

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 14, 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 and Tracy Park were present. As three or more board members are present a quorum was formed for the meeting. Present: 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 Bozza to approve the July 10, 2023 meeting minutes with the correction of 8:30pm Adjournment, seconded by Director Able 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 July 2023 and the Approval of the Financial Report for the month of July 2023. Roll call with a unanimous vote of yes.

5. MONTHLY REPORTS:

(A) President: (B) Chief/Manager Report: (a) Captain Stacy Greene reported July of 44 calls: 37 Medical, 1 Vehicle Accidents, 2 Wildland Smoke Check, 2 Structure Fire, 2 Public Assist. Total number of Personnel Response was 198. Average 4.5 firefighters per call (Goal is 5.0 firefighters per call). (b) Training – Tony and Mike, with the ECC from Grass Valley, came in and gave a very informative training in regards to radio etiquette. (c) We removed the dead oak tree next to our driveway. It was training for chain saws and traffic control. We are looking for a disabled senior within our community to donate the wood. (d) Volunteers – Jhai Slater has left to go to school. Albie DelBono has submitted and application to rejoin after 7 years. (e) Bi-County has returned to Paramedic Staffing of 109. We may still, upon occasion, see a BLS rig, but it will be rare. (f) Mountain Fair – This coming weekend will be the fair. The YFCS members dropped off the certificate of insurance. Our volunteers have signed up to work the first aid booth. Last year resulted in 7 cases of heat stroke and 1 injury (public not firefighters) so we will be bringing lots of water to keep people hydrated. We did not have a BBQ team. (g) We will be making another 300’ hose donation to the Yuba County Fire Safe Council. They want old cotton jacket so that they can stamp their brand on them. It is a new project. C) Auxiliary: Stacy was unable to attend. She was on a medical call. (D) JPA: E) Firefighters Association: (a) Firefighters will be joining the other community no profit groups on September 16th for the event replacing the Blue’s Festival. We have been asked to host a breakfast as the Hill Top Gang declined. Breakfast will be from 8am until 10am. We will offer to go plates and have seating for those who would like to eat there. Firefighters have started to donate gravy, pancake mix and other items to help keep the costs down. (F) Grizzley Creek Community Services: (a) A reimbursement check for payment to Peter’s Drilling for \$9,193.00 will be mailed to Kathy Lardizabal. The Grizzly Creek Community Services bank account is now depleted. (G) Board Input: Discussion of Closed Sessions (H) Fire Safe Council:

6. CONTINUED BUSINESS:

A. Capital Improvement

Ron Phillips is working with MJUSD on getting more gravel for parking area and will attempt to see if we can come up with an agreement for them to help pay for the resurface of parking lot since the buses do a good amount of damage. Rough bid of \$2,500 to have the thrift store exterior improved and painted. We would like to have this done by mid-September.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Replace the Foothill Fire Department's SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses)

Our current SCBA's are over 20 years old and need to be replaced. There are 29 air bottles, 14 packs that hold the bottle and 18 masks. We will be applying for the Bill Shaw Grant for \$10,000 in October. \$10,000 will only cover ¼ of the cost to replace them.

B. Resolution 2023-01 Gann Limit Increase

First reading of the Gann Limit Increase received from the Yuba County Auditor-Controller.

C. Resolution 2023-02 Benefit Assessment Unit Increase

First reading of the Benefit Assessment Unit Increase from the Yuba County Auditor-Controller.

8. ADJOURN: 8:22 PM

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