

LAKESIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
Minutes

November 13, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM

Directors Present:

Director Kenneth Coyle
Director Lloyd Dailey
Director Fred Daskoski
Director R.A. Rick Smith
Director Peter Liebig

Also present:

Fire Chief Mark Baker
District Counsel Hilda Mendoza
Acting Clerk of the Board Karen Kuss

The meeting was called to order by Director Daskoski at 5:30 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Director Liebig led the Pledge of Allegiance and Director Dailey made an invocation.

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved
M/S/P Smith/Liebig. Unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of October 30, 2007 special board meeting were approved as presented. M/S/P Coyle/Smith. Motion carried with four ayes and one abstention; Director Liebig.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

None at this time.

6. FINANCE

List of Demands for October, 2007.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Thank you letters from Granite High School students.

The correspondence was acknowledged and briefly discussed. Director Daskoski suggested that the District send a letter to Granite High School thanking them for their letters.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATION

None at this time.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None at this time.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Audit Report. Robert Schiwitz gave a brief presentation on the report. Program. Discussion/No Action (Chief/ Board)

Staff Recommendation: Information Item Only.

B. Fire Prevention – Weed Abatement Program. Captain Gonzalez gave a PowerPoint presentation of the new program and a status update. Division Chief Schreiner spoke about the forced abatement process and cost recovery for that process.

Staff Recommendation: Information Item Only.

C. Reorganization – management and Operational (Chief/Board)
Chief Baker presented the proposed reorganization of the Lakeside Fire Protection District. Captain Hisaw asked that the Board ask Chief Baker to meet affected labor groups before any decisions are made. He feels more dialogue is needed for this major change in direction for the department. Discussion/Direction (Chief/ Board)

A motion was made by Director Smith, seconded by Director Liebig to continue this item to a future meeting, allowing Chief Baker time to meet with the labor groups. M/S/P Smith, Liebig. Unanimously.

11. REPORTS:**A. Directors Report:**

Director Smith stated that the 2020 program (plan to update the County's General Plan) is coming back, with a target date of 2010. It is now known as the County's General Plan Amendment. He will provide additional information at a later date as this plan affects future funding for the District.

B. Chief Report:

Chief Baker spoke about the retirement of the Chula Vista Fire Chief. He stated that Chula Vista will be working with Heartland to potentially rejoin the communications JPA. He will be attending a meeting at Pala Resort about rural fire issues.

He has also been invited to the annual Fire Chiefs' meeting on 12/5 and 12/6 in Monterey.

On December 7 the Governor's commission on pension reform will be having a hearing in San Diego and Chief Baker will be attending.

He met with the ad hoc committee about the East County consolidation. He was given direction and they feel that financially it is feasible. A presentation will be prepared for the Board's and the County's review.

C. Staff Report:

Chief Laff reported on a fire on Old Barona Road On 11/12/07.

Chief Schreiner also gave a report on the Old Barona Road fire and stated that the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

D. Comments and Information from District Counsel:

None at this time.

E. Firefighters Association Report:

None at this time.

12. CLOSED SESSION:

A. Employee contract negotiations. Government Code Section 54957.6 Agency designated representative is the Fire Chief, Mark Baker. Affected Bargaining Units: Lakeside Firefighters Association.

The above matters described on the agenda may be held in closed session in a conference with counsel under the provisions of Government Code Section 54957. If closed sessions are held, a report of actions subject to disclosure will be made by the District's Counsel upon return to open session respectively.

The Board of directors, Chief Baker and District Legal Counsel adjourned to closed session at 6:40 P.M. Open session resumed at 7:00 P.M. with district legal counsel announcing no reportable action.

Having no additional items to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 P.M. The next regular meeting will be held on November 27, 2007, at 5:30 P.M. at 12365 Parkside Street, Lakeside, CA 92040.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Clerk of the Board, Karen Kuss