

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors

Saturday August 1, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Board President Leininger at 0812.

Board members present: Keith Ronchetti, Mike Pique, Dave Robarts, Suzann Leininger and Burt Johnson.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was suggested by Chief Williamson in honor of the two CALFIRE fire fighters killed recently while on fire fighting assignments.

The forum was opened to public comments. None were given.

The minutes of the 6/6/2015 June PMVFD board meeting were read over and approved with corrections noted. Burt moved and Keith seconded.

The minutes of the 6/27/2016 July PMVFD board meeting were read over and approved with corrections noted. Burt moved and Keith seconded.

Financial Report: Keith read over the current account balances. (The written report has been submitted as part of these minutes.) A vote was taken to approve closing out the CSA account and to put the remaining \$49,850.13 into the board savings account. Keith made the motion to approve this decision and Burt seconded. The motion was accepted by the board. A motion was made by Burt to accept the financial report, Keith seconded and the approved by the board.

Chief's Report: Battalion Chief Christina Williamson introduced Nick Brown, Battalion Chief for Northern San Diego County. Chief Brown is one of three operational Chiefs for the District.

Christina explained the displayed spreadsheet showing the staffing for the North County Division. She pointed out the current training levels for all the San Diego County Fire Protection reserve fire fighters and specifically pointed out the current lack of qualified drivers. She explained the department's efforts to correct these deficiencies.

New bedding has been purchased and set up in the Palomar Station and food and supplies have been brought in to stock up for any contingencies

Chief Williamson explained the circumstances relating to the incident that happened on the Boucher loop road that resulted in damages to engine #E7710. Thankfully, no one

was injured but the cost to repair will be substantial. A replacement engine has been assigned to cover in the meantime.

Mike Pique updated the Board on the Palomar Divide fuel break contract progress. Mike passed out a map of the project parameters and showed the board members where he and the contractor had flagged the fuel break boundary.

CERT Report: Alan Serry reported on recent CERT activities and stated this would be his last meeting as the Palomar CERT representative. A recent session was held giving CERT team members information and training with Barricade fire gel. One point Alan wanted to make that anyone who has old stock should replace it with new. A \$2500 grant has been awarded to the Palomar CERT by SDG&E. On Spt. 12, a community CERT training will be held on CPR and AED. Alan suggested that a public information officer (Palomar CERT team member) could be stationed at the PMVFD station during local fire events to give out information. This came out of a need recognized during the Cutca Fire when people came by the station with questions and there was no one to give any info. Christina suggested that she could give guidance on what protocol was in these circumstances. Chief Williamson said that she had submitted a requisition for a stockpile of sand and sand bags to have available for community use in the upcoming rainy season.

Old Business: The 50 year lease with the SDCFA has been officially signed. The skid steer has been put on Craig's List for sale. The entire Department owned apparatus pink slips have been signed over to the County as part of the lease agreement, (they will be responsible for all maintenance, repair and replacement costs under this agreement). Christina suggested that the County should pick up the cost of a snow blower to be purchased for the stations' use.

New Business: Suzann took suggestions from the board for newsletter topics. Some were; the 50 lease signing, wildfire threat and preventative measures, the Palomar Divide Fuel Break SRA project, community access to information on local emergencies and dispersal of the Departments surplus equipment (admin. car and skid steerer).

SRA Grant administration: Suzann does not have the time to oversee this project and would like someone to step forward to Sheperd this project on behalf of the board.

Burt Johnson announced his pending retirement from the board of directors and would not be running for reelection at the annual meeting.

PMFD facility calendar: Suzann suggested that we post the calendar on the web site so that we could inform the community and schedule the facility for upcoming events.

Chief's quarterly meeting on 7/30/15. Suzann reported on topics discussed. A reserve fire fighter patrol was proposed to be activated during peak fire season. Dispatcher training has been upgraded to give medical advice. A full time G.I.S. position has been hired .A blog for the Laguna Mtn. VFD has been started. A re-org for the SDCFA has resulted in equal status for Herman Reddick and Chief Meachum. Preliminary site work has begun for the proposed upgrade in facilities for the PMFD.

Resolution:" Resolved, the PMVFD Board endorses and supports the signing of the 50 year ground lease with the County of San Diego." Mike made the motion to approve this resolution; Burt seconded and was approved by the board.

Calendar check: The PMVFD annual meeting will be held Sunday September 6, 2015 at the PMVFD and will be at 12:00.

John Lesac announced that the PMCCM will have a movie night and square dance August 22 at 7:30 at Bailey's barn. On 9/5 there will be a dessert potluck and live music at the Fire Station.

Adjournment: 10:00 A.M.