

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 9, 2023, OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOOTHILL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Doug Escheman called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Directors Doug Escheman, Gloria Bozza, Tracy Park, George Able and Dwight Lunkley were present. As three or more board members are present a quorum was formed for the meeting. Present: Chief Chris Greene, Captain Stacy Greene and Bookkeeper Jamie Shields.
3. **COMMUNITY INPUT:** Public comment is limited to no more than five (5) minutes per person.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - A. Motion made by Director Able to approve the November 14, 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Director Bozza and minutes approved with unanimous vote of yes.
 - B. Motion made by Director Lunkley, seconded by Director Bozza to approve listed checks and warrants to be paid for the month of December 2022 and the Approval of the Financial Report for the month of December 2022. Roll call with a unanimous vote of yes.
5. **MONTHLY REPORTS:**
 - (A) President: Wanted to commend Volunteers for an excellent Christmas Party. (B) Chief/Manager Report:
 - (a) Chief Greene reported *November* of 51 calls: 36 Medical, 2 Vehicle Accidents, 5 Structure Fires, 2 Smoke Check/ Wildland fire, 1 Public Assist, 4 Electrical Hazard, 1 Hazard Other. Total number of Personnel Response was 205. Average 3.75 firefighters per call (Goal is 5.0 firefighters per call). The total numbers of OSV calls were 20. Calls in *December* of 51 calls: 38 Medical, 5 Vehicle Accidents, 2 Structure Fires, 1 Public Assist, 3 Electrical Hazard, 2 Hazard Other. Total number of Personnel Response was 223. Average 4.37 firefighters per call (Goal is 5.0 firefighters per call). The total numbers of OSV calls were 23. (b) Firetruck Bush 6572 Accident – Truck 6572 was on the way to a call. Truck started to veer off road and Volunteer Firefighter overcorrected and ran into a tree. Truck 6572 was the only vehicle involved in the accident. Insurance adjuster will be here in a few days to look at the truck and determine what percentage of loss. This truck is used in fighting wildland fires because of its size and the 400 Gallon water tank that can spray up to 150 Gallon per minute. Volunteer driver declined medical. (c) NYP new Division Chief is Landon Hack, no Battalion assigned as of yet. (d) We received payment for the Rices Fire and signed all the FC33 for financial 2022 fires. (e) Training Calendar for 2023 is being processed. We will be concentrating on Low Angle Ropes Rescue. Our Thursday training classes will also include Defensive Safe Driving. (f) We have 8 people signed up to attend the wildland firefighter field day that is hosted by James Bollinger of the Tahoe USFS and John Cottingham of the Plumas USFS. (g) Training will begin for 3 new fire apparatus Operators (FAO's). (h) New Department Secretary is Eric Slater. Property Officer is Justin Lewis. (i) We have had 3 new applicants apply to be Volunteers. Tino, Gino and John. (j) SSV Bi County meeting was rescheduled. (k) The donations we have received are: Yuba Watershed and Firesafe Council: \$400. Ima Hernandez Foundation \$1,000. (l) There was a total of 568 emergency call for 2022. Jeremy Alcala responded to 403 calls and Captain Stacy Greene responded to 342 calls. (C) Auxiliary: (a) I was not able to attend the December meeting. (b) The luncheon for the volunteers was well attended. (c) James Feeney is the new Treasurer; he has taken Helen's place since she passed away. (d) Marie is a new board member as

well. She is Marylin's granddaughter. Marie and Tracy have been making Facebook posts in the community to increase foot traffic. (e) Thrift Store is now accepting donations. D) JPA: They moved the meeting. Departments paid Annual Fees. There has been a discussion of possibly increasing the annual dues. Cost to move repeater would be \$3,000 - \$5,000. (E) Firefighters Association: (a) Feedback from the tree lighting was positive. Next year we hope to grow our lights parade before the event. Possibly build a mailbox for kids to mail letters to Santa. (b) New Association Board Members: Stacy Greene, President; Justin Lewis, Vice President; Eric Slater, Treasurer; Ryan McKillop, Sectary; Larry Cummings, Member at large. (c) We are working on signing the bank account signors transfer. (d) The association donated \$1,000 to a firefighter that was recently hospitalized for pneumonia to help with expenses. (e) A donation for \$100 was approved to purchase a prize for the Yuba Feather PTSA annual auction. (f) 2023 Fill the Boot date has been set at March 25h 2023. This will be the 50th Anniversary. (F) Board Input: (G) Fire Safe Council:

6. CONTINUED BUSINESS:

A. New Officers Assumed Duties: President Doug Escheman and Vice President Gloria Bozza.

B. Budget Discussion for Fire Station parking lot repairs.

Bill Shaw did the parking lot about 3-4 years ago for about \$10,000. The water is not draining correctly to the drainage creek which is causing deterioration to the asphalt. The quotes we have received have been too costly. Contract the schools to see if they can help with repair as they park their buses on the asphalt. Contact Chris Schack and Bill Shaw's people from the church.

C Grizzly Creek Community Services

Called Butte County to inquire about the sale of Volunteer Fire Station in Clipper Mills to Grizzly Creek Community Services. The Escrow closed in December and Foothill Fire Protection District and Grizzly Creek Community Services do not have a signed agreement allowing FFPD to park our firetruck and house our fire equipment in the station. Stacy Greene and Director Park will attend GCCS January 13, 2023 board meeting to expedite the agreement between FFPD and GCCS.

7. NEW BUSINES:

A. Auditor-Controller Authorized Signature Form.

FFPD Directors signed the form. The Auditor-Controller Signature form will be mailed to the State and Yuba County.

B. Foothill Fire Protection District Calendar of Meetings for 2023.

The Calendar of Meetings was not included in the Directors folders. This will be included in the February 13, 2023 board meeting.

8. ADJOURN: 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Park, Clerk of Board Foothill Fire Protection District