

Albany County Fire District #1 Special Meeting Minutes November 2, 2022

The special meeting was called to order at 10:30 am and held via Zoom. Board members present were Luke Hawkins, Brett Wadsworth and Matt Burkhart.

Met with Mike with FireRecovery.com regarding their services. We have the option to set up ACFD1 as the “biller” and that would cover our six individual fire departments, at which time the District could then allocate the appropriate funds to the departments who responded.

LFD is not currently a client, if they choose to join later that would need to be addressed as we can only submit one bill per response to incident, meaning it doesn't matter if more than one volunteer department and LFD respond, only one bill for all responding parties would need to be submitted one time.

The insurance company will pay what is justified by the event. FireRecovery.com collects all the money and the first of every month they send checks to those departments that had claims paid. They keep a percentage of funds recovered to pay for their services. If they do not recover any funds, we are not charged anything. They get involved once the at-fault party has been determined and then submit a claim to their insurance company.

They can also seek funds for structure fires, in addition to motor vehicle claims. They do not cover EMS. The District does not want to target people who are already paying for our services. However, Mike stated that all insurance policies have set aside an amount for these reimbursement services. The homeowner/motor vehicle owner is already paying for this in their insurance premiums.

The District is in control of what they submit for billing, but we do not control the billing amount, that is set. They require that we collect some information on scene, it is the same information that is federally required to be collected, the only additional piece of information they need would be the insurance carrier. They use all the big recording software, so they can work with ER.com. They do not automatically bill anything. We would set up a link in ER.com on our side and then if we have a billable event ER.com would send the information to them when we open that in their system. The timeframe to submit claims in one year. There are no issues with regard to our tax-exempt status. Currently Sweetwater County and Green River are using their services. There is no start up fee and there is no yearly fee if we are submitting some billable runs each year. Chief Isborn will reach out to Sweetwater County and Green River and state police.

Chairman Hawkins moved to adjourn the Executive Session at 11:13am. Motion was seconded by Secretary Burkhart and approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Turner, ACFD#1 Administrative Assistant