

# INDIAN HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

*The Minutes are intended to reflect the discussions that occurred and decisions that were made by the members; they are not intended to be a transcription of the meeting.*

### **MEETING ATTENDED BY:**

***Fire Protection District Board Members:*** Paul Pettit — President; Bret Roller — Treasurer; Marc Rosenberg — Secretary; Ron Walton

***Fire Department Members:*** Don Schoenbein — Chief; Emery Carson — Assistant Chief; Bob Fager — Rescue Captain

***Non-Members:*** Anita Fritz — Bookkeeper; Karen Nelson — Recording Secretary

***Guests:*** Fern Bauer; Barbara Crawford — Golden Gate Fire Department; Kerri Crawford — Golden Gate Fire Department

***Absent:*** Richard Westerlage (Excused)

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 19:39 Hrs.**

### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

Mr. Pettit called for introductions around the table.

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

Mr. Schoenbein announced that Ms. Bauer was resigning her job with the Department and moving to Grand Junction. He presented Ms. Bauer with a plaque honoring her years of service, which encompassed far more than just cleaning duties, he said, and invited her to be the grand marshal in the Fourth of July parade if she was available. Ms. Bauer shared that she had lived in Indian Hills for 48 years and expressed that it was a wonderful community. Mr. Roller took a photo of Mr. Schoenbein presenting Ms. Bauer with the plaque.

### **GUEST SPEAKERS:**

***Ms. Barbara Crawford and Ms. Kerri Crawford — Golden Gate Fire Department***

Mr. Pettit explained that Ms. Barbara Crawford and Ms. Kerri Crawford were present at the meeting to talk about the District's intent to withdraw from the Communications Authority (CA). Now that the District's new communications system is up and running, the CA is

down to just one member: Golden Gate, he said. As such, Mr. Pettit expressed that Indian Hills Fire Protection District would like to bow out of the agreement and that he would like to personally resign his position with the CA. Mr. Pettit continued by saying that he had talked to CSI. The repeaters were there, and he would deliver them to Golden Gate the following Monday.

Ms. [Barbara] Crawford explained that Golden Gate would be undergoing its own communications system rebuild. Their contractor could meet with Mr. Pettit and see if the repeaters could be used. Mr. Pettit noted that in addition to Golden Gate, Genesee is using the CA system for low-band paging. He advised contacting Mr. Smith as well as Mr. Esterling, Genesee's administrator.

Ms. Crawford asked if Mr. Pettit was ready to withdraw from the CA that evening. And, if so, did he have the paperwork ready to do so? Mr. Pettit said that he would write a letter to that effect and talk to Ms. Nemer. He shared that his name was the contact on the license from the FCC. Ms. Crawford said that Mr. Pettit had to give her the paperwork to dismantle the CA. Mr. Pettit said that he would do so when he delivered the repeaters. Ms. Crawford said that she would set up a time for Mr. Pettit to meet with Golden Gate's chief. Mr. Pettit relayed various phone numbers where he could be reached to schedule a meeting.

Mr. Pettit asked if Golden Gate planned to put up equipment on Mt. Thorndon. Ms. Crawford explained that Golden Gate had a grant for a new communications system and would know more when the equipment had been assessed. Ms. Crawford recounted the process as she understood it: Golden Gate's chief and communications contractor would meet with Mr. Pettit to receive the repeaters. If there were further questions, she would contact Mr. Pettit. She then asked if there was anything more she should know about the CA since Mr. Pettit has more knowledge about it than anyone. Mr. Pettit asked if a copy of the license was in the file. It may be up for renewal soon, he added. He also asked if the maintenance was up to date. Mr. Pettit then inquired if Ms. Nemer was the attorney for Golden Gate. "No," responded Ms. Crawford, who added that Ms. Nemer had given her what she had.

Ms. Crawford then shared that Golden Gate's chief was named Judson Miller. She also gave the name of Dan Wilmot as a contact and stated that Golden Gate was going to move to an 800-MHz radio frequency but may need low band for intra-district communication. Mr. Pettit requested that Ms. Crawford email him email addresses for Mr. Miller and Mr. Wilmot.

Ms. [Kerri] Crawford chimed in to ask if Mr. Pettit agreed that no written plan was required to dissolve the CA. Mr. Pettit said that he would have to read up on it. Ms. Crawford reminded that the CA had no significant assets. Except for the repeaters, all of the equipment is at the site, Mr. Pettit said. But he offered to inventory the equipment. Ms. Crawford expressed that she thought that would be helpful. Mr. Pettit said that he would take care of it. Ms. Crawford asked about CA funds. Mr. Pettit responded that there's not much left. Both Ms. Barbara Crawford and Ms. Kerri Crawford expressed their thanks for being invited to the meeting and departed.

## **MINUTES:**

Mr. Rosenberg made a *motion* to waive the reading of the April Minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Walton and passed unanimously.

Discussion followed and the following changes were made. Page 4, second paragraph, fourth sentence to read: "On a related note, Mr. Pettit asked how the new *brush truck* would be equipped." Page 7, fourth paragraph, second sentence to read: "Mr. Rosenberg said that the District had plenty of *personnel with* experience to do the same." Page 7, fifth paragraph, sixth sentence to read: "There are a large number of *volunteers* who live in that area."

Mr. Rosenberg made a *motion* to accept the April Minutes as amended, which was seconded by Mr. Walton and passed unanimously.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

#### ***Monthly Reports***

Discussion began with the cover page of the financial reports. Ms. Fritz noted that she has begun putting any new information in bold type. Highlighted was a bullet point about office supplies (account #5180) now being over budget for the year. Mr. Schoenbein explained that four color cartridges had been purchased for the Department's two color laser printers the previous month at a cost of \$820. All four cartridges are needed or the printers don't work, he continued. The cartridges should last for about two years, Mr. Schoenbein added.

Discussion moved to the Operating Cost Summary portion of the Executive Summary. Mr. Walton asked if the 2011 figures included the apparatus loan. "Yes," answered Mr. Pettit. Ms. Fritz responded that she had made an adjustment to address the issue.

Conversation turned to the Profit Loss Budget Performance Spreadsheet. Ms. Fritz directed attendees to look at the adjusted figures at the very bottom of the second page of the spreadsheet for a more accurate view. Mr. Pettit noted that adjusted expenses were right on target at four months into the year.

Dialog moved to Checks. Regarding the credit card charge to Cascade Fire Equipment for \$489.03, Ms. Fritz noted that she had received a receipt that evening. Mr. Pettit asked about the funds transfer for Mr. Carson and Mr. Schoenbein. Ms. Fritz said that those were for reimbursements for business-related credit card charges. A separate report would be created for the following month, she added. Included in Mr. Schoenbein's charges were wildland supplies, supplies from Witmer Public Safety, carpet cleaning, and costs from the state fire chiefs' meeting, she detailed. Ms. Fritz did inquire about the dinner the Department has on the fifth Tuesday of the month. Should the Department or Board pay? Mr. Schoenbein said that those costs should come out of Department funds. Mr. Pettit asked how much the expense was. "\$160," answered Ms. Fritz. Mr. Rosenberg said that the Department would reimburse the Board for that amount.

Mr. Pettit asked about check #11524 to Elk Pond Consulting for \$85 to remove the spyware from the chief's computer. Mr. Schoenbein explained that he thought the virus was acquired during a download of a CAD program. Ms. Fritz asked about check #11525 to Evergreen Fire/Rescue for \$616.32, a portion of which was for replacement of a VDC. The charge looks very similar to one from the previous month, she said. Mr. Carson verified that it was a legitimate charge. Ms. Fritz said that it wasn't the same invoice number or dollar amount as

the previous month but that the description was similar, which was why it drew her attention.

Discussion moved to check #11527 to Jefferson County for \$506.92 for fuel. Mr. Carson noted that the District doesn't pay tax on fuel. Mr. Rosenberg added that there's no markup in cost but that the price varies.

Mr. Rosenberg made a *motion* to approve checks #11512-11532, plus automatic payments and bank fees. Mr. Roller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### ***Health Insurance Plan Review/Approval***

Ms. Fritz distributed a handout that detailed several health insurance plan options for Mr. Schoenbein. She said that he has a preference: United Healthcare's PPO Basic. Mr. Pettit asked if there was a high deductible. "Yes," answered Mr. Schoenbein. Mr. Walton asked if coverage was for a single person. "A group of one," responded Mr. Schoenbein. Mr. Rosenberg asked if there was enough money in the budget to cover the premiums. Ms. Fritz answered "yes" and explained that Mr. Schoenbein had been covered under COBRA for the first half of the year, which had saved the District some \$650 per month. The monthly budget was for \$1,000 per month; the cost of the new coverage had been quoted at \$925.40. Mr. Rosenberg reminded that health insurance coverage was included in the chief's employment contract. Ms. Fritz said that she could only enroll/change coverage once a year.

Mr. Rosenberg made a *motion* to authorize the purchase of United Healthcare PPO Basic health care coverage for Mr. Schoenbein at a cost not to exceed \$1,000 per month. Mr. Walton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **DEPARTMENT/OFFICERS' REPORTS:**

#### ***Fire Marshal — Randy Rudloff***

Not present; no report submitted.

#### ***Chief's Report — Don Schoenbein***

A report was submitted and various items were discussed. Conversation began with item #1 regarding the apparatus update with Fire Trucks Plus. The cab/chassis would go to Mack on Friday, Mr. Schoenbein said. Plans were marginally finalized. He referenced a schematic of the truck with dimensions. Discussion followed on the crosslay specs on the rear bumper. Mr. Schoenbein noted that the truck would be shorter than apparatus 371 and have a lot of cabinet space. Mr. Walton asked about a port-a-tank. Mr. Schoenbein responded that a port-a-tank would be on the side and that hydraulic power wasn't needed.

Mr. Walton then asked if the apparatus would be able to climb hills. Mr. Schoenbein said that the new truck would have more power than any apparatus the Department had in the past. Mr. Rosenberg agreed, saying that it would climb Mt. Vernon Canyon at 67 mph. Mr. Roller asked when the Department would get the truck. Mr. Schoenbein answered that it would be six to eight months.

Mr. Pettit asked about the status of the brush truck from Fire Trucks Plus. Mr. Schoenbein said that it would be a few more weeks, adding that it wasn't a quick process. Mr. Carson

asked if there would be one more set of specs. Mr. Schoenbein said that he expected them on Friday. Mr. Carson noted that he hadn't been receiving emails regarding specs.

Discussion moved to item #2 regarding the recent wildland fires in the area. Mr. Schoenbein shared that a 17-year-old had admitted to starting a recent grass fire at 5570 Parmalee Gulch Rd. and been taken into custody and charged with a Class 3 felony as an adult. Further conversation occurred regarding ongoing investigations of other area wildland fires. Although the recent moisture was helping keep the fire danger down presently, Mr. Schoenbein said that the area would be in bad shape down the road if dry conditions prevailed.

Conversation turned to item #3 regarding the Fourth of July festivities. Mr. Schoenbein shared that a tentative decision would be made on June 7 about whether the Department would hold a fireworks show. Mr. Roller asked if there was a deadline for ordering fireworks. Mr. Carson responded that they could be ordered and held until the following year if the show has to be cancelled because of dry conditions.

Mr. Schoenbein moved to item #4 on his report regarding a new business, Turkey Creek Coffee, that would be opening in the old Base Camp location. According to Mr. Rudloff, the business planned to open on June 7 after health department inspections, said Mr. Schoenbein. Ms. Fritz asked about the rumor that had been circulating that the building was in foreclosure. She was told that wasn't true and that the owners of the new business, who live close to the post office, would serve coffee and deli sandwiches at the location.

Discussion moved to item #5 regarding ambulance collections. A total of \$5,399.75 had been collected since the last Board meeting, Mr. Schoenbein noted, bringing the total collected so far this year close to the annual budgeted amount for the entire year.

Mr. Schoenbein announced that slash collection dates had been posted at the post office (item #6). The dates would be June 12 and August 13, he said. Mr. Schoenbein then inquired if Mr. Roller's operation was up and running. "Close, but not this year," answered Mr. Roller, who added that the Rooney Rd. location may close or at least be severely affected once his business is going.

Dialog moved to item #7 regarding the station remodel update. Mr. Schoenbein said that he had contacted more than six steel building companies. Mr. Pettit said that he wanted to see the design and asked who was working on the project. "Me," responded Mr. Schoenbein. Mr. Rosenberg chimed in that he had talked with Mr. Noble and believed that he would be willing to donate 10-15 feet of land for additional parking. Mr. Pettit asked whether it would be an easement. Mr. Rosenberg answered that it would be a donation. Conversation followed about how the land might be configured with a retaining wall and landscaping.

Mr. Schoenbein referenced a simple sketch of how the first floor of a new station might be laid out with apparatus parking. He shared that the doors would be 14 feet rather than 12 feet, and that there would be more space between vehicles. Mr. Pettit asked if there would be offices above. Mr. Schoenbein drew on the white board that there could either be a complete second floor or mezzanine. Mr. Roller advised a full second floor, as there can never be too

much space. Mr. Walton agreed. Mr. Schoenbein reminded that a full second floor would add costs. Mr. Roller said that only half of the second floor would have to be finished space. Mr. Schoenbein returned conversation to the first floor of the proposed new station, noting that there would be storage behind the trucks. Mr. Pettit said that bids could be obtained on both options: a full second floor and a mezzanine setup.

Mr. Fager asked about storing bunker gear near exhaust fumes. Mr. Schoenbein said that an exhaust system would be required. There would be no hose tower, he continued. Instead, there would be a hose dryer and bunker dryer. Also, there would be no front door. Mr. Roller asked if the bunker gear should be stored in a separate room where the heat could be turned up to speed drying. Mr. Rosenberg responded that bunker gear dries fast. Mr. Roller said that he doesn't want to hear people complain about it later.

Mr. Rosenberg noted that Mr. Westerlage thinks that the cart has been put in front of the horse regarding the station remodel project and had asked for a letter of intent from the prospective benefactor. Mr. Roller said that he agreed with Mr. Westerlage's opinion. If the building gets scraped, the septic assessment will have been useless. Mr. Rosenberg disagreed. The septic may be okay, he said. Mr. Roller suggested that Mr. Schoenbein finish with his Chief's Report and then return to the station remodel discussion later in the meeting.

Mr. Schoenbein moved discussion to item #8 regarding FEMA grants. He said that Congress has cut funds for the next grant cycle from \$450 million to \$150 million. A training session was being held in Pueblo on June 2 regarding grants. The bottom line, Mr. Schoenbein said, is that it will be more difficult for rural departments to get money since most grants will be allocated to busy urban fire departments.

Discussion moved to item #9 concerning County ambulance licensing. The rate has increased from \$85 per unit to \$115, announced Mr. Schoenbein, who added that payment was due on June 30. Ms. Fritz asked if there would be an invoice. "No," responded Mr. Schoenbein, who added that payment needed to be made to the Jefferson County Treasurer. Ms. Fritz requested that Mr. Schoenbein email her the details.

Conversation turned to item #10 regarding the Xerox contract for the District copy machine. The two-page contract shows Ms. Cross's signature. Mr. Schoenbein said that it was his recollection that Ms. Cross had the Board's approval to sign the five-year contract. Mr. Pettit requested that the Minutes be consulted; he didn't believe that the Board had authorized her to do so. Ms. Fritz noted that the contract was under the Department's name rather than the District's. Mr. Rosenberg asked if there was a way to get out of the contract if the Board didn't authorize Ms. Cross. Discussion followed whereby it was agreed that the Minutes should be consulted.

Mr. Schoenbein concluded his report with item #11, which summarized the calls for the month. There had been 13 incidents, he said.

Ms. Nelson asked Mr. Schoenbein if he wanted to share the decision he had made regarding collections policies. Mr. Schoenbein announced that he had made an operational decision to send all delinquent accounts to collections. Ms. Nelson had done a survey of area departments and found that all except one sends delinquent accounts to collections. In any

case, the processes of other departments are consistent regardless of whether the patient is a resident or non-resident, Mr. Schoenbein shared.

***Assistant Chief's Report — Emery Carson***

A report was submitted and various items were discussed. Mr. Carson began with maintenance on apparatus 341 (item #1). The rear brake pressure regulator is fixed, he said. He briefly touched on the other items in his report, which included a meeting on the radio system (item #2), a meeting regarding the station remodel (item #3), and Fourth of July plans (item #4). Mr. Carson concluded his report by saying he had received an email from Mr. Hall regarding the radio system, which would be discussed later in the meeting.

***Fire Captain's Report — Steve Bruns***

Not present; no report submitted.

***Rescue Captain's Report — Bob Fager***

Present; no report submitted. Mr. Fager shared that the EMT-I training was paying off. There had been two ALS calls recently that the Department would have passed off in the past.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

***Station Remodel Update***

Mr. Pettit began by referencing an email from Mr. Westerlage regarding the proposed station remodel. Mr. Pettit explained that Mr. Westerlage and Mr. Roller are not convinced about the present plan of action. In his email, Mr. Westerlage asked how much money has been paid out in the last five years to maintain the building, Mr. Pettit said, to which he responded “not much.” Major facelift costs are required, he continued.

Mr. Walton recalled that the Board had discussed required maintenance work last year. Mr. Roller interjected that the Board had been talking about painting and re-siding then, adding that the sentiment behind Mr. Westerlage’s email is good. A comprehensive plan is needed, Mr. Roller expressed, not only for the building but for apparatus and personnel. He said that he can see the need for a new station since it would not be good to have trucks parked outside. But he advised planning. If it can’t be done internally, then a consultant should be hired, Mr. Roller said. Mr. Pettit agreed that five- and ten-year plans are needed. Also, he continued, it would be valuable to know what it would take to fix the building to last for a certain number of years, what it would take to build a new station, and is a benefactor available.

Mr. Walton concurred that due diligence was a good idea. Mr. Carson has done the legwork to find out what’s required for a remodel. Now the pieces need to be put together, Mr. Walton continued, to find out the costs for the various options and determine what best meets the District’s needs. Mr. Pettit pointed out that Mr. Westerlage asked if a letter of intent could be obtained from a benefactor. Mr. Rosenberg questioned what harm there was in moving forward with the project at this point since it wasn’t costing any money. Mr. Roller reminded that investigating a remodel project had started because *someone* might pay for it. Mr. Walton disagreed on the genesis of the project. Discussion followed.

Mr. Schoenbein noted that extensive discussion had occurred regarding what needed to be fixed. He asked the Board to advise him what was desired. Mr. Walton reminded that when repairs are needed is the wrong time to plan. It should be done now. Mr. Roller asked if the money was there. Mr. Rosenberg responded that a remodel/rebuild wouldn't happen if there was no money. But the project still needs to be thought about, he said. Mr. Roller expressed that he thought the planning process was too far along. Mr. Walton disagreed, saying that the information was needed now. If the benefactor says "no," the District still has to plan how to pay for such repairs or a new station in the future, said Mr. Walton. Mr. Roller advised him to make a motion then.

Mr. Schoenbein reminded that a decision had been made in the past and was documented in the Minutes to explore possibilities for a station renovation. Certain repairs have to be done soon or the station will become an eyesore, he said. Mr. Roller said that there was no plan in place and that the project shouldn't be a solo endeavor. He advised putting the project on hold and hiring a consultant. Mr. Rosenberg asked Mr. Roller if he could recommend anyone. "No," he responded. Mr. Pettit said that this was precisely why he wanted costs for the various options. As a Board, a plan needs to be established, reiterated Mr. Roller. The remodel or new building would come after a plan is in place.

Mr. Rosenberg expressed that he thought the people in attendance that evening knew the most about the District's situation and needs. He added that he thought that was why the District hired Mr. Schoenbein. Mr. Schoenbein chimed in to say that he thought a consultant would be a waste of money. Mr. Roller said that he wouldn't be in favor of the project until there was a plan on paper. Mr. Walton reminded that only research was going on now. He questioned whether the District already had a five-year plan in place, recalling that the chief has presented something in the past. Ms. Fritz interjected that Ms. Griggs had started a financial plan for the District.

A discussion of present and future apparatus needs ensued. Mr. Pettit pointed out that apparatus 349 still needs to be replaced. Mr. Walton returned conversation to the need for a plan and advised that the chief and officers create a five-year plan. He recalled that the idea of putting a site near the post office had been around since he joined the Department many years ago. He advised not letting the ball drop on the station project, though.

Mr. Pettit asked Mr. Roller if he was willing to take input from the officers and spend money to give it to Ms. Griggs to formulate a plan. "Yes," responded Mr. Roller, who said he would be willing to commit funds for creating a plan.

Mr. Schoenbein spoke up to say that the Board had the process backwards. It was the *Board's* job to decide the priorities for the District; not the chief and officers. If expertise was needed, the Board should come to the Department. Mr. Walton agreed that the people who use the facility and equipment are the best to give advice. Mr. Roller said that it should be a group effort and suggested a work session to that effect. Mr. Pettit advised that a Special Meeting be scheduled. Mr. Rosenberg asked if Ms. Griggs should be invited to attend. Mr. Roller suggested that she might not be the best person. Ms. Fritz counseled starting with an apparatus lifespan. Mr. Schoenbein reminded that such information had already been provided via an apparatus replacement schedule.

Mr. Roller suggested that Ms. Fritz contact Ms. Griggs. Due diligence was required, he said. Ms. Fritz asked if Mr. Roller was looking for financial guidance from Ms. Griggs. Mr. Roller said that he didn't want the project to fizzle out. Mr. Schoenbein reminded that it was the Board's purpose to provide the vision for the District. He and the Department officers could help refine that vision. Once the Board makes a decision, Mr. Schoenbein said, he can advise on how to reach the goals.

Mr. Roller returned conversation to specifics regarding the remodel project, specifically whether a new station should be constructed or another location established near the post office. Mr. Schoenbein said that they weren't mutually exclusive projects. A discussion followed about the size of the station needed based on apparatus. Mr. Pettit reminded that putting another site down by the post office doesn't change the fact that the current station has needs. But it may change the priority in how to spend money, Mr. Roller said.

Mr. Rosenberg suggested looking into whether any property is available for a second location. Discussion followed about land possibilities. Mr. Rosenberg advised investigating the property for sale behind the post office and also Geneva Glen. The District can't let the station go, though, he lamented. Where does the District stop in terms of band-aid solutions? Mr. Roller clarified that he wasn't opposed to a new station, although he admitted that he was sending out mixed signals. He just wants to do things right, he said.

Mr. Rosenberg advised researching property by the post office and continuing research regarding options for the current station. He counseled against stopping progress and instead suggested continuing to move forward. Mr. Roller agreed as long as the vision is a broader one. Mr. Pettit again suggested the possibility of scheduling a Special Meeting. Mr. Carson offered that the membership could be polled for ideas. Mr. Walton agreed that understanding the Department's priorities would be useful. Mr. Schoenbein reminded that the need for station repairs is not negated if there's no benefactor. Mr. Roller expressed that he thought a location by the post office should be more of a priority because of the shorter response times that would allow. But some projects at the station have to be done, argued Mr. Schoenbein, if only from a safety standpoint. Mr. Roller agreed but said he wanted to investigate a second location.

Mr. Pettit asked each Board member if he had a vision for the District. Both Mr. Roller and Mr. Rosenberg responded "yes." Mr. Walton admitted that his vision wasn't that specific at this point. Mr. Pettit shared that having a paid chief and administrative assistant were visions of his. But it took a long time to get there, he admitted. Stage two of his vision included having a new station and a second location down the road, he continued.

Mr. Rosenberg advised forming a committee and scheduling a meeting to move forward. The date for a Special Meeting could be decided at the next Board meeting. He further suggested bringing up what had been discussed that evening at the next business meeting with the members.

*Mr. Pettit called for a break at 22:10. The meeting reconvened at 22:16.*

### ***Communications System***

Mr. Pettit stated that he, Mr. Carson, and Mr. Hall had met regarding problems with the new communications system. Mr. Pettit said that his take on the situation was that problems were occurring because the communications system was not set up as a simulcast system, which was the original intention. Mr. Pettit proceeded to give a brief explanation of the current situation and problems that the District was encountering. Mr. Pettit said that after meeting with Mr. Hall and receiving an email from him just that evening, he had come to the realization that Mr. Hall doesn't understand how to build a simulcast system.

Mr. Roller asked when the meeting with Mr. Hall had occurred. "After the last Board meeting," answered Mr. Pettit, who added that Mr. Hall had told him on May 9 that he couldn't build a simulcast system even though the equipment had been purchased by Grazi Communications on behalf of the District for that purpose. Mr. Roller said that he recalled that there had been a fight with Grazi. "Yes," answered Mr. Pettit, who said that it had been his fault. He continued by relaying what had happened to sour the relationship: He had accidentally disconnected Inter-Canyon. As a result, Mr. Dawson had asked for Mr. Pettit's resignation. Mr. Dawson had fired Grazi and essentially given the work to Mr. Hall, who was a friend of his.

Mr. Pettit then referred to the email that Mr. Hall had sent that evening about the problems with moving from the current voted multi-cast system to a simulcast network. Mr. Pettit said that he had been unhappy after his discussion with Mr. Hall. He also clarified that the District did have the equipment for a simulcast system, contrary to what Mr. Hall suggested. Mr. Pettit asked the Board for permission to talk to Grazi. Mr. Pettit also expressed that the repeater needed to be installed at the Smokey Hill site. And frequencies are needed, he continued.

Mr. Schoenbein confirmed that the system was not working well. Mr. Rosenberg said that all concurred that it wasn't working. Mr. Pettit said that he had wanted the project designed as it was originally planned. He reminded that he had been trained as a broadcast radio engineer. Mr. Rosenberg asked who Evergreen used for its communications system. He was told Evergreen employed Frontier. Mr. Roller asked why the District was using Mr. Hall. Mr. Pettit explained how the District was originally contracted with Mr. Hall through Frontier, but that when he split off from the company, the District elected to go with Mr. Hall. Mr. Rosenberg suggested contacting Frontier. Mr. Pettit answered that he wanted to talk to both Frontier and Grazi. Mr. Schoenbein expressed that Mr. Pettit knew a lot of history about the project as well as the technology.

Mr. Pettit said that the District may need to separate its communications system from Inter-Canyon. Mr. Roller expressed that he didn't think any option was off the table at this point. He asked Mr. Pettit to explain his solution in layman's terms. Mr. Pettit said that he would advise installing a repeater at the Smokey Hill site and linking it to Mt. Lindo for simulcast transmission. Mr. Roller suggested that the District get its repeater that week. Mr. Rosenberg asked if a motion was required to fire Mr. Hall. Instead, it was decided that Mr. Pettit and Mr. Carson would meet with both Frontier and Grazi and propose a way to fix the situation.

Discussion turned to the battery backup at the Mt. Lindo site. Mr. Rosenberg said that he had a knaack box that he could donate. Further conversation occurred regarding the history of having a generator vs. battery backup at the Mt. Lindo site. Mr. Schoenbein expressed

concern about whether the battery backup was sufficient. Mr. Walton said that it could be expanded with additional battery packs. Mr. Pettit advised a site evaluation. Mr. Schoenbein said that he'd been up to the site a week ago and had wondered who had the key. It had been padlocked shut. Mr. Roller proposed a Honda generator for \$1,000 rather than batteries. Discussion followed. Mr. Rosenberg reiterated that the repeater and key to the padlock needed to be obtained.

***District By-Laws***

Tabled.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 22:45**

There being no more business to discuss, Mr. Rosenberg made a *motion* to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Walton and passed unanimously.

*President:*

*Secretary:*

**MOTIONS MADE AND PASSED:**

- To waive the reading of the April Minutes. *Motion made by Mr. Rosenberg; seconded by Mr. Walton; unanimous.*
- To accept the April Minutes as amended. *Motion made by Mr. Rosenberg; seconded by Mr. Walton; unanimous.*
- To approve checks #11512-11532, plus automatic payments and bank fees. *Motion made by Mr. Rosenberg; seconded by Mr. Roller; unanimous.*
- To authorize the purchase of United Healthcare PPO Basic health care coverage for Mr. Schoenbein at a cost not to exceed \$1,000 per month. *Motion made by Mr. Rosenberg; seconded by Mr. Walton; unanimous.*
- To adjourn the meeting. *Motion made by Mr. Rosenberg; seconded by Mr. Walton; unanimous.*

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