

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 13, 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, Bookkeeper Jamie Shields and Grizzly Creek Community Services Board Members: Kathy Lardizabal, Mary Lou Lauck, Jamie Coleman, Judy Goldberg.
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 January 9, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Director Bozza and minutes approved with unanimous vote of yes.
  - B. Motion made by Director Bozza to approve the February 3, 2023 special meeting minutes (with corrections), seconded by Director Able and minutes approved with a unanimous vote of yes.
  - C. Motion made by Director Bozza, seconded by Director Park to approve listed checks and warrants to be paid for the month of January 2023 and the Approval of the Financial Report for the month of January 2023. Roll call with a unanimous vote of yes.
5. **MONTHLY REPORTS:**

(A) President: (B) Chief/Manager Report: (a) Chief Greene reported *November* of 47 calls: 32 Medical, 8 Vehicle Accidents, 1 Structure Fires, 1 Public Assist, 1 Vehicle Fire, 1 Hazard Other. Total number of Personnel Response was 245. Average 5.2 firefighters per call (Goal is 5.0 firefighters per call). The total numbers of OSV calls were 32. (b) Call numbers for the month of January: 47. We met our firefighter per call goal of 4.75 and will be raffling off a gift card at the next training. (c) CalFire payments for Winding, Bay, Brandy and part of the Apple – We are still waiting on 2 others. District mad \$14,740.28 after firefighter reimbursement. The hose and hose packs have been received. I will apply for the reimbursement after tonight’s meeting. (d) We purchased a car fire blanket for electric vehicles, since the new Tesla’s require around 6,000 gallons of water to extinguish the electric fire. In the summer that water is hard to come by in Rural areas. The blanket can be reused up to 30 times per the manufacture. Firefighters will be trained at the next meeting. (e) Training Calendar for 2023 is being processed. (f) SSV is looking into having instructors in our area teach the Advanced EMT skills which our community could greatly benefit. These skills are IV, EKG’s and some IM injections. We hope to know more in the next few months. (g) James Bollinger of the USFS Tahoe and John Cottingham of the USFS Plumas taught our new firefighters the S130 field day. They did this free of charge. (h) Repairs – We are due for another 90-day BIT inspection. (i) 6572: The insurance company has offered a settlement of \$108,789.20. We have the option as a district to purchase back the whole truck, as is, for \$7,500. If we part it out ourselves, we can make a little more money to cover the cost of the new 2022 Dodge Ram replacement. (j) Chiefs meeting – New officers were selected; Measure K will be discussed at the next meeting. Foothill received new class 3 rescue harnesses from OES, medium size. New volunteers, Sky and Tino have received their pagers. John Novak is getting his EMT. Gino should receive his pager next meeting. (C) Auxiliary: (a) I was not able to attend due to a Forest Service Meeting. (D)

**JPA: They moved the meeting. Departments paid Annual Fees. There has been a discussion of possibly increasing the annual dues to \$5,000 per year. Cost to move repeater would be \$3,000 - \$5,000. (E) Firefighters Association: (a) Firefighters are looking into new ideas for fundraisers. Ryan mentioned a car wash in June. Maybe a future dance. (b) 2023 Fill the Boot date has been set at March 25, 2023. This will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There will be a barbeque for volunteers to follow. (F) Board Input: (G) Fire Safe Council:**

## **6. CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

### **A. Lease Agreement between Grizzly Creek Community Services and Foothill Fire Protection District for Volunteer Fire Station in Clipper Mills.**

Discussion between FFPD and GCCS for changes on the Commercial Lease Agreement DRAFT of August 22, 2022. GCCS became owners of the Volunteer Fire Station in Clipper Mills in December 2022. Once changes are complete Director Escheman, FFPD and GCCS Board Member Mary Lou Lauck will sign the Lease Agreement. Keys to Well House and access code for the Volunteer Fire Station were given to GCCS Board Member Jamie Coleman.

Motion made by Director Lunkley and seconded by Director Able to accept the Lease Agreement, with noted changes, between Grizzly Creek Community Services and Foothill Fire Protection District. Roll call with a unanimous vote of yes.

Motion made by GCCS Board Member Judy Coleman and seconded by GCCS Board Member Mary Lou Lauck to accept the Lease Agreement, with noted changes, between Grizzly Creek Community Services and Foothill fire Protection District. Roll call with a unanimous vote of yes.

### **B. Preparation of 2-year Audit.**

Received an email from Jensen Smith CPA stating that they could start the 2-year audit for Foothill Fire Protection District in June 2023. Discussion of accepting the June 2023 start of Audit and moving forward to sign a contract. Jamie Shields, Bookkeeper, will contact Jensen Smith to go forward with the Audit services. Foothill Fire Protection District has exhausted all other avenues of finding an Auditor to complete our 2-year Audit.

## **7. NEW BUSINES:**

### **A. Update for the replacement Brush Truck 6572**

Insurance Adjuster sent paperwork for the payout for the claim on the Brush Truck 6572. Total payout would be \$101,289.20 with Foothill Firefighter Protection District to retain the salvage of the Brush Truck 6572 to use for parts. Motion was made by Director Bozza and seconded by Director Lunkley to accept the Insurance payout of \$101,289.20 with FFPD retaining the Brush 6572 for parts. Roll call with a unanimous vote of yes.

Invoice for replacement truck for Brush Truck 6572. It is an Alpine Dodge, 2022 Dodge Ram 5500 Brush Truck for \$180,719. Motion was made by Director Lunkley and seconded by Director Bozza to purchase the Alpine Dodge, 2022 Dodge Ram 5500 Brush Truck for \$180,719. Roll call with a unanimous vote of yes.

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

The Calendar of Meetings was handed out to the Directors.

**C. Foothill Fire Protection District Statement of Facts for 2023.**

Statement of Facts for 2023 was handed out to the Directors.

**D. California 700 Conflict of Interest Forms were issued and completed.**

**8. ADJOURN: 8:49 PM**

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