

Long Valley CSD  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 17, 2019

Present: Steve McDowell, Dan McDonald, Greg Kneisel, Claude Sanders, Alice Parlier, Steve Peters. Absent: Barbara Jean Castagnoli.

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Steve McDowell.

Minutes: Tabled. Emails were provided by members who have email so the minutes could be sent to each member prior to the meetings.

New Business: A 501c3 tax exempt ID number will be needed for grants and for any district who has paid employees. Dan McDonald offered to help with the process and Steve Peters will assist him. The cost for establishing the ID number is about \$350.

Steve McDowell provided new information on the website and suggested that the board review their exempt status. The budget issue is not as much as anticipated. The site would let the public know who is on the board, provide the agenda and dates for board meetings. The site would take care of the state requirements regarding transparency. To maintain the exempt status, a resolution would have to be done every year. The cost is \$250 for the initial setup. Claude moved to rescind the resolution to exempt the district from setting up a website. Dan seconded, passed. Greg moved to adopt the website, Dan seconded, passed.

Need to improve the district's ISO rating: The current rating is a 9 and Steve Peters is working with new volunteer firefighter Tim Eckles to bring it to an 8B rating, Tim is helping to upgrade equipment and prepare for an inspection. Tim is also with CalFire and brings his experience to the department. Steve explained what is needed to obtain and keep the lower rate.

Steve asked for an additional board member to help with the process. The board also discussed the need for more personnel.

Old Business: Ethics and Brown Act Training. Since the district is all volunteer, the training is not needed but recommended.

Fire Truck #8455 was sold.

Fire Department update: Steve took the board around to show how the water delivery system between the trucks works and the new equipment that had been received.

Financial: Alice reported that there had been emails from other districts to the County Auditor asking for assistance in understanding the new budgeting system.

Building maintenance: NA

Grounds: Claude will deal with the grounds later

Vehicles: Greg reported the vehicles are in good shape with a couple of minor issues.