



MAMMOTH LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
3150 MAIN STREET
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2008

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – *The meeting was called to order at 14:05. All Commissioners were present: Tony Colasardo, Richard Blanco, Jeff Boucher, Richard Good, and Rick Terrell. Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District personnel present: Fire Chief Brent Harper, Captain Robert Williams, Inspector/ Firefighter Brett Reed, and Admin Aid Jody Holl. Mammoth Lakes Fire Department Association was represented by: Engineer Ales Tomaier and Engineer Scott Walker. Greg Cook was present.*
- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – *The June 17, 2008 meeting minutes were approved by Commissioner Good and seconded by Commissioner Blanco, all in favor.*
- 3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**
 - a) Greg Cook, GC Forest Products – *Greg was present to see if his company could be of service to our fuels reduction program. He commented on the MLFPD Fire Inspection Legal Notice for property owners to comply with California defensible space law and acquiring the permits from the Town of Mammoth Lakes to complete the work and to be compliant, was sometimes difficult.*
- 4) **PUBLIC COMMENT** - *None*
- 5) **CONSENT AGENDA** – *None*
- 6) **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a) Consideration of putting capital improvement funds into a separate account requires unanimous approval of commissioners for transfer – *The FDAC (Fire District Association of California) states that in order to separate capital improvement accounts Board members must be unanimous in their decision. Commissioner Good motioned to approve the separation of accounts, seconded by Jeff Boucher, all in favor.*
 - b) Vehicle purchases, if bids are complete, consider purchase of one-ton and half-ton pickup. – *Chief Rooks is working with Eastern Sierra Ford to purchase the trucks. The 1 ton pick-up will be paid for with SNC Grant money and the ½ ton pickup out of the capital equipment budget.*

- c) Monthly cash compensation in lieu of health benefits. – *A copy of Mono County’s policy was attached to the agenda packet. The policy states that the employee must show proof of existing health insurance to be eligible. The employee is reimbursed at the single rate of \$452.00 per month. Commissioner Blanco and Commissioner Colasardo do not support this policy. Commissioner Good was concerned that if the employee were to lose their insurance would the District be held responsible for their medical bills. Chief Harper will contact attorney Bill Ross with these questions. Commissioner Colasardo suggested the policy be part of the staff’s MOU with the District.*

7) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Health Insurance for Commissioners – *The Commissioners need to meet the requirement of an employee to become eligible. A \$50 per month stipend was suggested. A salary discussion will be put on next month’s agenda. The District would need to adopt the less than half time resolution.*

8) BUDGET

- a) Transfer 06 funds to capital improvements budget – *Chief Harper asked approval to transfer \$72,401.42 in unused funds from 06/07 budget into the new 08/09 budget. Placing \$20,000 into the utilities budget to cover increasing costs in that area. With the remaining \$52,000 placed into the 08/09 capital improvement budget. Commissioner Good motioned to approve the request and Commissioner Boucher seconded the motion. All in favor.*
- b) Consideration of pay package for full-time personnel – *Chief Harper attached to the agenda current pay rates, 08/09 pay rates, and comparing salaries before and after the 9% employee’s PERS contributions. Engineer Tomaier representing the 24 hour full time staff requested a 9% raise for the staff, thus having the District pay for their PERS contribution. Salary packages will be discussed further in closed session.*

9) REPORTS, REQUESTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND ACTION

- 10) DISTRICT CHIEF COMMENTS – *Chief Harper will speak with Town Manager Rob Clark in regards to the Town and the MLFPD fire safety inspection legal notices.*

- 11) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – *Commissioner Terrell comments regarding the 08/09 budget and the District using unreliable DIF funds to put the budget in the black. He would like to see the budget balance and have the DIF as an added bonus.*

12) LEGAL COUNSEL COMMENTS

13) Closed Session

- a) Pay package – *Meeting went to closed session at 15:45*

14) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 15) ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES – *Admin Aid Jody Holl handed out mail, had Commissioners sign checks and transfer funds. Commissioners’ Boucher, Colasardo, and Terrell whose term of office is up for election in November 2008 need to complete the Declaration of Candidacy form and the Statement of Qualifications form. These forms need to be complete and returned to the Mono County clerk by August 8, 2008.*
- 16) ADJOURNEMENT/SET NEXT MEETING DATE – *The meeting was adjourned at 16:15. Next meeting was set for Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at Station 1.*

Approved:

Chairman Tony Colasardo

Date

Vice Chairman Rick Terrell

Date