

# Rancho Adobe Fire Protection District

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 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 7:02 p.m.  
The agenda for this meeting was posted on March 13, 2009.

Roll Call:

Directors Present: Bob Dunne, Ed Gee, Harold Griffith, Brian Proteau

Directors Absent: Robert Rippin, Michael Caruana, Mark Hemmendinger

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 was no comment from the Public.

B. Correspondence and/or Presentations

Items of correspondence were contained in Board packets.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Regular Meeting of February 18, 2009

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

Motion Carried: Aye 4 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent 3

**IV. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Ratification of Claims and Journal Vouchers

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

Motion Carried: Aye 4 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent 3

V. **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS**

A. **Chief's Report**

Chief Treanor read from his written report provided to the Board and Public.

B. **Director Reports**

Mr. Dunne noted that one of the hydrants at Walgreens needs to be looked at, as there is damage to it. Chief Treanor reported the next Long Range Planning Committee Meeting will be held on April 1, 2009 at station 2 at 1600 hours.

C. **Budget Report**

Chief Treanor noted that the budget is essentially where it is supposed to be. The wages and benefits are at 32% due to the fact the State of California owes us \$100K for strike teams.

D. **Firefighters' Association Report**

Captain Mike Bechtold noted the Awards Dinner will be held on May 9 and the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday dinner is on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

E. **Support Volunteers**

Mr. Bill Paxton commented there has been no action by support volunteers in the past 30 days. Chief Treanor stated that 9140 did respond to the training burn on February 21<sup>st</sup> and the crew did a great job.

F. **Firefighter's Union Report**

No report was filed.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Discussion on Staffing Rohnert Park Truck at Station 1**

Chief Treanor stated that he had contacted the Rohnert Park Fire Commander and they agreed both parties were still interested in the truck being stationed in Cotati. Because of the time restraints put on the previous contract, it had to be cancelled. When the insurance company reviewed the policy adding the truck, we found that we had to have ownership of the vehicle in order to insure it. Some of the terminology has been changed in the contract to reflect that Rancho Adobe will lease the truck for \$1.00/year. There will be no cost to the District for fuel or maintenance of the vehicle, as Rohnert Park will assume this liability. There is no action needed this evening, as Chief Treanor is simply informing the Board where the new contract stands. Mr. Proteau asked if there were time stipulations again and Chief Treanor responded that the contract would be for one year and training would be done on our terms. He believes the training will last one month and truck operations one additional month. Mr. Proteau asked if the proposal was run past the Districts Counsel. Chief Treanor replied that he would make sure insurance approved the contract prior to the Counsel reviewing it.

Chief Treanor also noted that Cotati has a new downtown specific plan that he is reviewing. There are a few issues that he would like to present the Board once he's completed review the plans. Mr. Gee asked if the plan covered the moving of the firehouse and Chief Treanor responded that the firehouse will stay where it is; however La Plaza will become a two lane, one way circle. Building heights and some valve adjustments also need to be addressed. Because the fire code only allows 28

*New Business Continued:*

foot buildings, and Cotati is talking about new structures reaching heights of 35-38 feet, he feels that it's only fair Rancho Adobe has their own aerial ladder truck.

Mr. Barich noted that he brought some suggestions to the redevelopment committee and recommended the fire department take up their concerns prior to the plans going any further into redevelopment.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Prior to adjournment, Chief Treanor showed the Board and Public a slide presentation from the live training burn on February 21.

With no further business to discuss, the Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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

Motion Carried: Aye   4   No   0   Abstain   0   Absent   3  

Date Approved:           4/15/09