

Huntington Lake Volunteer Fire Department  
Conference Call Board of Directors Meeting  
March 27, 2007

Bob Wilson opened the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Bob Wilson, Bob Leach, John Slater, Brother Chris, Ned Fox, Steve Soares,  
Karen Bare Kamimoto

ABSENT: Phyllis Thomas

MINUTES: Brother Chris moved, John Slater seconded the motion to approve the February 27, 2007 minutes as corrected. The motion passed. Corrections: Old Business, item 5 should read "wild land shelters"; New Business, item 1 USF should read "USFS"; item 2 strike "provide an opportunity for smoke alarms/detectors" replace with "encourage residents to install and maintain smoke alarms".

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- (1) **Southern California Edison** – funding is on track for June. SCE doesn't want to release funds until after the 60 day period with the Federal Energy Regulatory Committee (FERC) is past.
- (2) **Equipment Purchase** - Brother Chris met with Tom Zinn from Pierce. New equipment will have to be ordered as there are no units in inventory. The Board should look at authorizing the purchase around June 15.
- (3) **Fire Chief interview results** – the Department received a letter from Chief Brugman (Fresno Fire Chief) following his interview session with Brother Chris. The results were favorable. John Slater moved, Bob Leach seconded the motion to appoint Brother Chris as fire chief. The motion passed. Brother Chris abstained from voting.
- (4) **Tract contacts** – Directors are still working on making contact with appropriate representatives. Phyllis indicated she would send a draft of the Tract letter for the Board's review when she returns from the East Coast.  
The mailing will include the letter to the owners and the endorsement letter from the Tract president. The mailing is scheduled to go out Friday, June 8.
- (5) **Grants** – Brother Chris spoke with Tim Glines at Pelco in Clovis. They do not have a grant program but would be willing to consider a request in letter form. Karen reported for Phyllis that the government grants have not reappeared. Ida is keeping tabs on what is available. Nuveen is providing funding that can be used for wild land shelters.
- (6) **Exempt Status** – Karen, Bob Wilson and Ned Fox discussed questions regarding compensation. Karen will finalize the application and get it to John Slater for signature.
- (7) **2007 Budget** – Bob Leach asked the Board to re-look at items Brother Chris and Brother Jack were requesting be funded. Brother Chris needs to know how much of the budget he has to work with. Bob Leach will send his worksheet to Karen. Karen will modify the current draft budget and send it to the Board.
- (8) **Replacement Reserves** – This is defined as a sinking fund for estimated future costs for budget purposes. Depreciation is used in financial statement reporting and tax returns.

**NEW BUSINESS – OTHER MATTERS:**

- (1) **Fire Chief's Report** – Brother Chris attend a local chiefs meeting at the command center. There is an agreement in the works allowing the closest engine to respond. He felt there was excellent communication with that group. Tom Zinn suggested that any release of information about who responds to what should go through the chief. CDF dispatches but has no control over the volunteers. Brother Chris received a near new 5K generator from Christian Brother High School for Engine 62. He purchased 2 saws alls with orbital action with the County Credit Card Funds and high lift jacks. Engine 262 has the “jaws” on it. He met with the volunteer firefighters at Rancheria and Jeff Farley from the condos.
- (2) **Next meeting** – April 24, 2007

**ADJOURNMENT:** John Slater moved, Bob Leach seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Karen Bare Kamimoto, recording secretary