



RUTH LAKE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT and  
SOUTHERN TRINITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
JOINT BOARD MEETING  
Minutes for December 16, 2024



1. Call to Order:
  - a. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jordan Emery at 5:30 pm.
  - b. Chairman Jordan Emery led the flag salute.
  - c. RLCSD board members present were Jordan Emery, Ben Boak, Ed Johnson, and Debra Sellman. RLCSD board member not present was Roger Kirkpatrick. STVFD board members present were Ricky Blach, Rus Brown, Nik Erickson, Darroll Meyer, Mike Frasier, and Dallen Toerpe. STVFD board member not present was Chad Heaton. Others present were Melony Shortt, STVFD; Attila Gyenis, STAR; Seth Toerpe, USDA/STVFD; Dan Frasier, STVFD/Trinity County BOS; Gene Lombardo, STVFD; Julia Brownfield, Supervisor Elect District 5; Larry Raschein, HBMWD; Caitlin Canale, RLCSD; and Cynthia Lofthouse, RLCSD.
2. Approval of Agenda:
  - a. Debra Sellman motioned to approve the agenda for December 16, 2024. Ben Boak seconded the motion. Motion carried Jordan Emery, Ben Boak, Ed Johnson, and Debra Sellman.
3. Public Comment: None
4. STVFD Topics:
  - a. Everyone received information packets from Darroll Meyer that shared a timeline of events of the RLCSD and STVFD past relationship.
  - b. Gene Lombardo went over the events between the STVFD and RLCSD starting from May 1991 to February 2024.
  - c. Darroll Meyer reviewed the current status of the last Ad Hoc committee meeting between STVFD and RLCSD. There was discussion between the two boards and no resolution if the RLCSD has any financial obligations to the STVFD. STVFD sees the RLCSD as financially obligated to support them whereas, the RLCSD sees there are no financial obligations to the STVFD.
  - d. There was a general discussion amongst both boards regarding how to financially support the STVFD. It was suggested by Mike Frasier that providing funding to the STVFD could be one of RLCSD yearly expenses if there was some percentage of the previous year's gross revenue and the amount would vary depending on each year based off the gross revenue. It was suggested for the RLCSD to look at what the past percentages would have been based on the donation amount and that fiscal year's gross profit was.
  - e. Discussions between both boards continued about how to move forward and work together for the community. A variety of different suggestions were discussed. Rus Brown suggested that we move forward as there is no need to go back in history, we need to work into the future and the present moment. Dan Frasier suggested that RLCSD and STVFD continue to have Ad Hoc meetings until both boards come together with a solution on this matter.
5. RLCSD Topics:
  - a. RLCSD discussed with the STVFD board their past relationship with them over the years. It was shared that the RLCSD always saw the money provided to the STVFD as a donation as it was voted on yearly at a regularly scheduled board meeting. The



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amounts have varied over the years due to the RLCSD's finances. There has never been a set amount of money that has been donated to the STVFD over the years and the RLCSD allows the STVFD to spend the money where the department sees fit. The next Ad-Hoc committee will meet again sometime in January.

6. New Matters for Board Consideration: Nothing at this time.
7. Adjournment:
  - a. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Cynthia Seetharam 1-14-25  
Submitted by: Dated

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Approved by:

1/14/25  
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