**MINUTES**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**April 4, 2023**

**Condolences and thanks to Jim Carlon and Family**

**CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM**

 **Directors Present: Jim McGee, Craig Stone, Charlie Palmer, Ward Redman**

 **Employees Present: Don Padou, Bob Yeadon**

 **Numerous guests from the members of the community**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: From the regular meeting on February 7, 2023. Approved 4-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: Maureen Elliott commented on the issues regarding the Old School House**

**And quoted various codes involving the Veterans’ Districts and participated on many issues.**

**A gentleman asked about the architect who gave us a quote on repairing the Old School House, but would not give his name.**

**OLD SCHOOL HOUSE: A lengthy discussion about the current rental status of the Old School House (OSH). The question of whether any lead paint was in the OSH and if the paint had been tested was discussed and it was decided we did not know. Charlie feels it is unsafe to occupy the OSH. A new roof was put on the OSH in 2015. There are problems with sewage. A discussion was held on the liability of the Board related to the OSH. It was decided that the paint in the OSH needed to be tested for lead. A motion and second was made not to allow any rental or other use of the OSH, and it was unanimously approved. Bob Yeadon will arrange to have a sign up at the OSH.**

**MEMORIAL WALL**

1. **Bid on addition to the memorial wall was presented by Ward. The bid from Dave Hancock was for $22,500 for a new wall that will have bricks on both sides. A motion was made and seconded and approved to accept this bid.**
2. **A report on the existing order for new bricks was given by Craig. The new bricks have been ordered with changes from the original orders due to a ban by the Department Of Defensehttps://pin.it/7JV1Ohshttps://pin.it/7JV1Ohshttps://pin.it/7JV1Ohs on using official military insignias.**

**CARETAKER REPORT:**

1. **There are issues at the Memorial with a clogged culvert. The County was contacted and after a discussion they said they would look into it, not understanding that the property is County land. Jim McGee offered to talk to the Murphy’s Fire Department about them cleaning the culvert.**

**COMMUNITY AWARENESS/INVOLVEMENT: There was a lengthy conversation about the EPVMD board members participating in a number of events during the year. The Board discussed having a presence at the Frog Jump in May in Angles Camp, the Memorial Day ceremony in May, the Fourth of July parade in Arnold, and the Veterans Day celebration in November. The Board felt these were all good ideas, but maybe too much of a commitment at this time. Phil Poblano is the contact with the County for Veteran issues. The Board approved to accept the offer of one seat at the VSO booth at the Frog Jump in May. The Board approved to spend up to $350.00 for a wreath for Memorial Day. The ceremony of Memorial Day will start at 10:00 AM with the wreath laying and bagpipes.**

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Mr. Palmer stated that the rumor of the OSH being for sale is totally**

 **False. There are many false rumors about the Board that need to be clarified.**

**FINANCIAL: A report was submitted by our bookkeeper.**

**ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION: Future Board meetings may occur in Arnold. The EPVMD web site does need some updating and Maureen suggested using a company named Stremline so that we are in compliance with the Brown Act. We also need someone to manage the web site. We also need to update the Brick brochure. We also need to contact the Dept. of Defense or our local Congressman to allow us to use the military insignias on the bricks.**

**ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 12:10PM**

**The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday May 2, 2023 @ 3:00PM @ EPFD MEETING ROOM at Station 1.**