



**CACHAGUA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 10, 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: The minutes of the regular meeting of August 12, 2014 were approved as submitted. Motion to approve minutes Bonsper; Eaton second; motion carried.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Orville Meyers, the Pastor of the Cachagua Church, explained to the Board that they recently purchased the Bellecci property and plan to put a church there. He offered use of two clear, flat acres - suitable for landing a helicopter - for emergency use by the district as a staging area as needed. The Board expressed their thanks for the kind offer. Steve Davis noted that the State and Federal agencies usually prepare a formal agreement ahead of time for such areas, and suggested the district consider doing so.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

4. CONSENT CALENDAR: The District Treasurer reviewed the current payables and credit card report, and there was no district correspondence.
5. STAFF REPORTS:
 - .01 Cachagua Volunteers: no report.
 - .02 Chief's Report: There were 8 incidents in August, 2014 and the total training hours were 70 for the month.

The Chief reported current account balances as of August 31, 2014. The checking account balance is \$65,358; savings is \$55,884; and the CD is \$197,094. Total for all accounts is \$318,366.

The paperwork for the benefit assessment was sent to the county and accepted. There has been no change on status of the SOPs. The Chief would like to table these until November, when he has more time to address them after his NPGS retirement.

CHIEF'S REPORT, continued

The Chief reported that he came to an agreement with the Division of Forestry about the final bill, which will be paid using the old rate of \$36 per hour. The bill will be processed upon receipt from the Heavy Equipment Division.

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

6. ACTION CALENDAR:

1. Heavy Equipment Division: The Chief reported the Chief of the division, Skee Stanley, has informed him he will be moving to Texas in January of 2015. Steve Davis has offered to take over the position. The Board concurred. Steve explained that the fire in Big Sur last December stirred up the controversy about contractors hiding under Fire Districts. There is a lot of competition in this area, and any time there is a disagreement, the issue of grading done by a company representing a fire district comes to the forefront. He has spoken to government officials about developing an agreement that works, and feels we need to fix the main agreement first, then work on the heavy equipment division. The goal being to get an agreement that makes it legal for the heavy equipment crew to do grading under the auspices of the district.
2. Pay Per Call Implementation: The Chief reported the paperwork required for district employees is being processed. Battalion Chief del Valle provides the call data to the Chief, who enters it into spreadsheet format. This will be given to the bookkeeper for processing. He will be issuing checks on a quarterly basis. The question of auditing for any errors before the spreadsheet is submitted was raised. The Chief felt confident he could ascertain that the data is correct.

Commissioner Bonsper asked about the recurring smoke checks. The Chief noted he will talk to the complaining party to see if it can be handled a different way.

3. District Newsletter: Commissioner Bonsper announced that the website is currently caught up and is displaying all of the information that has been submitted for view. He would like to see the district do a online newsletter on a quarterly basis. The Board concurred with this idea, and will shoot for the first newsletter to be posted on the website in January, 2015.

7. PENDING ITEMS: Pending items were reported on in the Chief's report.

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