

**EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING**

**MINUTES
August 18, 2011**

**2850 Fair Lane Ct., Building "C"
Placerville, CA 95667
2:30 P.M. Closed Session
3:00 P.M. Open Session**

2:30 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Meeting with designated representatives of the El Dorado County Fire Protection District regarding employee salaries, salary schedules, and/or other compensation in the form of fringe benefits pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. The El Dorado County Fire Protection District's designated representatives are Fire Chief Bruce Lacher, Director Tom Mahach, Director Dennis Edwards and Patrick Clark.
- B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 in one potential case.
- C. Significant exposure to litigation in one potential case, El Dorado County Fire Protection District v. Jackye Phillips and Diamond Springs-El Dorado Fire Protection District, pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9

3:00 P.M. OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Rose called the meeting to order at 3:22 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Johnson, Rose, Courtial
Absent: Mahach, Edwards

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

4. APPROVE AGENDA:

It was moved by Director Courtial and seconded by Director Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Johnson, Rose, Courtial
Noes: None
Absent: Mahach, Edwards

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

(All items approved on a single vote except those pulled for individual discussion and action).

A. Minutes: July 21, 2011 Regular Board Meeting

B. Claim Payments/Deposits

District Claims:

\$306,276.17 (10/11)

\$147,455.53

\$101,060.70

\$111,203.86

\$150,582.72

JPA Claims:

\$6,974.89 (10/11)

\$31,877.05 (10/11)

\$40,732.00

\$13,572.13

Deposits:

\$5,972.00

It was moved by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Courtial to approve the consent calendar. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Johnson, Rose, Courtial
Noes: None
Absent: Mahach, Edwards

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).

Union President Luke Shepard spoke and thanked Chairman Rose for his dedication to the District and Union.

7. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:

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No action taken

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No action taken

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No action taken, Staff directed to remove item from the agenda

8. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS:

A. Resolution 2011-15, Retirement of Engineer Mark Feher

It was moved by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Courtial to approve Resolution 2011-15, recognizing Fire Engineer Mark Feher for 25 years of service.

B. Resolution 2011-16, Amend Non-Safety CalPERS Contract

Calpers Resolution 2011-16, Amendment to the contract for Miscellaneous Employee's. Tiered system with current formula of 2.7% at 55 to the 2% at 55 formula for employee's hired after the effective date.

It was moved by Director Courtial and seconded by Director Johnson to adopt Resolution 2011-16. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Johnson, Rose, Courtial

Noes: None

Absent: Mahach, Edwards

C. Annual Volunteer Firefighter Length of Service Report

The Fire District provides a Volunteer Length of Service Benefit to our Volunteer Firefighters. To be eligible the members are required to be active and meet a minimum level of participation. Seventeen members qualify for the benefit for the year 2010-11.

It was moved by Chair Rose and seconded by Director Courtial to award the

benefit to the seventeen volunteer firefighters. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Johnson, Rose, Cortial
Noes: None
Absent: Mahach, Edwards

D. Accept and Award Bid for Replacement of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus

Motion by Director Rose to find the bid submitted in response to the Districts Request for Proposal by Scott totaling \$577,143.78 was the lowest Responsible bidder as determined by the board within the meaning of 3002.00 of purchasing policy 3000. And to adopt the findings of staff with respect to, the bid amount, the per unit cost of the Scott at \$3,448.00, the cost of parts and training, and given the fact that Scott is the districts current air pack. All of the above mentioned factors weigh in, in considering the boards findings that Scott is the lowest responsible bidder. Awarding the bid would be conditioned on receiving the grant money from the Federal Government. Director Johnson seconded the motion and added that staff has serious life saving concerns with the change to a different brand and that the elevated cost of training also needs to be taken into consideration. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Johnson, Rose, Courtial
Noes: None
Absent: Mahach, Edwards

E. Accept and Award Bid for Replacement of Seven Emergency Power Generators

It was moved by Director Johnson to approve staffs recommendation to accept and award the bid to Carnahan Electric for the replacement of seven emergency power generators. It was seconded by Director Courtial. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Johnson, Rose, Courtial
Noes: None
Absent: Mahach, Edwards

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Facilities & Equipment (Courtial/Johnson)

Director Johnson reported that the firefighters are happy with station 28 and that the issues have all smoothed out.

B. Fire Prevention (Mahach/Johnson)

No report

C. El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority (JPA) (Rose)

Chief Lacher reported that the Board of Supervisors agreed to award themselves the EOA, through the county under California Health and Safety Code 1797.224. With that all 911 calls and inter-facility transfers that originate and end in the county. The West Slope will be inclusive to the JPA. Response time criteria has been met for the last 36 months. Medics have gone through training for the EPCR's. September 1st the units go electronic.

D. Human Resources (Mahach/Edwards) (alternate-Courtial)

No report

E. Budget and Finance (Courtial/Edwards)

Chief Lacher reported that staff is working on the final budget and will present it at the September board meeting.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION:**

- Letter from Sac Metro Fire Department regarding Battalion Chief Marinas
- Thank you from Ivory Trams to Captain Scott Lewis and FF Andy Andreis
- Letter of Resignation from Board Chairman Joe Rose
- Result of the Regular and Alternate Special District Representative Election to El Dorado LAFCO
- Agenda for El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority
- News Release from the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
- Engine Statistics

11. **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Chief Lacher reported that fire season is picking up. Division 2 vacancy has been posted. The district received a small homeland security grant for handheld radios. The county also has a grant for radios that will bring another 10-12 radios to the district. Reorganization in South Lake Tahoe, a new Police Chief was hired and was also made Chief of Public Safety over Police and Fire. Pink slips were given to the Fire Chief and Deputy Chief. Chief Cuttingham from Diamond Springs announced he will be leaving in May. It is reported that Chief Combs will be replacing him. The District is sending two honor guard members to Colorado Springs for the Firefighter Memorial in September. The Chief and Director Rose met with LAFCO in July to discuss the issue with the tribe and who's jurisdiction they are in. Diamond Springs wants to remove the Tribe from their jurisdiction. LAFCO has met with the Tribe and Diamond Springs Fire and will schedule another meeting with the district to discuss their findings.

12. **BOARD COMMENTS:**

Mahach: Absent
Johnson: No comment

Rose: No comment

Courtial: Director Courtial presented Chair Rose with a Plaque for his years of service on the board.

Edwards: Absent

13 . FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Next regularly scheduled Board Meeting, September 15, 2011,
2850 Fair Lane Court, Building C, Placerville, CA 95667

14 . ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

All in favor.