

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY FOURTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, May 21, 2015

6:00 p.m.

District Office, 1050 Wilson Boulevard, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Hidahl called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Chief Financial Officer Bair led the Pledge of Allegiance. Directors in attendance: Durante, Hartley, Hidahl, and Hus. (Director Winn was absent.) Staff in attendance: Chief Roberts and Chief Financial Officer Bair. Counsel Griffin was in attendance (Counsel Cook was absent).

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve minutes of the 723rd meeting held April 16, 2015
- B. Approve Financial Statements for April 2015
- C. Ratify ninth payment to S W Allen Construction Inc. for Station 84 in the amount of \$484,101
- D. Approve surplus of Wildland Pants/Cost (30 sets)

Director Hartley made a motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Director Hus and unanimously carried.

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **EDH Professional Firefighters** – Matt Beckett, El Dorado Hills Honor Guard, recognized Firefighter Brian Wilkey for his five years of dedicated service to the El Dorado Hills Fire Department Honor Guard stating that Brian has transitioned his role to the El Dorado Hills Firefighters Pipes and Drums.
- B. **EDH Firefighters Association** – No report.
- C. **EDH Volunteer Firefighters** – Lt. Mike Roppolo provided a dashboard document that gave an update on the status of the Volunteer Program.
- D. **Latrobe Advisory Committee** – No report.
- E. **Public Comment** – None

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Letter from El Dorado Hills Professional Firefighters – Dave Merino, President of the El Dorado Hills Professional Firefighters, presented a letter from the Union expressing their opinion and requesting reconsideration of the trend toward annexations and contract of services. Director Hus commented that he was pleased to see the letter focus on what is best for the El Dorado Hills community.

- B. Letter from Director Doug Hus - Director Hus commented on his letter urging the Board to extensively study the cost benefit analysis and explore alternatives prior to proceeding with any further annexations.

Director Hidahl requested that the Regional Operations Committee schedule a special meeting to open internal and public dialog.

V. ATTORNEY ITEMS – None.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **Administrative Committee** (Directors Winn and Hidahl)

1. **Review and update construction progress of Station 84** – Director Hidahl reported that the committee met to review the progress. He reported that construction is still on schedule. One concern arose which involved the AT&T COW (Cellular On Wheels) which has been referred to Counsel Cook. The next committee meeting will be held on June 2 at 4:00 p.m.

B. **Fire Committee** (Directors Hus and Winn)

1. **Report on Fire Committee meeting** – Director Hus stated the committee had not met. Chief Roberts added that he and Chief Keating met with the County CAO office to ensure that the Capital Improvement Plan model that they are planning to provide will be satisfactory. He added that most agencies are utilizing SCI Consulting who provides the format that the County has approved.

C. **Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

1. **Report from Regional Operations Committee** (Director Hartley and Winn)
- a. Rescue Fire Protection District
 - b. Garden Valley Fire Protection District
 - c. Diamond Springs/El Dorado Fire Protection District
 - d. Pioneer Fire Protection District

Director Hartley reported that the committee met. He said that Georgetown has put together a proposal; however, they understood that the Board of Supervisors was no longer in support of the movement of AB8 money. Chief Roberts said that in a subsequent meeting with Supervisors Mikulaco and Veerkamp, both reiterated that they are open to AB8 discussions. Chief Roberts stated that letters had been authorized to send to Garden Valley and Pioneer stating that annexation was not feasible at this time. Diamond Springs/El Dorado Fire Protection District is interested in a shared services agreement which is being discussed.

Director Durante added that as voiced in the past, he sees no value to the citizens of El Dorado Hills in further annexations and agrees with the stance taken in the letters from the Union and Director Hus.

Several citizens gave public comment expressing their opposition to further annexations. These citizens were Craig Petersen, Darwin Throne, Neal McClens, and Sherry Petersen. Union President Dave Merino referred to a letter that had been previously been submitted to the Board from the Union demanding a comprehensive fiscal analysis prior to the Latrobe annexation and indications now show that the negotiated AB8 rate for Latrobe is not sufficient for sustainability. This insufficiency has resulted in fear of any future annexations thus prompting the second letter of opposition.

2. **Report from Solar Committee** (Directors Hidahl and Hus)
 - a. **Review and approve staff recommendation for bid proposal for solar** - Director Hus reported that the committee has evaluated the Vista Solar proposal and found references to be stellar. Directors Hus and Hidahl gave a synopsis of the pros and cons and outlined the financial options and benefits.

Director Hidahl made a motion that, contingent upon Counsel obtaining agreements for both PPC and solar contracts consistent with the RFP, the Chief be authorized to finalize the contract and move forward with installations, seconded by Director Durante, and unanimously carried.

3. **Report from Communications Committee** (Directors Durante and Winn) – Director Durante said that the committee met in Camino and that Engineer Mike MacKenzie has some ideas on how to improve the communication issues while keeping the communication system in Camino.
4. **Report from Volunteer Stakeholders Committee** (Directors Hidahl and Durante) – Director Durante said that the committee had not met since instituting the new provisions of a stipend for the Volunteer Program.
5. **Report from Training Facility Committee** (Directors Hartley and Durante) – Director Durante reported that the committee met and received an informational presentation from Chief Lilienthal. Discussion was held regarding the needs for a training facility.

6. **Human Resources Committee (Directors Winn and Durante)** – No report.
7. **Chief Financial Officer Recruitment Committee** (Directors Hus and Hidahl) – Director Hus reported that he has been pleased with the recruitment process. Chief Roberts said that a candidate has been selected and the offer has been accepted. The candidate is undergoing background checks and is anticipated to begin mid-July. Director Hidahl stated that the Ad Hoc CFO Recruitment Committee can now be closed.

Director Hidahl also mentioned that he attended the planning meeting for the new Senior Center facility that will be constructed north of the Fire Department. The land is being donated by Parker Development. The architect and Chief Lilienthal met to discuss options for traffic flow as well as the feasibility of making the center an emergency operations center for the region. The next meeting is scheduled for June 1.

VII. OPERATIONS REPORT

- A. **Operations Report** – Received and filed. Director Hus commented that the call detail was missing from the alarm stats; Chief Roberts explained that there was a glitch in the reporting system and information should be available next month.
- B. **Review and update regarding Joint Powers Authority** – Chief Roberts gave an update on the JPA stating that they are still pushing forward with the fixed rate program and the County is anxious to get that done so that it can become effective this fiscal year. Chief Roberts said that a proposal has been made to join together Service Areas 3 and 7 and operate ambulances under this fixed contract.
- C. **Review and approve purchase of Ford F500 Type 6 Squad/Brush Vehicle** – Chief Roberts said that 3 bids have been received and purchase of a demo model from the low bidder, AES Response, is being recommended for \$128,727 with modifications which would still make it the low bid.

Director Hartley made a motion to purchase a Type-6 squad/brush vehicle from AES Response for \$128,727 with modifications and seconded by Director Hidahl.

A vote was taken and the motion carried: Ayes: (3); Noes: (1-Director Hus); Absent: (1-Director Winn).

Craig Petersen, citizen, made a public comment stating the importance of tracking the value of the Latrobe squad vehicle and the assessed value of the volunteer squad vehicle.

VIII. FISCAL ITEMS

CFO Bair stated that the preliminary budget is being developed and a meeting will be scheduled for June 15 for the Finance Committee.

IX. NEW BUSINESS - None

X. OLD BUSINESS – None

Director Hidahl asked that with the consent of the Board, Closed Session Item XI be moved on the agenda until after Oral Communications and the Board concurred.

XII. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Directors - None

B. Staff – None

XI. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b) (Personnel Matter – Grievance)

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 8:03 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:24 p.m. Director Hidahl reported that during Closed Session regarding Item XI, Personnel Matter – Grievance, no action was taken.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Approved:

Connie Bair, Board Secretary

John Hidahl, Vice President