proposals with a \$25k property deductible in some areas of our region. Right now he said we have the most comprehensive insurance available on the market with a \$500.00 deductible.

We recommend that the district stay-the course with its current carrier. In summary, the renewal offer is up 10% (\$1,514) but he added that this is among the finest products on the market, tailored for fire districts. He added that he insures around 50 special districts, and you are currently in the best coverage program for QFPD, in terms of both coverage and cost.

All three board members and Flanigan ensued in a detailed discussion regarding property coverage along with deductibles and breakdowns in detail on what is covered in our insurance package. In considering the possibility of changes in coverage, Flanigan will put together some information on the questions the board had, and forward to Taborski. Current coverages for buildings, vehicles and contents will be discussed in detail at the December board meeting.

- I. Public Comment: None
- II. Approval of meeting minutes October 14 , 2021, Ryback made a motion to approve with Mansell seconding the motion, motion approved.
- III. Financial Report: Treasurer Ryback, Secretary White
 - a. Financials, October's financials provided by the county were not available. Reviewed Septembers financials and it was noted that the higher expense line on professional is for the CPA audit in the amount of \$ 5900. Also includes an expense for the ladder truck. Ryback asked if they were any questions, none at this time.

b. Claims were reviewed and signed.

IV. Fire Chief's Report: As reported in first person by Chief Cassou

a. Last month we had 61 EMS calls and 5 fire calls, for a total of 66 calls.

b. I'm working on several grants, the generator grant that was approved for \$41,393.00. I am doing a report to send out this month to extend purchasing it to March due to no available generators.

c. The other is a FEMA AFG that we have received before, we are looking at least \$240,000.00 for replacement of all our breathing apparatus. It is a 5% match so we will be paying \$12,000.00 if we were to receive this grant. I have contacted a professional grant writer to assist, she works for the Truckee Meadows Fire Department and has assisted Beckwourth Fire in a regional grant last year which they received, I requested her help to assist me in the FEMA grant process.

d. I have just accepted 3 stackable washer and dryers I will be driving down to Bakersfield to pick up. The idea is for station 2 to have one to wash containment for equipment such as turnouts and the other for uniforms and rags. They will still belong to the forest service; they are on loan to us for as long as we need them.

e. The corporate board is still undecided on a holiday gift for the memberships it looks like we will be giving them a visa gift card this year.

f. On new membership and recruitments we have a new application, Dillard McKensie who is at the college doing a four-year program, he was a volunteer firefighter with another department, and worked with a Hot Shot crews with the Forest Service so he has good experience.

g. I want to inform the board, Captain Kevin Correira has retired. Captain David Schmidt has been promoted to our new Assistant Chief. We are currently seeking nominations to replace those two captains with Tony Arcangeli, Kevin Errecart, Josh Mundy, Dale Ready, Matt West, Eric Vinyard, Robert Peirson and Riley DuPont nominated. Scott England and Deirdre McCarthy asked not to be placed on the ballot for nomination.

h. Taborski asked where we are in the process of hiring a replacement for Charlie. I have a problem with the applicants which is a good thing, but both are volunteers with the fire department, Martin Munoz, and Jesse Lazzarino, and both seem to be very good candidates for this position. To help in that process Ryback nominated Taborski, Mansell second to help in the interviewing process scheduled for Monday Nov 15. It was decided that the interviews would be conducted by Taborski, Chief Cassou and Charlie. Together, they will make the recommendations to the Chief for his final decision

- i. Update on engines, 8124 is up and running. The new ladder truck 8161 is still a slow process. Charlie has been dealing with some issues, but he is making progress. OES 360 is still down I have not been given an ETA, but it will be out of service for a while.
- j. Support truck: Several weeks ago has been having battery issues, Charlie replaced some batteries to fix the problem but, still some charging issues. The Suzuki has the snowplow in it and is ready for winter weather.
- k. Drills for this month: chimney fires, cold weather emergencies and hypothermia recovery demo, ventilation, maintenance.
- l. This month officers meeting we handed out a compressed gas safety that we have the captains go through it with their crew members.
- m. On October 25 I had a meeting with Tom Miles regarding the Butterfly area annexation, still not seeing any progress from them at this time.
- n. Quincy Volunteer Fire Department participated in the downtown Safe Trick or Treat, on Friday Oct. 29. Our volunteers handed out 14 bags of candy. On Sunday Oct. 31 at the corner of First and Center street we set up a fire engine display and handed out 18 bags of candy.
- o. On the weekend of December 11, 12 we have training at the Washoe County Reginal Training Center in Reno. There will be multiple fire departments attending. QVFD has 5 attending. The cost to rent the training facility for the weekend is \$1,400.00. This amount will be divided into how many individuals attend the class.
- p. In January we have an Emergency Responder class in Beckwourth so far, I have 3 people who are interested in taking the course.
- q. Fire Preventive activity: Steve Fowler is still working with Feather River college to handle some of their fire related safety issues, I am working with the brewery construction crew who will be installing a sprinkler system in the new building as well as the charter school contractors.
- r. I am taking a vacation on November 23-29, and hopefully another one on Dec. 11-19 depending on the FEMA AFG grant applications goes – it's due on Dec 16, I might have to change to the following week.

V. Other Business

- a. Taborski had to leave early so Treasurer Ryback opened the floor for some discussion on the possibility of Fire Station 2 replacement. Mansell is following up with David Windle on the easement issues on the property between JR automotive and Hope Chest.

- b. Andy's Way: Mansell reported that in correspondence he spoke with Mike Mullen, who represents the property's owners this morning, and he is willing to have his attorney work with the mobile homeowner. Mansell's suggestion is to make the offer at \$185,000.00 contingent on them dealing with the mobile homeowners and tenants to get the lot vacated prior to purchase. He expects the attorney will come back with a counteroffer.

Mansell questioned who has signatory rights, and the structure from that standpoint. Ryback mention it would be a board approval, Mansell made a motion to give Chief Cassou all signatory rights for contractual purposes for Andy's Way property, Ryback second the motion, motion approved.

- c. Treasurer Ryback opened the floor for discussion, possible actions on water storage project on 1378 La Porte Rd. Cassou informed the board he spoke with Dickenson about coming up with a plan with what I should be putting up there, the type of tank and configurations and contact the county they are waiting on me to give them an idea. We can then move forward from there.

VI. The meeting was adjourned by Treasurer Ryback at 9:25 a.m.

Submitted:

Chairman Taborski

Date

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