



## Quincy Fire Protection District

### Board of Commissioners

### Minutes of Special Meeting

November 14, 2019

### Feather River Bulletin Conference Room

- I. Chairman Taborski called the meeting to order at 7:30 am., with Vice Chairman Leonhardt, Treasure Andrew Ryback present but late, Chief Cassou, District Secretary White present.
- II. Public Comment-None
- III. Chairman Taborski, made a motion to approve the October 2019 meeting minutes, Vice Chairman Leonhardt second the motion, motion passed.
- IV. Financial Reports – Treasure Andrew Ryback
  - a. October Financials reviewed, Treasure Ryback questioned several charges, Secretary White did not have in detail to substantiate the cost, Chief Cassou explained the expenses in the account. Treasure Ryback approved.
  - b. Claims we reviewed and signed. As per the Board of commissioners Burten's Fire repair invoice on hold on the repairs to ladder truck 8161. Until further investigation and possible negotiation of responsibility.
- V. Fire Chief Report (Chief Cassou)
  - a. Chief Cassou, reported that Quincy Fire Department had forty-two Medical, eight fire calls and one Hazmat with a total of fifty-one calls for the month. It's been a busy month.

**b. Tuesday Drills;**

- a. On 10/8/2019 Captain West instructed on Storage building fire and exposure protection.
- b. On 10/15/2019 we had instruction on Stokes and baskets instructors, DC Windle & Cpt Gay, the second half was aerial ladder rescues instructors, AC Carey & Cpt Correira.
- c. On 10/22/2019 a fire drill on Emergency Scene lighting instructors are Cpts, Correira & West
- d. On 10/29/2019 we had our regular maintenance the Charlie Read gives instruction on.
- e. On 11/12/2019 was shake and bake and breathing apparatus training with blind fold and the volunteers must find in the dark their breathing apparatus and put it together, the volunteers did very well.
- f. On 11/19/2019 is our Patient assessments and AED deliberators instructors will be David Windle and Frank Carey.

- VI.** Chief Cassou informed the commissioners that we have 5 new recruits joining the ranks with 2 being voted in. We have a total of 33 on the roster, some do not have pagers, they seem very promising.
- VII.** Chief Cassou went to a Rural Recruitment and Retention workshop on Palm Springs, it was interesting group from Alaska. Paid for on a FEMA grant. Learned a lot of new and updated information.
- VIII.** Raffle this year went well David Windle has a pre total of \$11,000.00. On the same day Chief Cassou went to Graeagle to the memorial of a bench dedicated to Tom Forster at Plumas Eureka State Park.
- IX.** Chief Cassou, Station 1 had a couple of tours, one for the Charter School, and Episcopal Church two door down from station 1 it went great and as well as expected.
- X.** Chief Cassou reported on several interesting incidents, on the Center Street and fourth street garage fire, Meadow Valley, Long Valley and Greenhorn Fire Department came and assisted on a fully involved structure fire.

This was reported at first with a person trapped inside, then to downgraded to an injured person inside to a much less than expected incident. A video camera recorded the fire starting from a garbage can that was next to the garage.

- XI.** Chief Cassou reported on the Quincy Junction Hay Barn fire's ongoing investigation we received mutual aid again from Meadow Valley, Long Valley, Greenhorn plus the Forest Service made their presence too. Insurance's companies are requesting information along with the Fire Investigation Report on multiple coverage issues regarding the fire.

Quincy Fire Department went out several times, the Forest Service went out and the family ending putting out multiple hot spots due to the hay.

- XII.** Chief Cassou brought to the commissioner's attention that QFD participated in the Safe Trick or Treat program, Deputy Chief Windle purchased the candy, the Volunteer Fire Department paid for. We set up at the Courthouse and First and Center street the program is getting bigger with greater turnout every year.

- XIII.** Chief Cassou, our OES 360 Truck responded to the Kincade Fire for eleven days, we were dispatched several hours after the Wayne's fire. We did an emergency repair on the truck which emerged prior to being released to the Kincade Fire and get it out the door. Were still having issues on being our billing for the Walker Fire

Some procedural billing issues have been brought my attention as regards to the hourly rates the Fire Departments respond to. Quincy Volunteer Fire Department Inc pays and does the 1099's we bill at the base rate the state puts out, if you do not negotiate the hourly rate, then it's base plus the hours worked only.

The process takes about 9 months to get reimbursed from the state. Chief Cassou and Board member ensued in a lengthy discussion on CALOES regarding the language in the contract to disengage and not respond.

Chief Cassou brought to the boards attention that we are committed, we have an OES 360 engine that is on loan to us to use. Several other districts along with Chester have returned their OES Engines over a year ago due to not being able to make the commitment. Chief Cassou will keep the Board updated with the ongoing issues.

**XIV.** Other Business

- a.** Chief Cassou asked Secretary White to explain the State legislation (SB 929) that requires all independent special districts to have a website by January 2020. These websites must make available specific information that is ADA approved including district and board member contact information, board meeting agendas, links to financial reports and to encourage greater transparency. Streamline is a CSDA approved website

Streamline is a CSDA approved website that provides the low cost of \$75.00 a month which includes the maintaining of the website's transparency, updated legislative laws

that will keep QFD in compliance with the new laws being passed annually. Treasure Ryback understanding is that exemptions are allowed but they are limited.

Possible reasons for this exemption may include lack of access to broadband Internet, insufficient staff to maintain a website or inadequate financial resources. For example, if a district doesn't already have a website, but does use email or has a Facebook page.

**b. Long Term Building Plans and discussions and possible actions.**

Chief Cassou shared the itemized invoice from Wilcox Construction for the stairs and costs, Chief Cassou has reached out for bids and only 2 have responded from the South East area for a prefab steel staircase.

Chief Cassou and Board member had a lengthy discussion on the presented price from Lazzarino Construction to do the metal staircase on the renovation of Station 1.

Due to cost effectiveness Treasure Andrew Ryback made an offer to reach out to other contactors to compare some data pricing. Chief Cassou to get the plans to Treasure Ryback. The board decided to put the project on hold until further data from other bids or price comparison come through to justify the cost.

**c. Discussion on appraisal behind station 1**

Chief Cassou received the appraisal for the property behind Station 1 the property appraised at \$185,000.00 Chief Cassou shared the cost was \$1,500.00 for the appraisal. Chief Cassou expressed interest in purchasing to expand our training facility at station 1. After discussion on Station 1 and Station 2 expansion the Commissioners decided to put the acquisition of the property on hold until further discussion.

**VIII.** Meeting adjourned by Chairman Taborski at 8:00 a.m.

Submitted:



Vice Chairman Chuck Leonhardt