



# Weaverville Fire District

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## MINUTES WEAVERVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Regular Meeting – February 5, 2019

- I. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Meeting of the Weaverville Fire Protection District was called to order by Chairman, Rick Wetzel at 1000 hours. Commissioners present: Bill Britton, Larry Helsley, George Owen, and Bill Fischer. Others present: Captain Ted Pierce, Firefighter Jordan Hamilton, Assistant Chief Boorman, and Administrative Officer Serena Brown.
  
- II. CONSENT AGENDA: All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine by the board and will be enacted by one vote. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent Agenda and will be considered separately.
  - a. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes January
  - b. Approve Warrant List/Check List and Journal Entries – Morgan Stanley  
**MSC Britton/Helsley to accept the Consent Agenda as presented**
  
- III. Action Items
  - a. Discuss/Approve – Banking and Investment Alternatives – After much research the Investment Committee believes that the best course of action, for dealing with Morgan Stanly exiting the public funds business, is to move with Chris Beeman to Wells Fargo Advisors. There was discussion on other avenues.  
**MSC Fischer/ Helsley to move both the investment and operations accounts to Wells Fargo Advisors**
  - b. Discuss/Approve – District vs. Department Recruitment Committee – It was reported, to the Association, that the District’s Recruitment Committee was specifically for recruiting a Fire Chief. The Association created its own Requirement/Retention committee for Firefighters. Britton’s impression was that the Recruitment/Retention committee was a standing committee because the District is nothing without Volunteers. Because membership has been so high there was no reason for the District’s Committee to meet. Pierce gave a lengthy report on the Association’s current plans including the appointment of himself, Justin Henderson, and Richard Miller to the committee. Pierce thinks one committee is enough and the Association should report to District. Britton also added that a good retention tool is the CSFA Length of Service Award.  
**MSC Britton/Fischer to dissolve the District’s recruitment and retention committee.**  
**MSC Britton/Helsley to recognize the Association’s Committee to represent the District in matters of Fire Department recruitment and retention efforts.**
  - c. Discussion/Approve – Set a date for Yearly Ethics Board Member Training  
**The date was set for Feb 22 at 10am**
  - d. Discussion/Approve – Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) – More research is needed prior to the Board deciding to give COLAs. Rick will do some research.  
**Tabled to next month**
  - e. Discussion/Approve – A change in Helicopter Membership Policy to include ground ambulance and/or Commissioners. The Policy Committee will work on a new policy and it will be brought back to next meeting.  
**Tabled to next month**

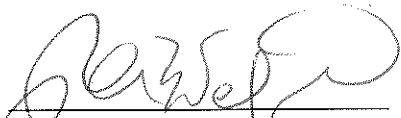
IV. DEPARTMENT AND BUSINESS REPORTS

- a. Hazardous Reduction Progress Report: Hazard Reduction Coordinator Pierce reported that they are in winter mode and doing mostly burning on 'Burn Days'. There are still a significant number of piles to burn on the Lance Gulch Project. He has been advising homeowners that it may be Fall before we get them completed. He added that we are low on funds. Bill suggested saving money until Spring. Chief Corbett is at the Trinity County Board of Supervisors Meeting trying to secure Title III moneys. Commissioner Wetzel is wondering why the District doesn't invest money into these projects. It was suggested that the District match Title III funds. The Board asked Captain Pierce to bring a proposal to the next meeting on spending District funds for Hazard Reduction. It is to be on the agenda next month as an action item.
- b. Fire Chief's Report: No report
- c. Fire Department Report: Boorman reported that the Appreciation Dinner is to be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> and he encouraged Board members to attend. We ran 52 calls in January. There was a report of a Structure Fire up East Branch but ended up being a Flu Fire and it was in the District. Assistant Chief Boorman has been calling members and filling out the on-call list. Dinner meeting is tomorrow.
- d. Sleeper Program Report: No report
- e. Committee Reports
  - i. Recruitment Committee: (Britton, Helsley, Corbett) Nothing further. Committee is dissolved
  - ii. Collections Committee: (Owen, S. Brown) No report
  - iii. Contract Committee: (Britton, Wetzel, S. Brown) No report
  - iv. Budget/Financial Committee: (Helsley, Fischer, Corbett, Kormeier, S. Brown) Helsley reported that a mid-year review was completed. Overall, we are doing good.
  - v. Policy Committee: (Britton, S. Brown) Nothing further
  - vi. Investment Committee: (Wetzel, Fischer, Corbett, Brown) nothing further
- f. Director Reports: Helsley suggested we invite other Chief Mel Deardorff to our Appreciation dinner for recognition on the Carr Fire.

v. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

VI. CORRESPONDENCE: The CSDA has sent paperwork regarding yearly membership elections and Board member Handbooks.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1120 hours.

  
Rick Wetzel, Chairman

  
Serena Brown, Administrative Officer