

Albany County Fire District #1 Board Meeting June 15, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm by Chairman Sigel.

Board members present were Art Sigel and Joe Witt.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and discussed. Chairman Sigel moved to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt.

The financial report was discussed. Chairman Sigel moved to approve the financial report. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt.

There will be a Budget meeting before the public meeting next month on July 20th. Please get your budgets to Teri and Joe as soon as possible.

LFD – There is an issue with the language for the inclusion of our formal access to the City of Laramie’s hydrants within the annual contract. The City of Laramie asked to be named as an insured within the contract. LGLP has stated that they cannot cover the City of Laramie as an insured because they are not a member of LGLP. The District is a member of LGLP and they will cover any claims that we might be liable for. We are on hold at this point but will continue to operate through the month of July under the 2015 contract, through an agreement between Chairman Sigel and Chief Johnson.

ISO – Timothy Young spoke to the group about our ISO status. Currently CVVFD Station 1 is the only recognized station and all others are listed as unrecognized, which means they are treated as though they do not do any structural firefighting. ISO’s new goal is to evaluate every 4 years, our last one was done in 2011, so we are due for a review. Tim’s goal is to bring the Fire District up to what it truly is and show what the individual fire departments are capable of. He would like to meet with all Chiefs the last week of June (June 28th after 1:00pm) to sit down with each of them and go through the paperwork.

Board adjourned to executive session at 6:19 pm by Chairman Sigel.

Meeting reconvened at 6:39 pm by Chairman Sigel.

Jon Essley has been appointed as a new board member for Albany County Fire District #1. Secretary Essley is filling George French’s remaining term which runs out the end of this year after Secretary French’s resignation on June 6, 2016.

AOP – Larimer County frequently makes use of district resources for initial responses and they are interested in developing an actual mutual aid agreement, so we have a formal process. It was suggested to form a small committee and work out broader details and then meet with Larimer County and put together an agreement. Art wants volunteer feedback on this.

Water -

The District would like to move away from cisterns being the primary water source and move towards mobile transportable water. What type of compensation would be needed? If we have to buy additional insurance to use Laramie hydrants we need funding. If we buy new tenders, we need funding. The idea is to collect a fee from subdivisions applying for fire protection to be earmarked for that purpose only. Not sure yet how to accomplish this and we would need to include the County Attorney, Planning Office, and County Commissioners. How do you feel about that? The issues: Do we have a tender, do we have the personnel who are willing to drive the tender, and where will we keep a tender? The District needs to think about this and be realistic, could we do this, implement this? If we start this, we have to be ready to provide fire protection, when they start building houses. We can't wait until we collect enough money to buy another tender, etc.

CVVFD and Central Area

Eric will be holding a Pump Class, June 25th/26th or the first week after July 4th. This is a total pump operations class. Please email Eric and let him know if you would like attend. AC20 is in Laramie out by the Search & Rescue building. It currently does not have water in it. AC27 is in service. BL12 and Centennial Engine 2 are on the board nationally. They will each need a 3-man crew. Crews will be filled at the time engine is called. Big Laramie has a list of 6 people on rotation. Centennial's Open House is this Saturday (6/18).

Tire update – Priority 1 is done. The budget has been sent in for next year.

Radio Update – Special Purpose Tax money will be used to purchase radios.

Station 3 Security – In progress.

Dispatch – Protocol is in place and they are following it.

Maps – Art will pick up hard copies of the maps for the tenders.

Training Committee Vacancy – The Board would like the Training Committee to appoint someone to head the committee. Chairman Sigel will put out an email to the members of that committee.

BLVFD – One more RT130 this Saturday at 9:00, with the pack test after that. They have purchased a 2013 crew cab to haul personnel and will be taking it down tomorrow to get started on decals and get lights ordered. They received two new drop tanks to be used at Station 4.

Chairman Sigel moved that the Board would support sending out as many as three wildland units this year, if the staffing for the district is appropriate. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt and approved unanimously.

LLVFD – A raffle is being done through the auxiliary for a donated rifle to raise some funding to purchase new type 6. They are also going to sell an acre of land to raise money for the purchase. EMS – Travis is working with AC Medical Director to figure out hospital's side. Travis was granted the Board's permission to determine guidelines and what the District can and cannot regarding EMS in the county. LLVFD is signed up on standby for the Jubilee Days rodeo.

TSVFD – Their second cistern is in and they now have 3000 gallons onsite. All volunteers have finished training.

Maintenance – The maintenance group put together a chart for ranking vehicles. This matrix is a rating tool (or a planning tool) only at this time and it is up for discussion/comments. Does it look like it should, is it logical?

New Business-

Will ACFD#1 have some equipment in the Laramie Jubilee Days parade? Travis will get an application in.

Travis – There is a hose reel issue on tender. They will work with the maintenance committee to get pricing to fix the issue.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm by Chairman Sigel.

Respectively Submitted,

Michele Turner, Administrative Assistant