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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2009 — 7:00 P.M.
COTATI FIRE STATION - #1 EAST COTATI AVE.
COTATI, CALIFORNIA**

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman, Ed Gee, called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
The agenda for this meeting was posted on February 13, 2009.

Roll Call:

Directors Present: Robert Rippin, Bob Dunne, Mark Hemmendinger, Ed Gee, Michael Caruana, Harold Griffith, Brian Proteau

Directors Absent:

Conducting the Minutes: Jennifer Ober

Pledge of Allegiance said.

II. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. Citizen Business/Public Comments on Items not appearing on Agenda

There were no comments from the Public.

B. Correspondence and/or Presentations

Chief Treanor commented that BC Bill Patten will be retiring on February 28, 2009. BC Patten noted that he's enjoyed working with the citizens of the fire district and being employed by Rancho Adobe. The Board thanked BC Patten for his 21 years of service.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of January 21, 2009

Motion moved by Mr. Griffith and seconded by Mr. Dunne.

Motion Carried: Aye 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Ratification of Claims and Journal Vouchers

Motion moved by Mr. Dunne and seconded by Mr. Rippin.

Motion Carried: Aye 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0

V. **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Chief's Report

Chief Treanor read from his written report provided to the Board and the Public. The next Long Range Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 4 at 1600 hrs at station 2.

Mr. Hemmendinger asked why the District is down 350 calls this year. Chief Treanor responded that a large part was due to the fact that Rohnert Park has made a change to their matrix on when Rancho Adobe responds to false alarms.

B. Director Reports

The Board was reminded of the Ethics/Harassment class being held this Saturday from 8:30-12:00 p.m. Mr. Gee also reminded the Directors to turn in their Form 700 to Ms. Ober.

Mr. Hemmendinger noted that the Long Range Planning Committee discussed the problems faced with putting a bond measure on the ballot in 2010. The other issue discussed was the on-going attempt to put together a better public relations package for the District. The committee is continuing to narrow down the information that will be presented. The third issue is the staffing of station 3.

C. Budget Report

Chief Treanor noted that overall we are very close to where we should be on the budget. The District received some news yesterday that the FY 09/10 budget would decrease by 1.5%. The budget committee met this evening and is looking at ways to close the deficit next year. We have not yet received all the funds from the state for strike teams, so that will help our revenue base.

Mr. Hemmendinger asked about fuel costs. Chief Treanor noted that we had budgeted high in FY 08/09 when the fuel prices were up, and we have saved a bit.

D. Firefighters' Association Report

Engineer Matt Harris noted there is a 5th Tuesday dinner on March 31st.

E. Support Volunteers

Ms. Dawn Davis noted the Support Volunteers are training on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 9140 is currently out of service and the group is continuing to practice driving and get more people licensed. Mr. Proteau asked how many support volunteers we have and Ms. Davis responded there are nine.

F. Firefighter's Union Report

No report was filed.

VI. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Discussion on Sales Tax on New Apparatus

Chief Treanor noted that the sales tax issue was discussed at last months board meeting and we put the decision off until this month. He advised the Board to go ahead and pay the sales tax, because should the legislature decide to increase the sales tax, this will affect us. Mr. Rippin asked if the sales tax would be retroactive. BC Davidson commented that he spent some time after the last meeting at DMV and

Unfinished Business Continued:

the only fees due are those for sales tax. No late fees have been incurred. He does not know if there would be any increase of fees if the sales tax goes up. BC Davidson asked the attorney how long it would be before the non-profit status would be complete, and they said about five months. Mr. Rippin asked if we would get an exemption on anything going forward, and BC Davidson said yes in combination with the Association.

Motion moved by Mr. Dunne to pay the sales tax due and seconded by Mr. Proteau.
Motion Carried: Aye 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion on GASB 45 Valuation

Chief Treanor commented that GASB 45 is a way to verify corporations put enough money aside for post-retirement benefits. Rancho Adobe offers its employees with 20+ years of service \$300/month to pay towards their health benefits. At this time we only have one retiree drawing from this fund. Chief Treanor spoke to Mr. Jeff Furnish of Bickmore Risk Services, about doing the survey, which would cost approximately \$5400. He asked what would happen if we did not have the survey performed. Mr. Furnish told Chief Treanor that when we get audited from the County, we get a qualified audit. GASB 45 does not need to be complied with until June 2010. The Districts auditor was also contacted and initially she stated she would not give us a qualified audit because the liability was so small. Her recommendation at that time was we did not have to comply. After further research, it was mandated that we did indeed have to comply. The auditor provided information to us that we could do the valuation ourselves by inputting information to a program, and for \$3100 they would print the information. Chief Treanor recommended to the Board they wait until the last minute to do this, or we don't do anything at all. He thinks this measure is taking real advantage of the District.

Mr. Proteau asked if there were penalties if we do not comply, and Chief Treanor responded none that he was aware of. Bickmore Risk Services is a large entity said Mr. Hemmendinger, and he believes these costs are exorbitant for the amount of work this will entail. We know exactly what we are going to be paying out and what our liability is. He does not see a reason to do anything about this right now and the item should be postponed. Mr. Dunne stated that if we postpone this item, maybe there would be some interference from other agencies as well. Chief Treanor stated that he could draft a letter to our assemblyperson confronting this issue. The Board agreed the item should be deferred until a later date.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Motion moved by Mr. Dunne and seconded by Mr. Proteau.
Motion Carried: Aye 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0

Date Approved: 3/18/09