

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JOE ROSE, CHAIR (Div. 2)
ED COURTIAL, VICE CHAIR (Div. 5)
VACANT (Div. 1)
THOMAS MAHACH (Div. 4)
CURTISS WEIDMER (Div. 3)

FIRE CHIEF

BRUCE M. LACHER

330 Fairlane, Building "A"
Placerville, CA 95667

CONFORMED AGENDA

September 24, 2008

CLOSED SESSION
2:00 P.M.

1. Negotiations with the Fire Chief and the Management Employee's Association per Government Code Section 54957.6.

OPEN SESSION
3:10 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER –
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-

3. APPROVE AGENDA-
ACTION TAKEN – Director Courtial motioned to approve the agenda and Director Mahach seconded the motion.
AYES: Courtial, Mahach, and Rose
NOES: None
ABSENT: Weidmer
4. CONSENT CALENDAR – (All items approved on single vote except those pulled for individual comment)
- A. MINUTES: August 21, 2008 regular Board meeting.
- B. CLAIM PAYMENT – Report of Vouchers August 1, 2008 through August 31, 2008.

CLAIM BATCHES:

DISTRICT:

\$ 76,796.58 (August 01, 2008)
\$ 58,072.72 (August 12, 2008)
\$ 111,435.20 (August 20, 2008)
\$ 370.00 (August 25, 2008)

AMBULANCE/JPA:

\$ 243.61 (August 01, 2008)
\$ 5,100.29 (August 13, 2008)
\$ 13,000.60 (August 27, 2008)

3. CONSENT CALENDAR – continued-

DEPOSITS:

\$ 188,670.00 (August 12, 2008)
\$ 934.00 (August 12, 2008)
\$ 6,710.17 (August 28, 2008)
\$ 398.00 (August 28, 2008)
\$ 1,908.38 (August 28, 2008)

ACTION TAKEN– Director Mahach motioned to approve the consent calendar and Director Courtial seconded the motion.

AYES: Courtial, Mahach, and Rose

NOES: None

ABSENT: Weidmer

5. **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.

6. **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION-**

- A. **ACTION TAKEN**- The Board ratified the recommendation of the Administration/Fiscal Committee of allowing a 4% increase to the Management Association. *The Board will also continue the Closed Session after the regular meeting.*

7. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS-

- A. **INSURANCE RENEWAL-District Insurance (General, Automobile, Liability, Excess Liability)-**
Representatives from Atwood Insurance present to discuss policy and answer questions.

ACTION TAKEN- Chief Lacher reviewed the insurance contract and noted a 2.3% increase for this next year and recommended an approval of the contract. Nancy Terpstra, representative from ISU Insurance Services Atwood Agency, answered questions and reviewed the contract with the Board of Directors. Director Mahach moved to approve of the contract with ISU Insurance Services – Atwood Agency at the \$250 deductible for equipment loss. Director Courtial seconded the motion.

AYES: Courtial, Mahach, and Rose

NOES: None

ABSENT: Weidmer

The Board thanked Nancy Terpstra for attending the meeting.

- B. **RESOLUTION 2008 – 12 –**
2008/2009 Final Fire Operations Budget – Public hearing published in the Mountain Democrat.

ACTION TAKEN- Chief Lacher advised the Board members that the 2008/2009 budget reflects a four-percent (4%) increase in revenue from fiscal year 2007-2008. He reviewed the category changes made to the system to follow with the County finance system. Director Mahach asked about the growth in the District's area. The property tax is on a downsize slope. The district has not been completely reimbursed for strike team expenses yet. There will be additional personnel at Station #28 beginning October 1, 2008. Director Rose opened the public hearing at 3:26 p.m. and with no public comments, public hearing was closed at same time. Director Mahach made the motion to adopt Resolution 2008-12 approving the 2008/2009 Fire Operations Budget

7. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS- continued-

B. continued-

in the amount of \$11,051.274.40. Director Courtial seconded the motion.

Director Mahach: Yes
Director Weidmer: Absent
Director Courtial: Yes
Director Rose: Yes

C. 2008-2009 Final Operations Budget for the El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority (JPA)-

ACTION TAKEN- Chief Lacher reviewed the JPA Budget for 2008-2009 with the Board of Directors. An additional 24-hour medic unit will be housed at station #28 in Shingle Springs. The Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians will be providing half of the costs for this unit. Staff recommends District approval of the JPA budget. Director Mahach moved for approval of the 2008-2009 JPA Annual Operating budget in the amount of \$10,670,869.00. Director Courtial seconded the motion.

AYES: Courtial, Mahach, and Rose

NOES: None

ABSENT: Weidmer

D. RESOLUTION 2008-13-

Authorizing the Fire Chief to direct the Assessor to charge delinquent or unresponsive property owners for abating property hazards.

ACTION TAKEN- AC Johnson went through the process for weed abatement in the District and there are still a few property owners that do not comply with the Health and Safety Code and the Fire Code after the District has made many attempts to have the property owners comply. By adopting resolution 2008-13, the District can have the hazards abated and the weed abatement costs would be imposed upon the tax roles for properties within the El Dorado

7. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS- continued-

D. continued-

County Fire Protection District. The Board members expressed concern that all individuals are given plenty of notice and time to comply with the weed abatement program. AC Johnson assured the Board of Directors that the property owners are given enough time to respond or comply with the weed abatement program.

Director Mahach made motion to adopt Resolution 2008-13 authorizing the Fire District to direct the Assessor to charge delinquent or unresponsive property owners for abating property hazards. Motion seconded by Director Courtial.

Director Mahach: Yes

Director Weidmer: Absent

Director Courtial: Yes

Director Rose: Yes

E. VACANCY TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EI Dorado COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT-

Consideration of submitting a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for the appointment of Division 1 Director for 2008 – 2012. The vacancy for the position has been published and posted as required by Government Code 1780.

ACTION TAKEN- Chief Lacher introduced Mr. Dennis Edwards to the Board of Directors. Mr. Edwards resides within the Division Division1 boundaries and is interested in completing the current term of office and continuing the next four year term for Division 1. Board members welcomed Mr. Edwards and asked him some questions about himself. Mr. Edwards shared his fire service experience and his general interests. Mr. Edwards feels there would be no conflict of interest with his current employment. He has resided in Auburn Lake Trails for the last eight years. Director Mahach moved to appoint Mr. Dennis Edwards to complete the current term of office for Division 1 and to recommend Mr. Edwards to the

7. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS- continued-

E. continued-

Board of Supervisors to fill the full four year term of office on the Board of Directors of the El Dorado County Fire Protection District, Division 1, beginning January 2009. Director Courtial seconded the motion.

AYES: Courtial, Mahach, and Rose

NOES: None

ABSENT: Weidmer

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS -

A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE- (Courtial/Alternate: Weidmer)

ACTION TAKEN- AC Johnson reported that the County has accepted all of the Districts applications. Everything is in process. Captain Parker will be meeting with Mrs. Lyster to review any concerns of the neighbors to Station 28.

B. FIRE SAFE COUNCIL - (Mahach)

ACTION TAKEN – Director Mahach reported a citizens committee is being formed.

9. EL DORADO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY (JPA) -

ACTION TAKEN- Chief Lacher reported Medic 28 will be in service October 1, 2008. JPA is purchasing four (4) new medic units. The new units will have a different chassis. JPA is looking for an Executive Director and an actuarial consultant. A dinner with combined members of each District's Board of Directors is scheduled for October 17, at Station #49 in Diamond Springs @ 6 p.m.

10. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS-

- A. Report on litigation and/or State Budget issues-
ACTION TAKEN – The State Budget has been signed. The Governor was in Placerville last month. Public safety funds will reportedly be untouched.

11. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION –

- ✚ Department Activity Report-
- ✚ JPA Activity Report –
- ✚ Captain Mitchell, Firefighter/Paramedic Adams, Firefighter Ramirez, Engineer/Paramedic Lewandowski, and Engineer/Paramedic Kelly were all commended in a letter to Chief Lacher, for their professional and efficient care administered to Mr. Lyle Timmerman.
- ✚ Flyer from the Canine Corporate Club with article from Natural choice dog food to vote for the Natural Choice Search Team. One of the teams is AC Cima and Ace from El Dorado County Fire.
- ✚ Letter of appreciation from Assistant Cub Master, Dan Shaw of Pack 117, Golden Empire Council. This letter is a thank you to Station #28 and everyone that has involved in supporting the scouting program.
- ✚ Letter from El Dorado County Registrar of Voters, William E. Schultz to the fire district regarding the appointment of a candidate to fill Division 1 term of office.
- ✚ Announcement of the vacancy of Division 1 on the El Dorado County Board of Directors.
- ✚ Chief Lacher received a letter from Rick Mattos, Board Chairperson of the Medal of Valor Review Board, State of California, Department of Justice. This letter is a thank you for the nomination of Captain Ken Parker and Engineer Warren Hubbard for the 2007 Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Award. There were 38 qualified nominations for consideration. Although the two nominees were not selected, they epitomized those traits that qualified them for recognition.
- ✚ Thank you card to Chief Lacher from the Carroll family.
- ✚ Thank you card to AC Cima from the Carroll family

11. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION – continued-

- ✚ Thank you letter to the District from the Carroll family for the help, support, hard work, compassion and support extended to their family.
- ✚ Mary Huggins, Amador-El Dorado Unit of Cal Fire sent a thank you to Captain Greg Morford, Engineer Ben Anderson, Firefighter Dan Cornelius, Firefighter/Paramedic Jason Ertz, and Firefighter/Paramedic Carson Triggs for taking such great care of her mother.
- ✚ Chief Lacher received a letter from Leona M. Rodreick, Public Information Officer from the California Interagency Incident Management Team 5, praising the performance of Captain/Paramedic Larry Marinas as a public information officer in training working with Team 5.
- ✚ Email to Chief Lacher from Chief Couper of Latrobe Fire Protection, requesting interest from El Dorado County Fire in their possible use of external resources.

12. CHIEF'S REPORT –

ACTION TAKEN- Chief Lacher informed the Board of Directors that eight members of the Honor Guard had just returned from the Firefighter's Memorial in Colorado. Captain Jim Ward's last day of employment with the District is Sunday. He had twenty-eight (28) years of service. Captain Jeff Tolson will be retiring December 25th and he has 21 years of service. There will be an appreciation dinner December 5th, 2008. Three juvenile fire setters have been arrested recently. They are nine, ten and eleven years old. One of our Tactical Medics was injured recently in a marijuana raid. As they were carrying bundles of plants, he turned and was poked in the eye with a plant stem. He is okay and his eye is fine. A Fire Safe Council is starting up in Placerville. There is a meeting October 7, 2008 at Town Hall. The OES and Homeland Security merger has been approved. They will be called the California Emergency Management Agency.

13. BOARD COMMENTS-

Tom Mahach- The Pollock Pines cleanup went very well.
They went through 18-20 large dumpsters.
Curtiss Weidmer- Absent
Ed Courtial – No comments
Joe Rose- Welcome to Mr. Edwards
Mr. Edwards thanked the Board of Directors for their
hospitality.

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS-

Next meeting: Regularly scheduled Board Meeting October 16,
2008 @ 2850 Fairlane Court, Building "C", Placerville,
California. Agenda closing time 4:30 P.M., Tuesday October 7,
2008.

15. ADJOURNMENT-

ACTION TAKEN-

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 4:35 pm. No
action taken in closed session. Meeting adjourned at
4:55 pm.

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