

JACKSON VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*** Special Meeting Minutes ***

Date: February 12th, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Location: Camanche Firehouse, Jackson Valley Fire Protection District
2701 Quiver Drive, Lone CA

I) Call Special Meeting to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Herfel, additional Board Members present; Farmer, Cantwell, Thompson and Brown. Staff in attendance; Assistant Chief Faist, also present Dave Ritchie of Cole Huber, LLP, Consultant Dennis Tremelling, Chuck Iley Administrative Officer of Amador County, Greg Gillott - Amador County Counsel, Richard Forster – Amador County Supervisor and Secretary Fogal.

II) Approval of Agenda:

Thompson motioned to approve the Agenda, Brown 2nd, the motion all in favor five eyes.

III) Public matters not on the agenda:

No matters to discuss.

IV) Jackson Valley Protection District to meet with the County Representatives to discuss the position the Buena Vista Casino Tribe has taken regarding Fire Protection and Emergency Services. Suggest Action; Discussion with Possible Action.

Chairman Herfel said the purpose of this meeting was to meet with County, as this meeting was scheduled as an open forum and not a closed meeting it would not include any litigation. Dave Ritchie, legal counsel suggested that if the County wishes to present, then there would be only a discussion. Greg Gillott opened with the “framework that we understand, we have to follow in moving forward to reach a method agreement with the Tribe”. Gillott also said “something needs to change as the ISA said that CAL-FIRE was to work out of Station 171, either a change in who provides the service or change where CAL-FIRE provides the service”. The County’s position from the beginning was it should be Jackson Valley Fire Protection out of Station 171 providing service, the County says there is no mechanism in the ISA to force the Tribe to accept it; to open the Casino, there needs to be protection in place. The Tribe has stated they want CAL-FIRE; the County cannot force the Tribe to change their decision.

The JVFPD Board expressed to the County that as of this date, only JVFPD has provided emergency service to all calls in the district which includes emergency service to the Casino for several calls during the construction period. The Board also expressed there will continue to be service provided by JVFPD for each and every call in our district. An increase in traffic accidents and emergency service will continue and increase after the opening of the Casino.

JVFPD counsel Dave Ritchie has suggested a break in the meeting, a break was called.

After the break, Herfel said the decision to have the JVFPD committee meet and work on a proposal to move forward. Brown motions to refer this matter back to committee, Farmer second the motion, all in favor 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion items only:

Adjournment to Special Meeting of:

Brown motions to adjourn the Special Meeting, Thompson 2nd the motion all in favor 5-0.

Next regular scheduled meeting to be held of February 13th, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

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