



# Quincy Fire Protection District

## Board of Directors

Meeting November 9, 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, Fire Chief Frank Cary, and Administrative Secretary Karrie White present.

Public Comment:

➤ None

- II.** Mansell made a motion to approve October 12, 2023, minutes, Ryback seconded the motion, motion approved.
- III.** Mansell made a motion to approve the October 17, 2023, special minutes, Taborski seconded the motion, motion approved.

**IV.** Financial Committee Report: Treasurer Ryback:

- a)** Ryback: Karrie has provided the Financials, cash income of \$6,584.25 from interest, and a semiannual payment of \$7,500.00 made to Quincy Fire Inc. resulting in a \$24k net loss. The cash balance is at \$2,2 million is down from last month. We transferred funds from the Money Market account to the checking to cover daily operating expenses.

Ryback also noted that the 7-month CD is coming up for renewal making a recommendation to the financial committee to have it rolled over into an 11-month CD at the 4% rate. The financial committee discussed rates and unanimously agreed to extend the CD to 11 months. Ryback asked Karrie to have Plumas Bank set up copies of digital checks with the bank statement for the committee to review.

- b)** Claims Signed

**IV.** Committee Business, Discussion, and Actions:

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

Chief Carey: Chase Hume placed the ad on our Facebook page, we are having difficulty posting it on certain fire websites due to the fact it is not certified yet. Karrie informed Chief Carey and the committee that Chase was able to place the ad on Fenton Fire but not on the Fire Trader website explaining that we had some difficulties that we're working on. Justin Hill from Fail Safe did a contingent pass on the truck pending the completion of certain repairs that were detailed in his report. Once repairs are made he will certify the ladder truck for anyone who purchases it.

**VI.** Fire Chief Report: Frank Carey

- a) At the Fire Chiefs Association meeting, Steve Munson spoke about the possibility of consolidating Graeagle, Long Valley, Greenhorn, and Plumas Eureka Fire departments with Quincy Fire Protection District. Chief Carey and the board members discussed the issues that would arise if all the departments consolidated and the effects it might have on the current ISO rating that we currently have. It's a developing conversation that the board will continue to monitor. Tyson Rael moved to Quincy and resigned as the Fire Chief for the Greenhorn Fire Department as of December 31, 2023. Tyson has put in an application to rejoin the Quincy Fire Department so there was added discussion of perhaps adding Greenhorn to Quincy's district.
- b) Deputy Chief David Schmid and I are in the process of appointing an Assistant Chief. I have spoken to the Captains some are interested while others made some recommendations. I am leaning towards Dale Ready. He has stepped up big time in the past few years.
- c) Ryback asked Chief Carey if he had decided on the company for the SCBA gear. Yes, I have decided to go with MS. Chief Carey and board members then discussed donating the current SCBA to other local departments who can use the equipment, replacing what they have or for parts.
- d) We had 49 EMS calls, 5 Fire calls, and 2 Hazmat calls for a total of 56 calls last month with an average firefighter attendance of 3.7 on each call. I am also getting 98% attendance on drill training nights.
- e) Our 50/50 raffle event went well. Lots of food and we sold all tickets by Tuesday prior to the drawing. With it getting such a late start this year I was happy with the support from everyone.
- f) I spoke to the Fire Wise Community last month about home safety and promoted the installation of address reflective signs, fire alarms, and carbon monoxide detectors. The cost of the signs is \$15, and with a post it's \$20. Quincy Fire Incorporated started a Senior fund for address signs to aid those needing financial help in purchasing a sign. Marilyn Christenson and Rick Foster each donated \$120.00 towards the sign fund.
- g) For outreach programs this month I took Engine 8124 out to Pioneer School. Oliver Litchfield went with me since he is a good role model at age 17. Oliver spoke with the kids while dressing in firefighter gear and letting them touch the gear to get them comfortable with it while answering any questions they might have. I am also setting a date for the Quincy Elementary School outreach program. I had a mother reach out to me regarding her 7th-grade son who wants to be a firefighter when he grows up. I have set up with Oliver to do a 35-45 minute mentoring program with him on Fridays.
- h) Progress on the Feather River College hydrant repairs and installation is going well. They have located the pipe and have a company that will install the new line to the fire hydrant for the college apartments. Taborski asked Chief Carey if he was monitoring the progress given our past experience with the college. Chief said he receives an email from Tony Warndorf every week on what is going on with the progress. He added that he usually goes out once a month to get a visual, plus he said he also attends the board meetings.

- i) On the Christmas holiday party on December 19: We have talked about keeping it strictly for the fire department personnel changing it from a formal sit down dinner to more of a reception-type gathering given that the Officers Installation dinner a month later is a more formal dinner in which we send out invitations inviting members of the public. The board thought that change was a great idea and went on to food and gift ideas.
- j) Mansell asked Chief Carey how the deposition went for the Labbe Fire. I was at a Zoom deposition meeting for 2 1/2 hours. It went well everything they asked about was covered in former Fire Chief Cassou's fire inspection report.
- k) Ryback asked about the Mass Casualty Active Shooter incident training. Carey said it went great. We had 14 -16 gunshot victims with multiple agencies involved that included Quincy Fire, Meadow Valley Fire, Care Flight, CHP, Department of Fish and Game, and the Forest Service for parameter security. I was stationed at the incident command post. The board and Chief Carey discussed the incident training procedures and what Chief Carey learned from the training incident.

**V. Fire Chief Drills: Chief Carey**

- On 11/07/23 – Officer meeting
- On 11/14/23 – Propane Fires
- On 11/21/23 – Z- Rig, Pig Rig
- On 11/28/23 – SCBA, RIC Pack, and 2-minute drills

**VI.**

**1) Fire Station 2 replacement:**

- a) Taborski opened the floor for discussion, Chief Carey had no updates on the metal building. He said the Madden Heating and Plumbing has their facility up for sale. The board discussed different options for multiple properties they have considered and the use of that station and its longterm requirements. Taborski tabled the discussion to be considered at the next meeting.

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

- a) Taborski opened the floor for discussion asking Chief Carey about the recycling bins. He said he has received the contract from North State Recycling in Redding. Once it is signed they will deliver the bins and depending on the yard waste credit we receive for the metal value will determine whether they will pay us or we will pay them.

The board members discussed other local options that might be available, and Taborski asked Chief Carey to look into the Reno Recycling Center. Taborski tabled the discussion to be considered at the next board meeting with Chief Carey researching additional recycling options.

**3) Discussion, and possible action regarding the progress of the LaPorte facility project:**

- a) Taborski opened the floor for discussion. Mansell said he had no updates at this time we are still waiting for the County to process the paperwork for the transfer of property to us. Taborski tabled the discussion for consideration at the next board meeting.

Taborski made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mansell seconded the motion, motion approved

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

Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman Taborski

Date