

- President Anton will be going to California and wants to talk to the fire chief in Folsom. The Board agreed this was a good idea.
- Since Mr. Sakaris has retired under California PERS, he would receive no retirement or health benefits from Seal Rock. President Anton stated the starting pay could be \$4500/month, negotiating for a pay increase if there is a longer term.
- Director Benjamin suggested there would be funds for an assistant because of the savings.
- Patty Benjamin asked how Mr. Sakaris knew of the opening. Mr. Sakaris said he'd found out about the opening on the internet and had kept track of what was happening with Seal Rock.
- Mr. Sakaris served for 31 years in California fire departments. He is big on safety, training, is certified to do training and is on target with Chief Ewing's goal for the district to be professional. He has headed a volunteer fire department at West Point and Pioneer. During the interview, he had the right answers and the Board feels they will know about Mr. Sakaris when he starts the position. He wants the volunteers to have ownership, is not looking to spend more money, wants to be involved in the budget process and is interested in being here for the upcoming house burn.
- Director Benjamin felt Mr. Sakaris has experience with small volunteer as well as bigger fire departments. He is an EMT.
- Director Kowalski made a motion to move forward with the background check on Tom Sakaris. Director Benjamin added to the motion that if the background check is ok, to make an initial offer of \$4500 as Interim Chief for 11 months with a six month evaluation. President Anton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimous.
- Director Raudsep asked if Mr. Sakaris could be hired before July. Director Benjamin suggested inviting Mr. Sakaris up, he could start and then do the background check. Director Benjamin will get the necessary forms to Mr. Sakaris so he can get started filling them out.

Director Raudsep made a motion to adjourn. Director Benjamin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimous.

President Anton adjourned the special meeting at 19:14.

Minutes prepared by Mary Lou Morris.