

# MOSQUITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

**Minutes Regular Meeting, Thursday, March 9th, 2017 7:00 pm**

Mosquito Station #75, 8801 Rock Creek Road, Placerville, CA 95667

**1. Call to Order 7:00 PM**

**2. Roll Call & Announcement of Quorum** *Present: Directors Hern, Snyder, Swystun, Mikel and Stuart. Quorum.*

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Approval of Agenda.** *Motion to approve by Barbara Mikel, second by Gene Swystun. Ayes: Directors Hern, Snyder, Swystun, Stuart and Mikel.*

*Nos: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

**5. Public Comment.** Public may address the Board on any District related item not included in this agenda. Comments should be limited to three (3) minutes in duration. *Several members of the public thanked Chief Dwyer and the firefighters for doing a good job.*

**6. Approval of Minutes**

*6.1 Regular Meeting February 9th, 2017. Motion to approve by Ralph Hern, second by Gene Swystun. Ayes: Directors Hern, Snyder, Swystun, Mikel and Stuart.*

*Nos: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

**7. Fiscal Items:**

*7.1. Approval of Treasurer's Report as of February 28<sup>th</sup> 2017. Motion to approve by Ralph Hern, second by Gene Swystun.*

*Ayes: Directors: Hern, Snyder, Swystun, Mikel and Stuart.*

*Nos: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

*7.2. Approval of Expenditures for 02-10-2017 & 02-11-2017. Motion to approve Expenditures dated 02-10-2017 by Ralph Hern, second by Gene Swystun.*

*Ayes: Directors: Hern, Snyder, Swystun, Mikel and Stuart.*

*Nos: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

*Motion to approve Expenditures dated 02-11-2017 by Joe Snyder, second by Gene Swystun. Ayes: Directors Hern, Snyder, Swystun, Mikel and Stuart.*

*Nos: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

## **8. Informational Items: Correspondence & Communication**

### **8.1 Chief's Report:**

#### **MOSQUITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT DISTRICT STATUS REPORT**

**Fire Chief Eddie Dwyer  
March 9, 2017**

### **I. The Department**

We are working to bring MFPD into a more modern era of emergency services. El Dorado County Emergency Medical Services has authorized MFPD to begin ALS Services. We have hired two Firefighter Paramedic relief personnel, and I have submitted my application for accreditation as a Paramedic in El Dorado County. The two new Paramedics and myself must undergo evaluation through what is called a ten-call field evaluation and a written EMS protocol evaluation, to ensure quality of skill and knowledge. Once this has been completed and all equipment has been obtained and on final approval from EDC EMSA we will start providing Paramedic Services to the residents of Mosquito and Swansboro on a limited basis. I do believe that we should begin providing these services by the end of May or mid-June.

In January, Chief Savacool from Garden Valley Fire contacted me about possible consolidation talks. Soon after he and I spoke and scheduled a day that he and I could discuss opening talks for potential consolidation with Theresa Stuart and Barbara Mikel. Chief Savacool provided both historical budgetary information from both agencies; and potential budgetary projections that included increased revenues from the County to a Consolidated Fire District. Chief Savacool arranged for a meeting with Board Supervisor Ranalli, at which time he presented a "preliminary proposal". I have provided a copy of the preliminary proposal to Director Mikel for budget information and review. Being that it is only a preliminary proposal there are many issues that need to be reviewed and revised. I do believe that possible consolidation and all funding options need to be vetted.

### **II. The Station**

Maintenance on the station is ongoing, when weather permits we will be reconfiguring the top landing of the Southwest Stairway to allow for staging of Turnout gear for members who are staying overnight.

### **III. INFORMATION:**

- A.** I will be out of the District teaching at the NFA from March 16 through April 2.
- B.** MVFA will be holding their annual Chuck Wagon Dinner March 18. Bingo night March 24.
- C.** Due to the ongoing storm, related emergency operations we have had to postpone the Firefighter Appreciation Night. No new date has been set.
- D.** MS 75 held a very successful pancake breakfast on the March 18, 2017.
- E.** During times of extreme weather the County JPA, Garden Valley, Georgetown, Diamond Springs and El Dorado Hills Fire has staffed Paramedics on duty here at MFPD. JPA made the request that we staff one EMT with the Paramedic to drive and operate M-261. The coordination of services was done due to the road closures of Mosquito Road and

Highway 193 and tenuous conditions of Rock Creek Road. These Fire Agencies and the JPA provided the paramedic staffing at no cost to the MFPD.

#### **IV. Equipment**

**Engine 75** is mechanically sound, still experiencing minor electrical issues.

**E275** is in good condition mechanically. The tank has a leak, it is still under warranty and will be sent to Westmark Fire Apparatus Manufacturers to have the leak repaired.

**T75** is in excellent mechanical condition.

We are still awaiting information on whether we will receive a grant to replace water tender 375. Information on whether or we have received the Aid to Firefighters Grant for a new Tactical Water Tender should be received soon.

**Command 75** is out of service indefinitely. I continue to use my POV to respond to emergencies here in the district, and conduct district business in the county. I have attached the purchase information for a new command vehicle. The Choices are for a 4 door Crew Cab, or an extended Cab Ford F250 with appropriate options.

**Utility 75** Is out of service for night operations due problems with the headlights. Parts are on order.

8.2 Change in election date & year California Elections Code Section 10404. *Informational only, no action needed.*

8.3 California Special Districts Association Information. *Solicitation to join.*

8.4 Letter from Pat Johnson regarding Mosquito Bridge.

#### **9 Agenda Items:**

**9.1** Budget Review, revised budget. *Motion to approve changes on the budget By Ralph Hern, seconded by Gene Swystun.*

*Ayes: Directors Hern, Snyder, Swystun, Mikel and Stuart.*

*Nos: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

**9.2** Issue Paper Committee to explore a parcel fee adjustment. *Ralph Hern is proposing to establish a committee to explore this source of revenue. A representative of all the community groups in Mosquito/Swansboro area. Board appointed Ralph Hern as Chairperson for this committee with Joe Snyder as a second board member. Motion to move forward with a committee to explore this idea, by Ralph Hern, second by Joe Snyder.*

*Ayes: Directors Hern, Snyder, Swystun, Stuart and Mikel.*

*Nos: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

**9.3** Issue Paper Administrative staff training. *Motion to approve administrative staff training by Gene Swystun, second Theresa Stuart. Ayes: Directors Hern, Snyder, Swystun, Stuart and Mikel. Nos: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

**9.4** Issue Paper Banked Leave Hours. *Request for review and revision of policy by Chief*

*Dwyer in regards to CTO, sick leave and vacation time. Proposed by Director Snyder to put this up for discussion during the new budget meeting.*

*Motion to approve adding this item to the 2017-18 Budget meeting by Gene Swystun, second by Joe Snyder. Ayes: Directors Hern, Snyder, Swystun, Mikel and Stuart.*

*Nos: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

**9.5 Issue Paper EMS Policy Agenda Item.** *Barbara Mikel made a motion to move forward with a paramedic operation to satisfy county EMS. Second by Gene Swystun.*

*Ayes: Directors Hern, Swystun, Snyder, Mikel and Stuart.*

*Nos: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

**10 Directors Informational Only.** *Ralph Hern is working with MVFA to try to obtain a blue Mail box for outgoing mail in one central location to prevent mail theft. The post office is not helpful at all.*

*Teresa Stuart informed public that the litigation case against the MFPD is on the court calendar for the end of the month and the insurance company of the MFPD is taking care of this case.*

**11 Adjournment 9:23 PM**