

Los Altos Hills County Fire District Amended & Approved 6/21/11

Minutes of May 17, 2011

President Bergman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1) **Roll Call:** Present: Commissioner Johnson, Stutz, Fank, Bergman, Halliday

Absent: Commissioner Price & Couperus

Also Present: Retired Chief Ken Waldvogel, Chief Ken Kehmna, Battalion Chief Kendal Pearson, Fire Consultant Stu Farwell, District Clerk Jeanne Evilsizer

2) **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

3) **Chief's Reports:** a. Monthly Report for April, 2011. The Chief did a brief review of the monthly report for April, 2011. b. Monthly ESC Report for April, 2011. Commissioner Fank asked about the Bullex fire extinguisher class mentioned in Sanders report. Both Farwell and Chief Kehmna explained how this extinguisher system was used. c. Rural Metro Update: One of the Rural Metro vehicles may be kept at the El Monte Station. d. Fire Chief Recruitment: Chief Ken Kehmna was selected as the new Chief of the County Fire Department. e. Cost of Extractor: The Chief had two bids for purchasing an extractor. Johnson made a motion to approve spending a not to exceed amount of \$20,000 for the new extractor; Stutz seconded the motion with all Commissioners in favor.

4) **Consultant Reports:** a) Projects Update: Farwell reviewed the six items on the projects sheet May 7, 2011. Farwell reviewed his report and mentioned that the awnings had been installed on the Ark. Farwell also stated that 719 eucalyptus trees had been removed.

5) **Resolution of the Board of the Los Altos Hills County Fire District Declaring Brush Growing on Certain Described Properties to be a Public Nuisance.** Resolution #11-6: Halliday made a motion to approve the resolution of the Los Altos Hills County Fire District declaring brush growing on certain described properties to be a Public Nuisance; Johnson seconded the motion with all Commissioners in favor.

6) **Cordless Phone System Purchase for ARK:** Bergman gave an overview of the sophisticated cordless system and explained the base would be in Sanders office. A motion was made by Fank to allow spending up to \$3,000 for a cordless phone system with the stipulation that it works as advertised and can be taken back if not; Johnson seconded the motion with all Commissioners in favor.

**7) Consent Calendar:** a. Minutes of April 19, 2011 and b. Period 10, April, 2011 Report. Johnson made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted; Fank seconded the motion with all Commissioners in favor except Halliday who abstained as he was not at the April 19, 2011 meeting.

**8) Proposed May, 2011 Expense.** The Clerk added two items of expense and stated the new total May, 2011 proposed expense was \$513,423.64. Stutz made a motion to approve the Proposed May, 2011 expense as amended; Fank seconded the motion with all Commissioners in favor.

**9) Board Member Reports.** a) Contract Review: Bergman passed out page 9 of the contract and reviewed it briefly. He questioned the Commissioner's role should there be a major event and asked that this be discussed at the next meeting.  
b) Bergman attended the last CERT class and was very impressed how the class was run.

**10) Adjournment:** By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Evilsizer  
District Clerk