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# LOMA RICA / BROWNS VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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## MINUTES OCTOBER 18, 2021

### 1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

Present:: Biggs, High, Kattuah, Kinkle, Yarborough

### 2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: None

### 3. APPROVE MINUTES:

- A. September 20, 2021 Regular Meeting: Motion to approve the Minutes as written by Kinkle  
Second by Yarborough  
Biggs, High, Kattuah, Kinkle, Yarborough—AYE  
Motion carried

### 4. ACCOUNTING:

- A. Finance: No discussion
- B. Warrants: No discussion

### 5. CHIEF'S REPORT (DC Jim Mathias and BC Rob Bartsch):

- A. Chief Mathias stated there is no anticipated date to end the fire season or to allow for burning of debris piles, as the area is in the second year of a severe drought.
- B. Chief Bartsch reported they responded to 55 calls in September: 36 medical aid, 6 vegetation fires, including 9 ½ acres in the goldfields, and other miscellaneous calls
- C. The auxiliary pump on Engine 62 is not working, if they are able to repair it, the parts will cost approximately \$5,000; but to replace it will cost \$10,000 to \$15,000. Waiting to hear from the mechanic.
- D. Auburn Signs has a mock up for signs with the new logo for Station #62. Chief Bartsch will send the finished artwork to the District GM to update the website and letterhead.
- E. The District has been assisting Marysville Fire with coverage—they spent all day at the PeachTree Mall Fire.

### 6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. GM Shields reported the insurance premium increased from \$12,000 last year to \$20,000 this year. The explanation from the insurer for the increase is that it is becoming more difficult to find companies to insure fire districts.

### 7. DISCUSS AND APPROVE: Swift Water Rescue Vehicle—Director High recommended to table discussion for a later date

### 8. DISCUSS AND APPROVE: Copier purchase/lease

- A. Motion by High to purchase a Xerox Versalink C7030 with a maintenance agreement at a cost of \$6,162 plus sales tax plus the cost of the maintenance agreement; second by Kinkle  
Roll call voice vote:  
Biggs, High, Kattuah, Kinkle, Yarborough—AYE  
Motion carried

### 9. DISCUSS AND APPROVE: Water Tank purchase and engineering:

- A. Yuba County came to the site to view the access road along the fence line. The County will waive the encroachment permit fee, they will provide traffic control for the installation of the culvert; LRBVCSD to pay for materials.

- B. Chief Bartsch is sending a letter to BVID to request a second service at Station #61 and to request waiver of the fee (\$2,900) for the connection. The request will be considered at BVID's October 28<sup>th</sup> board meeting.
- C. Chief Bartsch spoke to Chief Steve Robinson regarding the issues brought up by the District's legal counsel. Chief Robinson explained there are two separate processes. #1 is the bid for the tank. CalFire has found that most tank vendors use their own work force to install the tanks. It was recommended that the District obtain bids from three tank companies, then request bids from concrete companies for the pad. This will be added to the November agenda to discuss and approve.

**10. DISCUSS AND APPROVE: Measure K Response**

- A. Chief Mathias stated that his boss at CalFire, Brian Estes, confirmed during negotiations that Yuba County will only disburse 20% of Measure K funds being allocated to fire departments in the County, to be split among the nine fire districts per the September 28, 2021 Measure K draft update from the Yuba County Fire Chiefs Association.
- B. Motion by High to accept the 20% Measure K funds offered by Yuba County; Second by Kinkle  
Roll call voice vote:  
Biggs, High, Kattuah, Kinkle, Yarborough – Aye  
Motion carried

**11. BOARD AND STAFF MEMBER REPORTS:**

- A. Director Biggs asked if the volunteers would be participating in the upcoming Trunk or Treat at the Lions Club on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>? GM Shields to contact the volunteers, and if they agree, will contact the Lions Club and purchase candy for the event.
- B. Director Biggs informed the Board that the JPA was only recently advised that the towers at Oregon Peak where their repeater is located were sold by CHY/ComSites West, and they will no longer receive an annual \$2,000 donation from CHY's Setzer Foundation. This donation was 1/6 of the JPA's annual income. Chief Mathias said the State may own a tower at Oregon Peak—the Chief will look into the possibility of the JPA leasing vault space there.
- C. There will be a special JPA meeting to discuss and approve a resolution to sign documents for the new Oregon Peak tower owners on Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Loma Rica Bi-Agency station.

**MEETING ADJOURNED 8:31pm**

Respectfully submitted  
Kim Biggs—Vice Chair