



Quincy Fire Protection District

Board of Directors

Meeting July 13, 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 Treasure Ryback, Commissioner Mansell, Deputy Chief Frank Carey, and Administrative Secretary Karrie White present.

Public Comment:

➤ None

- II. Ryback made a motion to approve June 8, 2023, meeting minutes. Mansell seconded the motion; the motion approved.

III. Financial Committee Report: Treasurer Ryback:

- 1) Treasurer Ryback: Karrie has provided the new format for the financials; the balance sheet shows a \$53K which is a lower balance than last month in expenses, and CD revenues for June are \$6,300. The ladder truck had a \$23k expense, morning glory expense \$1k for the Antelope Conservation Camp clean up nothing out of the ordinary to report.

2) Claims Signed

- 3) Taborski asked for a Bequette & Kimmel status update specifically with Kathy and you. Karrie said they have been talking back and forth about issues in QuickBooks, noting that Kathy made a number of changes. Karrie said she did ask to have the monthly reports look like the spreadsheet that the board is used to seeing and not change accounts and regroup them because there are few missing.

Karrie noted Mansell's health insurance premium that Kathy thought it should be an expense not in revenue, so she changed it to an expense account and did a sub-account under the insurance account to post the payments. Andy said it should be posted to the expense account.

Karrie also informed the board that Kathy will be doing the quarterly wage returns and the board will receive copies. Ryback asked if the Five Star accounts were closed and Karrie confirmed that they had been closed.

IV. Committee Business, Discussion, and Actions:

1) Discussion and actions on the preliminary budget:

Taborski: opened the floor for discussion thanking Andy for his input on the preliminary numbers for our soon-to-be-adopted preliminary budget. Ryback discussed how we have in the past budgeted for capital outlay and other items and that we might need access to those funds in dealing with Plumas County Auditor's office.

The committee had a long discussion regarding the preliminary financial budgeting amounts and unanimously decided that the budget should reflect the expenses that expect to be incurred by the district even if we go over due to rising inflation costs or other contingencies that might arise.

Taborski made a motion regarding the committee's financial discussion to no longer advance pay for the Strike Team, but to process the payment to the volunteer firefighters when payment is received from the Office of Emergency Services. Mansell seconded the motion; the motion approved.

The board of directors REVIEWED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED the adjusted preliminary budget at a regular board meeting held on 13th of July 2023 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Board members: Taborski, Ryback, Mansell

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

2) CalPERS Resolution 07122023 Government Section Code 22920 elects to cease health coverage:

- a. Karrie explained that due to the OPEB employer requirements for district employees, CalPERS termination requires board approval signed in a resolution. Karrie noted the health insurance premium is set to be canceled on December 31, 2023, once the resolution is received.

FDAC (Fire District Association of California) merged with FASIS to become FRMS (Fire Risk Management Services) we have received quotes for the premiums, and they agreed to keep Commissioner Mansell's health coverage.

Ryback questioned the pre-existing conditions of going into new health insurance as a concern for the employees. It was stated that insurance companies can no longer deny coverage for a pre-existing condition or limit benefits for that condition either.

The board of directors REVIEWED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED the resolution 07132023 at a regular board meeting held on July 13, 2023, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Board members: Taborski, Ryback, Mansell

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

3) Resolution 2023-0713-1 Requesting collections of charges on tax roll (Government section Code 29304)

The District's annual resolution to request the County of Plumas to collect the County tax assessment roll charges (property tax apportionment).

The board of directors REVIEWED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED the resolution 2023-0713-1 at a regular board meeting held on July 13, 2023, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Board members: Taborski, Ryback, Mansell
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

4) Finance committee's discussion on Measure A fire service and emergency response parcel tax:

- a. Taborski opened the floor for public comments and discussion regarding a proposed 2% increase in the parcel tax. Ryback noted pointed out the permanent Measure A dated March 6, 2018, which was designed without an expiration date with annual adjustments allowing a yearly 2% increase.

Taborski with reservations on increasing the rate questioned how much compounding interest this is going to make in our budget going forward. Ryback calculated a 2% increase annually makes a big difference accumulatively. Mansell agreed to the increase commenting on rising costs of inflation if the district does not move forward we might not have a fire district.

The board's lengthy discussions and differences of opinions embraced a broad spectrum of different variations with the district's financial budget and how it could ultimately be depleted if not acting upon with the given inflation and rising cost of emergency equipment and operation costs in general.

The board of directors made a motion to vote for APPROVAL of a yearly annual 2% rate increase at the regular board meeting held on July 13, 2023, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Board members: Ryback Andrew, Mansell John
NOES: Board members: Taborski, Michael
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

5) Resolution 2023-0713-2 establishing Appropriation limit for FY 23/24:

- a. The board of directors REVIEWED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED resolution 2023-0713-2 establishing Appropriation limit for FY 23/24 at a regular board meeting held on July 13, 2023 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Board members: Taborski, Ryback, Mansell
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

V. Fire Chiefs Report: Frank Carey:

- a. Set for next Tuesday is a mandatory meeting for the entire department to go over what my expectations are as the new Fire Chief of Quincy Fire, as well as what the volunteers and support team can expect from me. My goal is to motivate our volunteer fire department to get back to better drill attendance and availability for non-emergency incident calls. I am receiving a lot of positive feedback from the community and department as the new Fire Chief
- b. We had 37 EMS calls, 1 Hazmat, and 10 Fire calls with a total of 48 with an average attendance of 3.58. The board and Chief Carey discussed a goal of at least 6 volunteers on calls along with the expectation of volunteers committing to lift assists. This mandatory meeting is all about serving our community's needs.
- c. I have several fundraising events for Quincy Fire, Inc and I would like the board's approval in moving forward. Starting with a meet and greet of all the volunteers, Amy and Susan would like to set this up probably in August with hor d'oeuvres and introduce the volunteers individually to the community. The importance of the community getting to know the individuals versus the group of volunteers I feel is an important part of what we do.

The volunteers led by Bill Melms would like to start a golf tournament in September for Quincy Fire Inc. We spoke to Graeagle Fire about participating in a golf competition with one or two firefighters per team. Bill also spoke with Dan West, owner of Graeagle Golf Course, about the fundraiser.

In all my cleaning efforts I came across boxes of wooden cribbage boards and brand-new playing cards, The volunteers also want to do a crib tournament as another fundraiser event.

Taborski asked about the 50/50 raffle for this year. The board and Chief Carey discussed setting a date in October, Carey will check on printing the raffle tickets, speak with John Steffanic about reserving the building at the fairgrounds and with retired Deputy Chief David Windle to see if he will also help.

- d. Carey wanted the board's thoughts on considering getting a Fire Chief command vehicle. Currently, the one I have I would sell to Deputy Chief David Schmid, so he has an emergency vehicle other than his personal vehicle. Taborski said we will put this on the agenda for next month with Chief Carey to research the cost of a couple of vehicles for the board to review and discuss,

VI. Fire Chief Inspection Report: Chief Carey

Chief Cassou and I did inspections on the new jail, the current jail annual inspection, and a new childcare center coming into town. As far as the inspections you should know I have a higher standard enforcing the fire code compliance.

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Ryback asked about the status of Feather River College, we are a couple of weeks out before the new semester. Carey: Tony Warndorf and I have been in contact and a lot of things have been corrected or are in the process of being corrected.

According to Tony, Delta Fire completed the engineering plans and moved forward in rewiring the fire alarm system. I will follow up this Friday with Tony. We had 12-15-line items when we spoke with Tony in the beginning and at least half have been ordered or corrected or are in the process of correction. We have an appointment with the resident advisor for the apartments regarding fire evacuation drills, fire safety training and extinguisher training.

VII. Engine Reports: Chief Carey

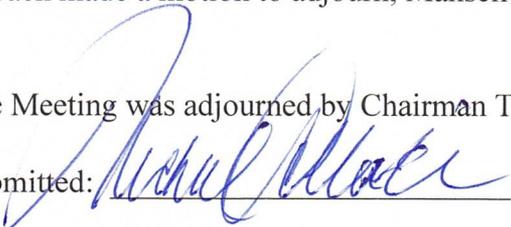
At this time I would like to discuss selling the newer 8161 ladder truck. We have a ladder truck that works fine and has no service issues and is recertified every year. Board instructed Carey to shop the truck and provide some estimation of its value. Item is scheduled for discussion next month.

VIII. Other Business:

- Fire Station 2 replacement:
 - No updates.
- Discussion, and possible action regarding the purchase of Andy's Way property:
 - We took more trees down only two left.
- Discussion and possible action regarding the progress of the LaPorte Facility project:
 - No new updates at this time

Ryback made a motion to adjourn, Mansell seconded the motion, motion approved

The Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Taborski at 9:16 am.

Submitted:  8/10/23
Chairman Taborski Date

BOC 7/13/2023