

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Doug Escherman called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Directors Doug Escherman, Gloria Bozza, George Able, Dwight Lunkley and Tracy Park were present. As three or more board members are present a quorum was formed for the meeting. Present: Chief Christ 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 Lunkley to approve the September 11, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Director Bozza and minutes approved with unanimous vote of yes.
 - B. Motion made by Director Bozza, seconded by Director Park to approve listed checks and warrants to be paid for the month of September 2023 and the Approval of the Financial Report for the month of September 2023. Roll call with a unanimous vote of yes.
 - C. Motion made by Director Lunkley to approve the September 11, 2023 Closed Meeting minutes, seconded by Director Bozza and minutes approved with unanimous vote of yes.
5. **MONTHLY REPORTS:**

(A) President: (B) Chief/Manager Report: (a) Chief Chris Greene reported July of 44 calls: 30 Medical, 3 Vehicle Accidents, 2 Wildland Smoke Check, 3 Structure Fire, 4 Public Assist, 2 Vehicle Fire. Total number of Personnel Response was 190. Average 4.4 firefighters per call (Goal is 5.0 firefighters per call). (b) Training – We trained on dozer operations with Dobbins Cal Fire at the start of the month. We trained with SCBA's with Butte Cal Fire at the end of the month. (c) Upcoming is our skills check for EMT and EMRs. (d) Ron built a new gear locker and it was installed Sunday to give the new volunteers room to store things. (e) Firefighters will be going to Yuba Feather School at the end of the month for Fire Prevention Day. (f) We are still in fire season and there is no end date yet with Cal Fire. (g) Chiefs Rig update: Possibly in December. (h) 8 firefighters came for a station work day. We removed 3 trees, cleaned up in front of the thrift store and cleared the station area drainage for winter. We will burn the pile after fire season has been called off. C) Auxiliary: (a) The store is doing well. Officers for the next year have been chosen. Maria the new President makes items for the Farmers Market and donates the money to the Fire Department. (b) No clothes donations until January of 2024. (c) This month will be a half off sale. (d) November will the bazaar. (e) Holiday party luncheon will be here at the fire station on Tuesday, November 28th at 11:30 AM. D) JPA: Membership is 2500 – 3000 and fees have increased. We didn't cancel the lease for Oregon Peak as they have already been paid in full for the year. Cal Fire suggested we keep both towers as it optimizes communications. E) Firefighters Association: (a) We held a pancake breakfast on September 16th. We sold 56 breakfasts and raffled off a 24" TV. Most of the food items were donated. Total profit was \$412.00. (b) We have a handful of volunteers to come and set up a Halloween booth for families on October 31st. The booth will be set up by the flag pole. Hours from 3:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Most of the Halloween activities in the community are taking place the weekend before. Last year was fun and we had a lot of trick or treater attend. (c) Christmas Tree lighting event will be December 1st. We plan on treats, coffee and cocoa. Santa will light the tree. This will be the 8th year for our Christmas Tree Lighting event. (F) Grizzley Creek

Community Services, Chief Chris Green attended the meeting: (a) Grizzly Creek Community Service wants to change their name to Clipper Mills Fire Station Inc. (b) Still having water issues. Water is still not clear. (c) The outside sign needs to be changed as it is faded. Foothill Fire Protection District will not pay for new sign. (d) Chief Greene suggested they should build a house over the new well to protect it from the snow. (e) There is no parking area for community functions at GCCS station. (G) Board Input: Carol Osborn is getting our of the hospital. (H) Fire Safe Council:

6. CONTINUED BUSINESS:

A. Capital Improvement

Parking Lot

Seal coat is scheduled for October 23rd. MJUS school buses will need to park at other locations while this is completed. Foothill Fire Station vehicles will be parking at the Brownsville Airport until seal coat is completed. Thrift Store requested that the parking stripes be wider as the stripes now are too narrow.

Thrift Store Maintenance

Walk through for paint touchups and paint overspray.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Gold Country Bank Safe Deposit Box authorized signers.

Signers for the safe deposit box need to be changed. There are currently two signers: Johnita Downs (no longer a FFPD Director) and Director Gloria Bozza. Motion made by Director Lunkley to have all Foothill Fire Protection District Directors become signers on the safe deposit box, seconded by Director Able with a unanimous vote of yes.

There is only one key that opens the safe deposit box. There should be at least two keys. The cost to replace the lock on the safe deposit box is \$300.00. Motion made by Director Lunkley, seconded by Director Bozza to have Gold Country Bank change the lock on the safe deposit box for \$300.00. Roll call with a unanimous vote of yes.

8. ADJOURN: 8:07 PM

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