

# NEWCASTLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Regular Meeting

January 9, 2014

## Minutes

Chairman Ward called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Chairman Ward, Vice-Chairman Jim Johnson, Directors Elder and Sprouse were present. Chief Higgins was in attendance. Director Egge was absent.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** After reviewing the posted agenda, Vice-Chairman Jordan moved to approve the agenda as posted; seconded by Director Sprouse. Motion carried unanimously with one Director absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Vice-Chairman Jim Jordan made the motion to approve the submitted minutes for the December, 2013 Regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Director Elder and passed unanimously with one Director absent.

**FINANCIAL REPORT AND BILL APPROVAL:** Vice-Chairman moved to approve the financial report as published. Director Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with one Director absent.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** There was no correspondence to discuss.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments were made regarding problems with the NFPD website. There were several comments discussed regarding the Placer County's role in adding funds to the construction of the firehouse.

### **INFORMATION/ NON-ACTION ITEMS:**

#### **(A) Chief's Report:**

\*Training: 189 personnel hours-

\*Company drills are working well.

\*2012-13 Audit is in process through Placer County Auditors.

\*Chief Higgins has been in communication with the Chief at Cal OES in regards to the Type 1 Engine. The State of California has given verbal permission for the sale to occur in the sum of \$50,000 dollars. Decal and state logo will need to be removed.

\* Chief has been unable to speak to anyone at ATT to switch our system over to the CALNET III system for its cost saving advantages.

**(B)** Chief Higgins reported that the second bay door is in need of repair due to age.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

(A) NFPD currently provides 4 employees with vision and dental insurance. PFPD does not offer those benefits. Discussion regarding removing those items from the health plan and adding the money saved back into employee salaries. Discussion was tabled until the February meeting.

(B) Discussion regarding the changing the date of Regular District meetings: Chief Higgins reported that delaying the meeting until later in the month will allow the all bills and reports to arrive, avoiding the need to pay bills twice each month. Vice-Chairman Jordan made the motion to move the Regular District NFPD meetings to the third Wednesdays of each month. Director Sprouse seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with one Director absent.

(C) Board of Directors term limits. Discussion: Chairman Ward made the motion to approve to add a resolution for a two-elected term limit on the ballot in 2014. Director Elder gave the second motion to approve Resolution #2014\_1. Motion passed unanimously, with one Director absent.

### **Director Egge arrived at 6:26 PM**

(D) Stipend Pay for Board Members per Meeting: Discussion: This will allow board members to be covered under the NFPD insurance against civil lawsuits regarding Board business. Motion to approve a \$25.00 stipend per board member, per meeting was made by Director Elder. The motion was seconded by Director Egge. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Board of Director Reports:**

**Egge**-Director Egge will be leaving the Board soon. A volunteer is needed to help with the website.

**Sprouse**-No report

**Jordan**-No report

**Elder**-The Board has hired Heather Pier as Board Secretary.

**Ward**- Chairman Ward and Director Elder have met with USDA to begin the process on borrowing money to build the station. NFPD is in a 'pre-app' portion currently and will move into an actual application soon. Chairman Ward expects to have finances in place by May. The interest rate will be approximately 4.25%. It's important that NFPD move quickly to lock in that interest rate. Clearing the lot begins tomorrow, leaving the trees, so a topo map can be developed on the property. Chairman Ward also recommended that voters make changes in our local government during the next election.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: 6:45 PM

Respectfully submitted.  
Heather Pier  
Recording Secretary

