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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING JUNE 17, 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 June 12, 2009.

Roll Call:

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

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

Items of correspondence were located in Board packets.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of May 20, 2009

Motion moved by Mr. Proteau 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. Proteau 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.

B. Director Reports

Mr. Gee commented that he, Mr. Proteau and Ms. Ober had attended a seminar recently on revenues. Unfortunately the seminar was geared more towards cities and counties.

Mr. Hemmendinger noted that at the last Long Range Planning Committee Meeting the idea was discussed of putting a benefit assessment increase onto the ballot next Spring. He feels this would be a good time since there are positions that will be coming up for re-election for the Board of Supervisors and the polls should have strong turnouts. At that time, we will also know more of the hardships that exists within the District.

C. Budget Report

Chief Treanor noted that there was approximately 8.7% of the budget remaining and wages and benefits have 8.69% remaining. He feels this is very good considering the wages paid for strike teams are reimbursed through revenues. In the goods and services accounts, there is 19.7% remaining and capital improvements have \$22K unspent. This total was ear-marked for the concrete project at station 2 that was recently put on hold. Should we have funds remaining at the close of the fiscal year, Chief Treanor commented he would like to place the \$22K into a side account for use at a later time. He also noted there were a variety of ways we can look at cutting the budget to make up for the \$220K the state may take from our revenues. He suggested rolling station blackouts, borrowing money from the contingency account or a combination of the two. He does not want to cut wages and benefits at this time.

Mr. Hemmendinger asked if this was a good time to begin cutting back on accounts in supplies and services as opposed to cutting wages and staff, or looking at rolling station blackouts. Chief Treanor commented that it's time to begin to look at this but to wait to see what the immediate future holds and not panic yet.

D. Firefighters' Association Report

Captain Bechtold stated that the 5th Tuesday dinner would be held on June 30 at the Penngrove Park. He asked those interested to please RSVP. He also commented that the Pancake Breakfast would be on Saturday, July 4th from 7:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Penngrove station.

Captain Paula also added that this Saturday Cotati is hosting the Jazz Festival and the Indiana will be on display.

E. Support Volunteers

Ms. Dawn Davis stated that 9140 responded to the recent fire on Valpraiso. She also noted that Mr. Bill Paxton had hip surgery and is recovering well. The drive training is currently on hold until further notice.

F. Firefighter's Union Report

There was no report filed by the Union.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:17 p.m.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Fee Schedule Ordinance 2009-01 (2nd of Two Readings)

There were no comments from the Public on the fee ordinance.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:18 p.m.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Adoption of Ordinance 2009-01

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

Motion Carried: Aye 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0

The Closed Session was opened at 7:19 p.m.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

A. Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6, the Board will hold a closed session for the following reason: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS.

District Subcommittee: Mark Hemmendinger, Bob Dunne and Michael Caruana

Employee Organization: Administrative Assistant

Action Taken: None

B. Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6, the Board will hold a closed session for the following reason: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS.

District Subcommittee: Mark Hemmendinger, Bob Dunne and Michael Caruana

Employee Organization: Rancho Adobe Paid Firefighters Union

Action Taken: None

C. Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6, the Board will hold a closed session for the following reason: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS.

District Subcommittee: Mark Hemmendinger, Bob Dunne and Michael Caruana

Employee Organization: Battalion Chiefs

Action Taken: None

The Closed Session was closed at 8:53 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Motion moved by Mr. Proteau and seconded by Mr. Caruana.

Motion Carried: Aye 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0