

Albany County Fire District #1 Board Meeting September 20, 2017

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Correction to the expenditure wording on fuel callout reimbursements. Chairman Sigel moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt 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.

County Fire Warden – Working on Keystone billing. Johnson Creek Fire will be paid as per the FMO on the Routt side of the FS. We need original CTR's and shift tickets. The Bosler Creek Wind Farm by Wheatland 3 has mitigation money available. Looking into an automatic aid agreement between City, Rock River and ACFD#1; could use Central as a primary resource. No direction from the County Commissioner's yet.

Simultaneous Paging – Steve attended a Chief's meeting and he would like to make changes. Would like to change the all page for structures only, since that is what applies to ISO, and everything else would go to local fire departments only. Chairman Sigel stated we chose all fires because of the complexity that it introduced into the paging system. Board's primary interest is in sustaining ISO ratings. Chairman Sigel moved that the Board supports an all page for structure fires only and all other fires will be the individual departments. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt and approved unanimously. New phone page, code red alert (county and city). Everbridge has offered a 5-year contract for service, more benefits, less cost, better functioning internal alerting system. Supplement to the radio, ISO won't recognize texting, supplement the paging system. Board support for Chief's to work with Steve on this.

Larimer County MOU – Steve would encourage Larimer County to provide a dispatchable address. When Larimer County calls it is recorded with dispatch. He suggest an all call for structure fires within Larimer County as well. Chairman will review with Larimer County first because of the billing associated with such a response. Our volunteers will be paid the moment they leave the station. We will still bill Larimer County even when we are disregarded. As for equipment costs, Secretary Essley suggested tracking fuel usage and record upon refueling when returning to the station. As for CTR's either their deputy can sign or one of our Chiefs can sign.

LLVFD Open House – October 7th from 2-5pm. Central will open the buildings around 1:00 pm. Jobs have been delegated. We need to be on the same page for training. They will need online training - 100, 200, 700, plus the RT130/190 (& refresher).

Tender Repair Project –VVFD tender done this week hopefully. LLVFD tender next and then every 10-14 days. Questioned if we should repaint LLVFD Tender and possible put an ACFD magnet on tender so there is a degree of consistency in labeling of tenders.

WyoColo Station – Everything is moving along.

Chief's Report – VFD's assisting with maintenance of deploying vehicles. Like to invite Board to next meeting Oct 10th, 5:30 at Huckleberry's. Suggestion for webpage, add another tab for current approved policies.

Central – Would like to purchase "Who's Responding" for people to be able to mark if they are available for a call and mark if they can respond to a call. Everyone will then know who is responding. Cost is \$700/year. Steve suggested Everbridge could possibly do this and it's something he can discuss when he meets with the Chief's. We can get a 45 day trial. Board would like for Central to try for 45 days and see what happens. Central would also like to purchase a docking station for their 4 gas meter. Chairman Sigel suggested if we purchase this it should be district wide. The Chief's need to decide on a single brand and then move forward with a testing center.

TSVFD – Open house decent turnout good food. They are fine.

VVFD –SAFER grant can pay for hotel fees during training. They have one member going through Casper College for paramedic class and SAFER will cover \$1500/term - \$6000 total but it has to be run through department funds. Brett please submit a written description regarding this, but the Board will approve tonight. Secretary Essley moved to approve up to \$6000 for paramedic tuition reimbursement for VVFD individual at roughly \$1500/semester. Motion was seconded by Chairman Sigel and approved unanimously. Project Code – PA116

BLVFD – BL12 is being serviced at Warrens. They are holding a red card class next week. Printing and food costs were preapproved last month for \$200.

CVVFD – Roy is new training officer. Looking at cheaper means of upgrading Engine 2; upgrade the chassis to a crew cab, more user friendly for dispatches. Getting bids on chassis, bids, etc. That chassis would replace the oldest chassis. Keep the fire packages, just switch out the chassis. Still looking for an engine for Albany (high altitude).

Wild Horse –Alex has joined CVVFD and several others in the pipeline. They have heightened awareness. Actively trying to recruit 6 people. Sound the Alarm event in Laramie on Saturday Sept 30th. They are asking for volunteers. ACFD would like to be more involved in the future.

New Business – Every department needs to have programs that promote community involvement. (ie. Tables and chairs)

Expenditures by the Board totaling \$6,000 to include paramedic tuition reimbursement for VVFD individual.

Next meeting 10/18/17 at 5:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm

Respectfully Submitted,
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