



LOMA RICA/BROWNS VALLEY

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MINUTES OCTOBER 17, 2022

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

Present:: Biggs, High, Kattuah, Kinkle, Yarborough

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: None

3. APPROVE MINUTES:

- A. September 19, 2022 Regular Meeting: Motion by High to Approve the Minutes as presented; Second by Yarborough
Biggs, High, Kattuah, Kinkle, Yarborough – AYE
Motion carried

4. ACCOUNTING: GM Shields to remind accountant that JPA Dues has its own category—account #6230

5. CHIEF'S REPORT (DC Jim Mathias and BC Rob Bartsch):

- A. Chief Mathias reported the YTD fire stats for the CalFire NEU unit: down 63 fires and down 3,163 acres (however the Mosquito Fire is not included in the total since the fire is still active—currently only a small percentage is in the SRA, the balance in USFS)
- B. Per Chief Mathias, it looks like fire season is winding down, however there is no known date to end the burn ban, the unit will stay at peak staffing until December 25th
- C. Chief Mathias stated that for the Amador Contract period, CalFire is moving staff. The District currently pays for 2 personnel, and the CalFire goal is 3—the District will not pay for the additional staff member.
- D. Chief Bartsch stated there were 44 calls in September: 26 medical aid, 7 vehicle accidents, 2 structure fires, and 6 vegetation fires, with the balance being miscellaneous or Unable To Locate.
- E. Chief Bartsch announced he is transferring to Butte County in early November. Per Chief Mathias, no replacement has been named yet.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. GM Shields informed the Board the weed abatement company wants to apply a pre-emergent to prevent weeds from sprouting.
- B. The volunteer(s) will have an entry in the Marysville Christmas Parade on December 3rd. This year's theme is "Christmas in Santa's Workshop."
- C. Direct assessments have been mailed out.

7. DISCUSS EDITED FIVE YEAR PLAN:

- A. It was noted that grants from YWA are only open twice a year
- B. Tabled for discussion at the November meeting

8. DISCUSS PURCHASE OF A UTILITY VEHICLE:

- A. Per Chief Mathias, the Attack is affecting the District's ISO divergent score, with too much equipment compared to the number of volunteers. Three options were presented (all 2022 model year vehicles): Ford F350, Chevy Silverado 2500, and Dodge Ram 2500. Estimates for a vehicle plus utility pack, radio, lights/sirens, etc are approximately \$150,000. Chief Mathias recommends making this purchase decision as soon as possible, and also selling the Attack. Tabled for November meeting.

9. DISCUSS PURCHASE OF A NEW TYPE I ENGINE:

- A. Chief Mathias presented several options to the Board: (Spartan Metrostar chassis manufacturer) for both Smeal and Toyne. Chief Mathias briefly mentioned Pierce, but stated they are not the same quality as they were previously. Chief Mathias recommends



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the Smeal, as it is the model CalFire is using. Chief Mathias also recommended the District never rent out its Type I engine.

- B. Chair Kattuah questioned the timeline for purchase, considering the length of time for delivery of the Type III engine ordered by the District and still not received.
- C. Tabled for November meeting

10. DISCUSS AND APPROVE INSURANCE QUOTE FROM JPRIMA FOR \$29,940

- A. Motion by Kinkle to accept the quote of \$29,940 from JPRIMA for insurance services;
Second by Yarborough
Roll call Voice Vote
Biggs, High, Kattuah, Kinkle, Yarborough – AYE
Motion carried

11. BOARD AND STAFF MEMBER REPORTS:

- A. Director Biggs again informed the Board the JPA is considering increasing the annual dues to make up for the donation that is no longer received from Setzer since CHY sold the tower at Oregon Peak. The lease cost was \$5,040 for 2022-2023 (September 1 to August 31), which is more than half of the current budget. The JPA will discuss their proposed budget at their March 2023 meeting and will have more information afterwards.
- B. Director Yarborough would like firefighters to pass out educational materials when they see dangerous fire activity to build awareness with the public. Chief Mathias to obtain samples.
- C. Director Yarborough would like to look at grant possibilities for new projects in the District.
- D. GM Shields approached the Board about obtaining a new email address for the District (gmail), as the accountant and some Directors do not receive emails/attachments sent from the current email address.

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:47pm

Respectfully submitted
Kim Biggs—Vice Chair