



Quincy Fire Protection District

Board of Commissioner's

Minutes Meeting July 14, 2022

Feather River Bulletin Conference Room

- I. Chairman Mike Taborski called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with Treasurer Andy Ryback, Commissioner Johnny Mansell, Fire Chief Robbie Cassou, and Administrative Secretary Karrie White present.
- II. Public Comment: None
- III. Ryback made a motion to approve June 9, 2022, meeting minutes, and Mansell seconded the motion, motion was approved.
- IV. Financial Report: Treasurer Ryback
 - a. No Financials were provided by the county for July, Karrie provided financials for June. The revenue noted we received the first payment, \$18k, from PG&E' settlement. Ryback asked if the second check from PG&E for the balance came in and Karrie informed Ryback she has received the second check for \$35k.
 - b. Claims signed
- V. Fire Chief's Report - Chief Cassou
 - a. Calls for June – we had 35 calls for emergency medical services, 6 fire-related calls, and 2 hazmat calls for a total of 43 calls for the month and we are averaging 2.63 persons per call.
 - b. Drills – June
 - 6/7/22 – Officers meeting
 - 6/14/22 – Propane firefighting with propane props, a 3-dimensional fire Christmas tree, and one full-size propane tank to learn how to deal with specific types of propane fires.
 - 6/21/22 – Low angle rope rescue techniques at Smiley Face hill, with rappelling down and rescue pulling individuals up.
 - 6/28/22 – Instead of Engine Company fire hose deployment exercises we had maintenance on the old ladder truck 8161 getting it ready for the certification test that is due.
 - 7/5/22 – Officers' meeting was canceled.

7/12/22 – Engine Company fire hose deployment exercises.

c. Engine Company reports.

- 8161: Hi-Tech has not looked at the new 8161 ladder truck it has been over 6 weeks, due to them being understaffed.
- 8153 has been out of service for a few months and it is now at Skip's 4X4. They are working on the issues that we have not been able to resolve.
- 8125, which is over at station 2, has been having overheating problems. Chopper put an overflow tank on it to see if it resolves the issue.
- The old 8161 ladder truck is due for its annual recertification inspection, and it's been scheduled by Fail Safe.
- Charlie came in to assist Chopper with pump testing. He had for a total of 35.5 hours several firefighters came in and got some training on the pump operations. Charlie said Chopper is up to speed and can do it all by himself.

d. On August 23, the commissioner's cook dinner. Starting the drill at 6:30 and dinner is at 8 p.m.

e. We should be considering making an annual adjustment of 2% as outlined and approved in our Measure A parcel tax. The district is responsible for fire protection and prevention, and emergency medical services and the parcel tax was approved in 2013 with the ability to make annual adjustments of no more than 2%.

The district has not made any increases. But, with rising cost, I think the board should consider an increase to the parcel tax next year.

f. Deputy Chief Carey is taking the ladder truck to the Graeagle Independence Day parade then later doing a standby with a couple of rigs for the fireworks around the pond.

g. The American Valley speedway races started on June 4 and go until September 24. DC Carey is handling the recruitment for the standby crew.

h. The CHP has been using the station's training room for a couple of weeks.

i. Reporting on the music festival, we had virtually no impact on the department. They took care of things using their own in-house with security.

j. We're doing a third series of Hepatitis B vaccinations on three volunteers leaving us with only two more to go. We will be finished in August for the year.

k. Inspections, I have been doing some signoffs on the jail project. We are still working on some issues, radios, amplification, etc. Ryback questioned if Chief has had any more

follow-up on Feather River College multi-purpose building inspections. He responded that we sent out a letter and made a phone call to the college president who said he contracted out with Delta Fire Services. Delta went out and performed a complete hand drawing of its projects and is moving forward. They are also working on the chemistry lab's emergency exit which has a tree blocking the fire exit.

- l.** We have three county buildings needing inspections I will be working on in the next few weeks.
- m.** Just a side note for attending Bob Fitzsimmons memorial we received a \$200.00 donation from the family.
- n.** We are working on recruitment and have scheduled an event during Fire Prevention week, tentatively on October 15, 2022. We want to do a hands-on demonstration for people to participate in activities on the department's premises. I have also designed a recruitment banner. Wild Hare Signs is making us 8 banners and 14 magnetic stickers for vehicles along with bumper stickers for volunteer's vehicles. We are working on our Facebook page and Districts website to promote recruitment also.
- o.** I am working on driver training with Jessie Lazzarino and Riley Dupont so they can drive our equipment. Robert Pierson retired from the department after 48 years of service. By the way and as a reminder, I am retiring in one year as of July 11, 2023.

VI. Other Business

- 1. Fire Station 2 replacement:**
 - Treasure Ryback inquired about doing a remodel for Station 2 instead of doing a relocation. The board ensued into a lengthy conversation about the station's conditions and the property along with lack of parking. Chief Cassou added that the current building is not able to house any newer engines that are taller than the current building. The board agreed to continue its search for a suitable location for Station 2.
- 2. Discussion and possible action regarding the Butterfly Valley annexation.**
 - No updates to report
- 3. Discussion, possible action regarding the purchase of Andy's Way property.**
 - Mansell reported that he called Charles Simonetti yesterday (7-13-22) and left a message. He said he will give Secretary White his number for her to call him and

see what he needs to get the eviction process going. Mansell will follow up with White when he returns from vacation.

4. Discussion, possible action regarding the LaPorte Facilities project:

- Chief Cassou received a message they (the county) are moving forward taking it to the committee. Once approved, the county will then transfer ownership of the property to Quincy Fire Protection District.

5. Discussion and possible actions regarding CalPERS health program Resolutions:

- Taborski questioned CalPERS resolution 2022-0714-1-line item (b) noting this is a template used by CalPERS and does not fit our plan for coverage. Taborski questioned the phrase “to pay the full cost of his/her enrollment up to a maximum.” Ryback noted he researched the amount of employer health contributions referencing the PEMCHA contribution minimum box is currently \$141.00 a month which overrides the boilerplate reference to the full amount.
- Ryback made a motion to approve the resolution 2022-0714-1, Mansell seconded the motion, motion was approved.

6. Discussion and possible actions on health insurance and memorandum.

- White addressed the district's mandatory contribution to the elected/appointed officials' health benefits as was noted in a previous board meeting that the district would not contribute to the health program for an official.
- White explained that if we are going to move forward with a health benefits program for our board officials, we need to approve the districts' contribution of the minimum PEMCHA amount of \$149.00 per month. Taborski question the potential for yearly increases and how the district will address the cost. Ryback confirmed the cost to the district would currently be \$1,812.00 a year and he suggested that any increase should be minimal. Board agreed to review annually.
- Taborski made a motion to approve the district contribution of no more than \$151.00 a month for CalPERS' new fiscal year for the appointed/elected officials' health program, Ryback seconded the motion, Mansell abstained, motion approved.
- White informed the board that CalPERS requested a memorandum clarifying the mandatory participation in the Nationwide 457B retirement plan as required to

participate in the health plan. Treasurer Ryback reviewed the memorandum and made some wording changes to reflect “per pay period.” After a lengthy discussion on the contributed amounts the board agreed to change the annual rate to \$260.00 per year per employee instead of the previous stated amount of \$250.00. This rounded-off the per pay period amount to better match the 26 pay periods per year making the monthly contribution to be set at \$10.00 a month. Mansell seconded the motion; the motion was approved. Taborski will sign the amended memorandum with the corrections

7. Discussion and possible actions regarding the CSDA membership.

- White emailed information to the board regarding the membership information and an invoice offering a 20% discount to join the California Special Districts Association. White discussed in detail the benefits for the district employees and the board’s elected/appointed officials. Ryback made a motion to approve the membership, Mansell seconded the motion, motion was approved.

8. Discussion and possible actions regarding the preliminary budget.

- Taborski opened the floor for the preliminary budget review. White noted the changes to some specific accounts to reflect the upcoming health insurance program benefits and the district contribution to the Nationwide 457B retirement and the recently received workman’s compensation invoice. The Fasis invoice shows the annual cost for coverage is \$53,832.00. Fasis has changed from quarterly to annual billing. Ryback made a motion to approve the new budget, Mansell seconded the motion, motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Taborski at 8:46 a.m.

Submitted :

Chairman Taborski

Date

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