



**CACHAGUA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 12, 2014
USFS CARMEL RIVER STATION
NASON RD., CARMEL VALLEY**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Bob Eaton.

1. ROLL CALL: Don Bonsper, Bob Eaton, Rod Lambert
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - .1 The minutes of the regular meeting of January 8, 2014 were approved as submitted. Motion to approve minutes Eaton; Bonsper second; motion carried.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Derek Bonsper, President of Cachagua Fire Volunteers, spoke to the Board about the time and cost to all department volunteers involved in training and calls. The issue was brought to his attention because of the low attendance at these two venues. He calculated it runs the average volunteer about \$1,000 per year for their time and gas to attend the training sessions and to go on calls. This is based on an average two hours spent on each call, and ten miles per person for training

President Bonsper suggested the district consider moving to a "Paid Call District." Some districts pay their volunteers hourly for training and calls, some have a point system. His suggestion is to adopt a payment of \$20 per call. In 2013 there were 79 incidents, with an average of 5.66 people per call. That would be \$8,940 for the year. He further proposed a \$10,000 per year cap. If payments went above that amount, the district would have to stop paying.

The Chief and the Board discussed the issue. The Chief noted he is in favor of the idea, and has been for many years. The Board expressed concern about the bookkeeping for such a policy. The Chief explained that he would work off of the incident reports, and pay volunteers annually at the district Christmas Party.

Commissioner Eaton opined that loyalty is what is keeping this district functioning at this time. He noted that it is the function of the Board to keep the district going, and this is a good start. Commissioner Bonsper added that he feels the district could budget for this and donations could easily be earmarked for this sort of thing.

PUBLIC COMMENT, continued

The Chief agreed to draw up a proposal for the next meeting for the Board to consider.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

4. CONSENT CALENDAR: District Treasurer, Don Bonsper, reported that he reviewed the monthly invoices. Correspondence consisted of a notice that all directors must complete a Form 700 by April 1st.

5. STAFF REPORTS:

.01 Cachagua Volunteers: no report.

.02 Chief's Report: There were 5 incidents in January, 2014 and the total training hours were 70 for the month.

The Chief reported current account balances as of January 31, 2014. The checking account balance is \$63,591; savings is \$55,869; and the CD is \$196,504. Total for all accounts is \$315,964.

The Chief attended the Monterey County Fire Chief's meeting and the Monterey County Fire Mitigation Officer's meeting twice. He noted that the Mitigation Officer's meeting may not be attended in the future, as it is not serving the district to attend.

There have been no changes to the SOPs, audit, class B licenses, or website. In regard to the USFS bill, information was requested February 7th. The Chief noted he sent messages to OES and USFS, trying to find out why they are asking for a reduced rate in (dozer) operator costs.

Motion to approve staff reports Bonsper; Eaton second; motion carried.

6. ACTION CALENDAR:

.01 The Board members all completed their form 700's and they are ready for delivery to the County. There was no motion required.

7. PENDING ITEMS: Pending items were reported on in the Chief's report. There were no further updates.

8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on March 12, 2014.