

EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
4040 CARSON ROAD
CAMINO, CALIFORNIA 95709

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JOE ROSE, CHAIR (Div. 2)
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PAT CARROLL (Div. 1)
THOMAS MAHACH (Div. 4)
Dr. CURTISS WEIDMER (Div. 3)

FIRE CHIEF

BRUCE M. LACHER

CONFORMED AGENDA

April 17, 2008

CLOSED SESSION
2:30 P.M.

OPEN SESSION
3:00 P.M.

2850 Fairlane Court, Building "C"
Placerville, CA 95667

1. CALL TO ORDER – 3:15 P.M.
2. CLOSED SESSION-
 - A. Annual performance evaluation of the Fire Chief.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-

4. APPROVE AGENDA-

ACTION TAKEN – Director Weidmer moved to add item 8.C. to the agenda regarding a “Hold Harmless Agreement”. Director Mahach seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously. Director Courtial moved to approve the amended agenda. Director Mahach seconded the motion.

AYES: Carroll, Courtial, Mahach, Weidmer and Rose

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR – (All items approved on single vote except those pulled for individual comment)

A. MINUTES: March 12, 2008 regular Board meeting.

B. CLAIM PAYMENT – Report of Vouchers March 1, 2008 through March 31, 2008.

CLAIM BATCHES:

DISTRICT:

\$ 35,067.20 (March 01, 2008)

\$ 91,709.78 (March 15, 2008)

\$ 109,950.60 (March 24, 2008)

AMBULANCE/JPA:

\$ 10,371.28 (March 13, 2008)

\$ 6,720.93 (March 26, 2008)

5. CONSENT CALENDAR- continued-

DEPOSITS:

\$ 900.00 (March 01, 2008)
\$ 38,396.28 (March 10, 2008)
\$ 895.57 (March 13, 2008)
\$ 978.00 (March 13, 2008)
\$ 5,813.78 (March 13, 2008)
\$ 128,762.46 (March 21, 2008)

ACTION TAKEN – Director Carroll moved to approve of the Consent calendar and Director Courtial seconded the motion.

AYES: Carroll, Courtial, Mahach, Weidmer and Rose

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT (any person wishing to address the Board on any item that is not on the Agenda, may do so at this time).
Public comments are limited to five minutes per person.

ACTION TAKEN- No public comments.

7. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION-

- A. ACTION TAKEN- Closed session regarding the annual performance of the Fire Chief will resume at the end of the open session and a report will be made afterwards.

8. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS-

A. 2006 – 2007 AUDIT- Follow up report and information.
ACTION TAKEN- Fire Chief Lacher reviewed the four issues of concern that were brought up during the final audit report.

- 1. Post retirement Health Benefits and the associated costs.**
- 2. Updating Fire Board policies.**
- 3. Development Fee transfer history.**
- 4. Ethics training for Board members.**

CalPERS does not research the costs of post retirement health benefits. A recommendation of a private firm would be recommended. Director Weidmer suggested using a different firm than the one used recently to see what the differences would be. Chief Lacher is to work with the Finance Committee to review and approve a contract with a firm to perform an actuarial. This item will be added to the agenda for May.

Each Board member was provided a copy of the current Board Policies for review and to recommend updates. This item will be added to the May agenda.

The Development Fees are transferred to the General Fund and back to Development Fee funds. Director Mahach requested that Joe Harn be contacted to explain why the Development Fees have to be transferred back and forth through the General funds.

The Board Policy regarding Ethics needs to be up dated to include training classes. Staff will inform the Board of Directors when classes open up this year.

Director Weidmer requested to have other post benefit liabilities added to the May agenda.

8. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS- continued-**B. REPORT ON MEETINGS WITH THE SHINGLE SPRINGS BAND OF MIWOK INDIANS REGARDING A POSSIBLE CONTRACT FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE-**

ACTION TAKEN- Chief Lacher reported that they have had several informal meetings with the Tribal Council regarding the El Dorado County Fire Protection District providing services to the Red Hawk Casino. Chief Lacher requested a committee to be allowed to pursue formal negotiations for contracting services to the tribe. Chief Lacher also reported that the JPA would also have to approve services to the Red Hawk Casino. The committee will consist of Chief Lacher, Director Courtial, Captain Lewis, with Director Mahach as an alternate and Chair Rose as a fill in. Legal council will be asked to review a contract for services. Director Mahach made the motion for the Board to Direct Fire Chief Lacher to initiate formal negotiations with the Shingle Springs Rancheria with Director Courtial assisting and Director Rose and Mahach as alternates.

AYES: Carroll, Courtial, Mahach, and Rose

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Weidmer

C. HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT-

Item 8.C was amended to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting with a unanimous vote. Captain Marinas of the El Dorado County Fire Training Division is requesting a Hold Harmless agreement between the District and the Homeowners of a property for fire training purposes. The property is located at 2025 Carson Road, Placerville, known as the Madden Ranch and is owned by Ed Mathews and Gael Barsotti. The structure is a residential/bunkhouse.

8. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS- continued-

- C. After discussion on the agreement drawn up by legal council, Bill Wright, Director Weidmer moved to direct Chief Lacher to sign on behalf of the Board of Directors with any changes that may have to be made by Bill Wright. Director Mahach seconded the motion.
AYES: Carroll, Courtial, Mahach, Weidmer and Rose
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS -

- A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE- (Courtial and Carroll/Alternate: Weidmer)
ACTION TAKEN- Assistant Chief Johnson was present to update the Board of Directors on the progress of Station #28, in Shingle Springs. There have been several meetings with the architects. AC Johnson handed out an elevation drawing of the proposed station. The committee does have changes to the exterior. The committee will meet Friday, April 18, 2008. Director Mahach asked if there were any plans for solar panels to be added to the structure. There are plans for solar panels in the future. The District will be required to obtain a Special Use Permit.
- B. FIRE SAFE COUNCIL - (Mahach)
ACTION TAKEN – Director Mahach informed the Board that the Sly Park subdivision has managed access to an exit road in case of an emergency.

10. EL DORADO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY (JPA) -
ACTION TAKEN- Chief Lacher reported on JPA activities. The Executive Director is on administrative leave. An interim Director has signed a 90 day contract to assist the JPA. The interim director is Bob Signor. Final inspections have been completed on new medic units to replace medics 17, 48 and 89. The JPA budget has an additional unit included. Call responses were down this last month. The JPA has a new meeting time. Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month @ 9:00 a.m.

11. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS-
 - A. Report on litigation and/or State Budget issues-
ACTION TAKEN – The cuts being made in the State Budget reportedly should not affect public safety.

12. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION –
 - ✚ Department Activity Report-
 - ✚ JPA Activity Report & Meeting minutes-
 - ✚ Briana Kelley a student of the El Dorado High School Careers Academy sent a thank you to the crew of Station #17 in Pollock Pines for her shadow experience.
 - ✚ Thank you letter to Station #21 crew from Patricia Soto of the El Dorado Health Careers Academy her fun shadow day.
 - ✚ Taylor Vernon from the El Dorado High School Health Careers Academy sent a thank you to Station #25 crew sent an apology for not being able to make his shadow day.

13. CHIEF OFFICER REPORTS-

Assistant Chief Rob Cima-
Assistant Chief Mark Johnson-
Battalion Chief Tim Cordero-
Battalion Chief Mike Hardy-
Battalion Chief Sam Huffman-
Battalion Chief Kurt Taylor-

ACTION TAKEN- Director Courtial asked Assistant Chief Cima how the new shift schedule was working out. The crews are happy with the new schedule. Director Rose asked Assistant Chief Johnson about the waste water plant. Assistant Chief Johnson stated that this is called a refer system. It is state of the art and the plant is nearing completion. It uses ultraviolet light to process waste to usable water which will be released into the creek. This process is approved by the Fish and Game department.

14. CHIEF'S REPORT –

ACTION TAKEN- Chief Lacher informed the Board of Directors that the Board of Supervisors would like to invite the District Board members to attend their meeting June 24, 2008 in Lake Tahoe. There will be a workshop with the Board of Directors and the City Council. Director Rose and Director Mahach plan on attending. There will be a Fire Academy in August. Three agencies will be participating: West Sacramento, Sacramento Airport and El Dorado County FPD. The District Website will be up May 1, 2008. The personnel have been doing a good job.

15. BOARD COMMENTS-

Pat Carroll- No comments

Tom Mahach- Planning on running for re-election Director Carroll is undecided and Director Courtial is planning on running for re-election

Curtiss Weidmer- Absent

Ed Courtial – Captain Marinas has asked the Board of Directors if they are interested in taking a CPR class

Joe Rose- Thank you for your patience on the meeting change

16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS-

Next meeting: Regularly scheduled Board Meeting May 15, 2008 @ 2850 Fairlane Court, Building "C", Placerville, California. Agenda closing time 4:30 P.M., Tuesday May 6, 2008.

Meeting closed for continuation of closed session @ 4:58 p.m.

Reconvene to open session @ 5:08 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN- No action taken

17. ADJOURNMENT- 5:10

ACTION TAKEN- Director Mahach moved to adjourn the meeting and Director Carroll seconded the motion.

AYES: Carroll, Courtial, Mahach, and Rose

NOES: None

ABSENT: Weidmer

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