
**BIG BEAR LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF
MARCH 11, 2002**

A Meeting of the Big Bear Lake Fire Protection District was called to order by Chairman Cortez at 7:44 p.m., Monday, March 11, 2002, at 39707 Big Bear Boulevard, Big Bear Lake, California.

Board Members Present: Chairman Mary Cortez
 Vice Chairman Bill Mellen
 Board Member Liz Harris
 Board Member Neal Hertzmann
 Board Member Darrell Mulvihill

Members Excused: None

Others Present: Michael Perry, City Manager
 Steve Deitsch, Best Best & Krieger LLP, Board Counsel
 Katherine E. Jefferies, Board Secretary
 Bob May, Fire Chief

FP1. Response to the Letter addressed to the Fire Protection District Board

Board response to the letter received from the Big Bear Lake Professional Firefighters, Local 935, dated February 25, 2002.

Chairman Cortez read the letter of response addressed to Darrel Crane, President of the Big Bear Lake Professional Firefighters, Local 935, and to Michael McLaughlin, Representative of the Big Bear Lake Professional Firefighters, Local 935.

Gina Wagner, Vice President of Government Watch: felt that it was unprofessional for the firefighters to read a letter of no confidence for the Fire Chief, at a public meeting.

Laura Koepke, President of Government Watch: discussed the need for elected officials to know the ethical boundaries regarding the solicitation of political endorsements.

Mike McLaughlin, Representative for Local 935 Firefighters: discussed that the letter of February 25, 2002, was brought forward because the fire department employees have been unsuccessful in their attempts to speak to the Fire Protection District Board regarding their issues of concern.

Lance Swafford, Big Bear Lake Fire Engineer: stated that the firefighters are proud to be a part of the community and want to work in harmony.

Board Member Harris discussed that a number of the issues that had been raised are from the past and have been corrected by the District.

Motion by Board Member Hertzmann, seconded by Vice Chairman Mellen to approve the letter of response for the Chairman's signature.

Said motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Cortez, Harris, Hertzmann, Mellen
NOES: Mulvihill
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Board Member Mulvihill stated that he was opposed to the response letter because it addressed issues that were not brought up in the letter received by the Fire Protection District employees.

FP2. Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of February 11, 2002

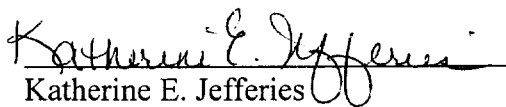
Motion by Board Member Hertzmann, seconded by Board Member Harris to approve the Minutes from the Meeting of February 11, 2002, as presented.

Said motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Cortez, Harris, Hertzmann, Mellen, Mulvihill
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board at this session, Chairman Cortez adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.


Katherine E. Jefferies
Board Secretary

APPROVED AT THE MEETING OF: April 22, 2002