

Albany County Fire District #1 Board Meeting January 18, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 5:08 pm. Board members present were Art Sigel, Joe Witt and Jon Essley.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and discussed. Chairman Sigel moved to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Secretary Essley and approved unanimously.

The financial report was discussed. Chairman Sigel moved to approve the financial report. Motion was seconded by Secretary Essley and approved unanimously.

LFD – Chief Johnson inquired if we received the tender page to the shed fire, as no one showed up. Chief Johnson will follow up with Steve to make sure pages are going out.

Fire Warden – All fires have been billed. The annual AOP meeting is February 15th from 10-3 and they will be discussing cost share agreements. Scott will continue to represent ACFD#1 at the AOP meetings. Jeremy will attend as well. Please update your PMR's for red cards. Fire paperwork class is February 26th from 1-3 at Station 2, this is for Albany County and will go over a standard operating guideline for paperwork. The whole state will be switching to Emergency Reporting so all departments within the county will have the same reporting system. This will save us from having to purchase it. HB 26 is tagging onto the Emergency Suppression Fund account and would pull \$500,000 out for bark beetle mitigation on a few acres of land. Wyoming Fire Chiefs are against this. The County Commissioners raised the issue of ACFD#1 paying the cost of County employees to manage all of the paperwork for the fires. We may need some kind of agreement with regard for compensation for County employees.

Hauled Water Program – Arrangements with Mr. Hamel are almost complete. Hal Burns is now interested and Chairman Sigel will be meeting with him. As for the ISO ratings, Chairman Sigel would like to see a Class 9 for the smaller stations and would like to schedule a discussion for that next month. Hauled water is worth anywhere from \$100-\$200/year for the homeowner.

Simultaneous paging – Is still a concept at this point, not in place.

VV New Engine Proposal – Fits into their long range plans to purchase a new type 6 engine. Brings up the bridge loan funding; in essence the Board becomes the bank, which creates questions - how much money to put in and how long is the money tied up for?

LLVFD will hold officer elections February 7th at 6:00pm at their station. Treasurer Witt will attend and represent the Board.

County Assessor Statistics – Central represents approximately \$140,000 of revenue. In the past those in the donut have been paying money in but did not have representation. Under the contract with the City of Laramie those homeowners can never be rated better than a Class 10 because the District is seen as a secondary response. The Board will continue to look into this.

Chairman Sigel moved that we schedule a working session with the Wyoming State Auditor. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt and approved unanimously.

The Secretary and Treasurer board member positions have been re-elected. Chairman Sigel moved to approve the slate of officers as it has been for the Albany County Fire District #1 Board. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt and approved unanimously.

Meeting schedule for 2017 – Only change is to move April's meeting to the 26th.

Maintenance –Secretary Essley proposed that we go local for tires for the last two 2.5's.

Training - Engine Boss Refresher at end of February. March 3 -5 will be a Red Card Class in Rock River. Chairman Sigel moved to approve up to \$500 for food for upcoming Red Card Class. Motion was seconded by Secretary Essley and approved unanimously.

Chief's Group – Did not meet. Chairman Sigel would like to see some action from the group on Recruitment and Retention in the next month. We need to have an intensive recruitment effort and Chairman Sigel would like to hear ideas of how we are going to do that.

BLVFD – Looking at submitting for WSF VFA monies for fire package on the 5 ton that was donated to WyColo. Chairman Sigel would like to see WyColo in the hauled water category. Chairman Sigel needs a MOU for this and also needs to know where the engine is going to be housed. An addition to a building is a large investment and the Board is not in a place to take that on now. Regarding the Hwy 230 hydrants, Justin is checking with DEQ to see if we can put hydrants on the transmission line. Best course of action currently is to work with the water department. BLVFD has a pager repair for \$125; they need to pay and submit for reimbursement. Wondering about the title to the ambulance they are getting rid of.

LLVFD would like to know the status of the VVFD's ambulance that is on loan to them. Chairman Sigel recommended a working session on this subject between LLVFD and VVFD.

CVVFD – It may be time to start looking into replacing the mobile radios in the trucks. We can begin that by using the last of the special purpose tax monies.

Central – Tender will potentially be in service by next week. Larry Drinnen has been appointed the Assistant Manager for Central and Zach Alexander has been appointed the Maintenance Manager for Central. Chairman Sigel moved to approve an additional \$200 to cover the extra cost of installation of the door opener on the Central Building. Motion was seconded by Secretary Essley and approved unanimously. Project Code – PA87 Secretary Essley moved to approve \$1500 to purchase an air compressor and fittings for the Central Building. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt and approved unanimously. Project Code – PA89 Dylan is working on SOP's, SOG's and roster and he would also like to get internet in the building for training and potentially a computer and a printer. Jeremy has a computer he can donate. Approval was given to Central to apply for WSF VFA to purchase hose and SCBA's for Central.

Expenditures approved by the board totaling \$2,200 to include up to \$500 for food for training; an additional \$200 for Central Building door opener installation; and \$1500 to purchase an air compressor and fittings for Central.

Next meeting is February 15, 2017.

Adjourned at 6:44 pm

Respectfully Submitted
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