

Amended Albany County Fire District #1 Board Meeting February 15, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. Board members present were Art Sigel, Jon Essley and Joe Witt.

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. Board discussed billing WRS for retired firefighters quarterly instead of annually. ACFD is still holding a large debt for fire pay. ACFD has paid \$240,000 and received \$93,000 in federal payments. Secretary Essley moved to approve the financial report. Motion was seconded by Chairman Sigel and approved unanimously.

Radios – Two mobile radios totaling \$7667 have been ordered; this will take care of the 2001 special purpose tax money.

LFD – EMS Compact passed yesterday. Laramie Fire Department is looking at selling Engine 1 and one of their ambulances; if interested he needs information by March 10th or 11th to take to City Council meeting. LFD is planning a fuel disaster foam drill, if interested contact Chief Johnson so he can increase the budget for the foam.

County Fire Warden – Emergency Fire Reporting is starting to go out to the counties now. It is supposed to work across entities. BLM has a new repeater on Pole Mountain, called Lincoln Head. AOP meeting – Forest Service and BLM put verbiage in about study areas, wilderness, beetle kill, and long term managed fires. It is important to determine the ignition location of the fire, determine ownership quickly and determine how that entity wants to manage the fire. Do it safely, do what you are trained to do, but be aware of property lines. Forest Service and BLM dispatch would like to meet with the Chief's, IC's and Engine Bosses in the next couple of months. BLM is putting together communication trailers. Frank Keeler looking at combining dispatch centers into one in Casper. ACFD could get involved, help out, and have good input. One downfall, would be the actual shipping out of resources, Casper would handle everything the rotation list would grow (15 counties). Chad interested in getting involved in this. The County Attorney is hiring an attorney who is working towards an agreement between the County and agencies (to include ACFD#1) for assistance paying for administrative costs.

Draft from Larimer County Colorado for Mutual Aid Agreement – Current agreement has ACFD responding to Colorado only, no reciprocity and no cross-training. Appoint a committee to run this project; to include Scott, Jeff, Richard and Jeremy.

ISO Ratings and Homeowner Value – The District is qualified for hauled water with four stations that are acknowledged - Centennial, Harmony, Vedauwoo and Central (Station 3). Within 4.99 road miles of these four stations ISO ratings dropped from a 10 to a 5. The benefit on a

\$250,000 home is \$250/year to the homeowner. The Board is in process of developing an article to publish in the Boomerang.

Simultaneous Paging –Problem is CVVFD, as they have to have a repeater to send the page tone south across the valley. Cy is going to take Tom’s page and see if he can program it to pick up Jelm, if he can, then we can move forward. For ISO we have to have one page for structure fires. All paged decisions would then have to be made at the department level. We will leave this with the Chiefs.

Further ISO improvements – Opportunities to extend this by department and conceptually do another audit in October 2017.

BLVFD – Station 4 was not recognized WyColo – Proposal to Board is more water on the donated military 5 ton (500g). Need another 2000 gallons on wheels on either vehicles or additional water source in place. They are looking at water sources and winter access. Within 5 road miles, there are 210 homes. Talk of getting large water storage tanks from oil fields and burying them to keep from freezing. BLVFD Truck Proposal – Asking the Board for Station 4, upgrade truck \$30,000, 2 bay building addition \$80,000 – VFA applied for ½ - \$15,000 on VFA grant; auxiliary would put up 50% of the building addition project – about \$47,500 each; continuing to look for grants. Truck is 1200 gallons, it’s a step towards ISO – would need another 2000 gallon tender up there to meet ISO.

State Forestry is a year out on getting the truck upgraded. BLVFD would like to do 50/50 on truck. Art would like a proposal to be written up, explaining what they want to do and why with an estimate of the project schedule. BLVFD said the max would be \$15,000 for truck. The Board would support that \$15,000.

TSVFD – They won’t make it without another engine; and they don’t have a pump that will pump that much water. They were set up as wildland fire initially and they are happy with where they are.

CVVFD –Albany station – Possibly place a Type 3 in middle of valley somewhere (Buckeye) Brett drafted a policy regarding the auxiliary purchase of a vehicle and whether department, at a later date, could then use that vehicle (or a percentage) as a trade-in to upgrade. That document takes the control out of the Board’s hand. Chairman Sigel will not support that proposal as it is written.

Central – Extend out from station 3 with this new building and possibly purchase Laramie’s Engine 1; AC27 would then be in reserve status. Then Central Building could qualify as a station. Board will call a special meeting to consider the purchase of Laramie’s Engine 1.

VVFD Engine Purchase – Total cost \$92,273; Assuming VVFD gets the grant - auxiliary will pay for \$18,500, ACFD to pay for \$18,500, balance of 60% (\$55,364) from MRG Grant. We anticipate the same response that CVVFD received and also agree they might come forward with an option that hat will cost us more money. The Board is committing to \$18,500.

Chairman Sigel moved to support VVFD's engine proposal up to \$35,000 if the SLIB Board cuts the grant as low as \$40,000. Motion was seconded by Secretary Essley and approved unanimously. Project Code – PA90

Recruitment and Retention – These are important issue for district as a whole; need to form a committee of chiefs and one member of the board. We still have a problem at CVVFD and LLVFD. Advertising – UW journalism department (Matt Smith) will be doing an article with a slant towards recruiting, getting people interested, offer free training. Articles will be printed in the BI and Boomerang.

Maintenance – Secretary Essely moved to approve Warren's Repair Towing proposal for services and fees on a trial basis for two months, as an alternate for maintenance. Motion was seconded by Chairman Sigel and approved unanimously.

Training Committee – Jeremy has a document with upcoming spring trainings, this will be a monthly thing. Eric has additions to training – RT130 noon on 4/29, pack test after at 1700; second pack test on 5/6 at 1200; saw class S212 5/20-21, plus a day; pumps class S211 6/3-4; two NWCG classes registration out to chiefs shortly.

Chiefs' Group – Paging dispatch form – Steve just wants to be contacted he doesn't need the piece of paper. Call him within 24 hours of the dispatch. Leave the call to the Chief's or the Chief's designee. Form is a good idea; keep a record.

VVFD –Fire call out and fuel reimbursement draft policy – The Board hasn't really delved into it. What kind of rate? Same as the mileage rate for POV, the gsa rate. It would be from residence to fire station for fire calls only, roundtrip, and we be approved by a representative of the department. Would be administered at the department level. Secretary Essley thinks this would be important to tender operators and ties to recruitment and retention and would be an extension of travel for training, whether it's live fire or not. Strengthen the proposal and put in \$1000 allotment for each department and get to the Board at the next meeting.

Treasurer Witt moved to approve up to \$2500 for VVFD's VFA Grant expenditures for PPE, chainsaw and gear lockers, dependent upon grant being awarded to VVFD from Wyoming State Forestry. Motion was seconded by Secretary Essley and approved unanimously.

VVFD requested the ACFD Board assist in paying for EMT class and supplies. If EMT stays with the department for one year, come back to Board for reimbursement.

BLVFD – Has an interest in the purchase of the ambulance from City, and will talk to Chief Johnson about that. That will all be on their auxiliary.

CVVFD – Chad working on replacing old radios. Dispatch will now be asking callers if a fire truck or ambulance can get into their place.

Central – Engine 1 purchase, PA89 in completed. Snow removal out here? It is a B=budget item for several of the departments. He will see if he can cut a deal with the landlord.

Forms discussion – Need to know when the PA's are completed. Inquire as to what is going on and then try to close them out.

Expenditures by the Board totaling up to \$38,000 to include up to \$35,000 or VVFD's MRG engine proposal if awarded grant; up to \$2500 for VVFD's VFA grant proposal for PPE, chainsaw and gear lockers if awarded grant.

Next meeting is March 22, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
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