

JACKSON VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*** MINUTES ***

Date: October 10th, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Location: Jackson Valley Firehouse

Address: 2701 Quiver Drive, Lone CA

I) Call Regular Meeting to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board Chairman Herfel, additional Board members present: Cantwell, Thompson, Farmer and Brown. Also in attendance, Dennis Tremelling and Secretary Fogal. Guest of the Board Meeting were Rhonda Pope Flores the Tribal Chairwoman of the Me-Wuk Tribe, Dan Carpenter the Owners Representative and Mike DeSpain the Natural Resources Director for the Tribe.

II) Approval of Agenda:

Brown made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Thompson 2nd the motion all in favors 5 ayes.

III) Public matters not on the agenda:

No matters to discuss at this time.

IV) Approval of the Minutes for the September 12th, 2018 Regular Meeting:

Cantwell made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented; Thompson 2nd, all in favors 5 ayes.

V) Approval of the minutes from the September 21st Special Meeting:

Farmer motioned to approve the minutes, Thompson second the motion, all in favors 4 ayes, Brown abstains.

VI) Buena Vista Casino – Updates/ Suggested action; Discussion and Possible Action.

Jackson Valley Fire Protection District is very pleased to have Rhonda Pope Flores; Chairwoman for the Tribe, Dan Carpenter, and Mike DeSpain attending the Board of Directors Meeting. The Board thanked the Tribe for the Firehouse and equipment provided by the Tribe, this Firehouse has benefited the community greatly.

Herfel told the Tribe that Jackson Valley Fire Protection (JVFP) has presented Proposals to the County that were to be given to the Tribe to provide our Proposal for Fire Protection to the Buena Vista Casino; the Tribe said they have not received the JVFP Proposal from the County. The Board provided a copy of each of their Proposals to the Tribe; the Board also provided a copy of MOU between the County and JVFP.

The original ISA Agreement stated the CAL FIRE would work out of JVFP Station 171 when it was built by the Tribe. CAL FIRE has refused out of working out of Station 171 and this has put the tribe in a difficult situation, it was expressed that the Tribe feels like kids in the middle of a divorce.

The Tribe also expressed they have to proceed with high caution due to the relationship with the County, for this the ISA has to be held to the highest degree. Dan Carpenter asked the Board if they had been notified that the Tribe had requested a meeting three weeks ago to meet with CAL FIRE and JVFP, the Board had not been told of the request.

The Board shared with the Tribe the JVFP commitment to the community to provide the best Fire Protection Service 24 hours a day 365 days a year, JVFP would like to be the Casino's choice for Fire Protection.

Dan Carpenter shared that Rhonda has received letters that state "Go with CAL FIRE" then receives a another letter that states "Go with Jackson Valley Fire", due to this flip flopping the Tribe must go with the ISA Agreement to avoid any delays with the opening of the Casino, it must open on time. "The ISA was written ten (10) years ago, this agreement is challenging with the rising cost to meet the ISA requirements". The discussion of the ISA language regarding the cost of Fire Protection by the Tribe to pay the staffing by CAL FIRE, and JVFP operation cost of the Station and its equipment. The Tribe has concerns, now that CAL FIRE has refused to cohabitate; Station 171 is the Fire Protection for the community and the Tribe during construction of the Casino.

Dan Carpenter expressed that the Tribe wants open communication with JVFP and to work with the community. The Tribe expressed they will have to build a station to house CAL FIRE prior to the opening of the Casino; this was supposed to be built from the revenue of the Casino.

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Brown asked the Tribe the question; after the new station is built would the Tribe still follow the obligations of the ISA regarding a certain level of operation cost and equipment upkeep for Station 171. The Tribe stated that they cannot fund the JVFP and CAL FIRE, "that is unreasonable". Cantwell noted in JVFP Proposal (1) once we establish a certain reserve in Measure M the rest would go against the off-set your expenses and the second JVFP plan Proposal (2) we would staff 1-0 with our revenue and that would readily accept the \$30,000 for Firehouse Utilities and \$25,000 for Volunteers. (Based on the Proposals). Rhonda said they will go back and review the information to see how this could work.

Rhonda expressed that the Tribe wants to develop and continue to have relationships with the Fire Departments and the Police Department. Mike DeSpain was introduced, Mike is an instructor for FEMA, he also teaches Wildland Fire Training and Helicopter Operation for the Department of Interior, Mike will assist and sits on the CAL FIRE's policy Board in Sacramento; he will follow what leadership advises.

The Board thanked the Guest for coming to our meeting, Dan Carpenter invited attendance to a BV meeting on October 22nd, at 4:00 pm 2018 at the Supervisors Building regarding the ISA. The guest were thanked for coming to our meeting, Dan Carpenter told the Board that going forward the Tribe will clarify information they receive by speaking with the JVFP Board.

VII) Financial reports: Action items:

a) Budget Expenditure year to date:

Cantwell reported during the Audit an Invoice for \$5,000 had not been listed in February for the Bills to be paid, this has been corrected and a new statement generated. First statement from the County Auditors has arrived. Two months of the year, no property tax revenue as of yet on this report. Salaries were adopted from the previous year budget. Revenues Measure M Fund stands at 24% using prior numbers, we are 8% ahead in revenue. Cantwell said we will need to do a Budget review in the near future.

b) Budget Committee Report:

Not at this time.

c) Payroll and bills to be paid:

Cantwell has submitted the bills to the County that are to be reimbursed by a third party for the Tribe for the Maintenance of the Station, Utilities and Equipment Upkeep as stated in the ISA due to the impact of the Casino, Chuck lley suggested they be submitted to Karen.

Brown motioned to pay the bills as presented, Thompson 2nd the motion, all in favor 5-0.

d) 2017/2018 Audit:

Audit is in process.

OLD BUSINESS

VIII) Chief's Report: The Chief was not in attendance; this report will be tabled. Herfel will call a Special Meeting if it is needed.

- a) Incident Report:
- b) Update on Volunteer Days of Service at the Station:
- c) Training / Events:
- d) Vehicle Report:
- e) Firehouse Items:
- f) Personal and Medical Supplies and Equipment:
- g) Communication equipment, radios and pagers:
- h) Outside meetings attended:

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IX) Structure/Property Report: No update at this time.

X) Hydrants and accesses: No update at this time.

XI) Personnel:

- a) Engineer Staffing Update:
- b) Staff Evaluations:
- c) Personnel Evaluations:

XII) Administrative/ Departmental Matters:

- a) Building Impact fees: Not at this time.
- b) Map submittals/approvals: Not at this time.
- c) Update on LAFCO meeting: No Update at this time.
- d) Establishing and confirming staggered 4-year Terms of Office for each Board Member.

Brown stated as a district the County to be notified of the term dates of each Board Member. The Board asked Secretary Fogal sends a letter to the County with the dates of the terms for the Board Members. The Board request two letters is sent to the County with this information.

- e) Joint Powers Meeting Update: Next month, yearly review of the call volumes.
- f) Interagency Communications to the Board: Letter from the Interfaith Food Bank asking for assistance with donations, the Engineer Hazlet will work on donations for the baskets.
- g) EBMUD Discussion: No Update at this time, The Chief is working on the numbers.
- h) Badge for the outside of the station: No Update.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion only:

Herfel will talk with Richard Forester to continue with the updates regarding the Casino project and decisions that are being made. Going forward JVFP will look forward to working with the Tribe for future opportunities and ISA commitments.

Adjournment:

Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting, Farmer 2nd the motion, all in favor 5-0

Next regular meeting will be held on: Wednesday November 14th, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

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