

Albany County Fire District Board Meeting November 16, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 5:05pm. Board members present were Joe Witt and Jon Essley.

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

EMA – Please let EMA know if there is action taken with the LLVFD ambulance. Each of us uses equipment on the WYOLINK system; we have 877 pieces of equipment identified in the super bills that were sent out. Aimee needs the Chief's match up equipment with the itemized bills so we can remove equipment that is no longer being used. ACFD1 Board is invited to an informational meeting on Monday, November 21 at 10am to determine how Albany County is going to move forward and plan for budgeting of this upcoming expenditure.

The financial report was discussed. Secretary Essley moved to approve the financial report. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt.

Wild Horse Ranch – Presentation from Alex with the WHR regarding geography, resident concerns, support to ACFD1 and what they can do to assist ACFD1. WHR is currently experiencing an increase in their population. They currently have 62 platted structures with 37 seasonal, 23 full-time and 5-6 that will become full-time in the near future. Only 4-5 of these are prepared for water protection with water on-site or a cistern. WHR understands that a response would come from CVVFD, LLVFD and BLVFD. They realize they have to work through the existing system and they want to make sure we have the support and resources we need from them. There are concerns regarding ingress and egress as the roads are not great. The homeowner's association is working on getting roads into a condition that would make passage by emergency vehicles possible year round. Currently the only access roads are off of Hwy 130 and the Big Hollow Road. There are also locked gates; WHR will provide the access code to the Chiefs. As for topography and terrain, they can't do anything about that. They will address this by helping first responders to know the best route into the ranch, as some areas will have difficulty moving large vehicles. They are also working with Pioneer irrigation to find a route that is high enough to replace the bridge they lost in the flood so there is reliable access from Harmony Lane. Also working on getting permits for dry hydrants and will need ACFD1's help, through the Chief's, to determine placement. They plan on starting an auxiliary to help raise funds to pay for PPE and training, as well as do periodic testing of cisterns and hydrants and training on fire extinguisher use, etc. They will also be part of a community watch. In order to assist us, they will recruit from WHR to join an existing department, most likely Centennial due to ease of access. First steps will be recruitment and training and working with the community so they are not a burden. They are willing to work to get what they need.

Interim County Fire Warden – Primary mission is catching up on paperwork. Old evacuation plans were given to the Board. Scott received a call from Country Meadows – within ACFD1 but not his jurisdiction; it falls within Central so contact Dylan.

Hauled Water Program – Board approved moving forward with a more formalized program for the district. Currently developers have to either install a cistern or the fire district has the opportunity to review/approve an alternative. Developers have indicated they would like to advance the monies they would pay toward a cistern to work towards a hauled water program through a fee structure based on criteria. The developer must still have the choice though. A fee structure would be determined by the board and renewed annually. What about the liability associated with taking money, we are volunteers with full-time jobs? Chief Johnson mentioned that someone needs to reference the standard of operation for providing water and also to look at NFPA Standard 1142 for rural water supply. If we stick with cisterns, where is the liability then? Also with cisterns there has to be an 8 foot road to and from to allow for access to the cistern, but who maintains that? That is the huge hole in the system, who is responsible?

ISO Paging – Chairman Sigel and Tom went into dispatch and talked to Steve Morgan about simultaneous dispatching and he is more than willing to make this a go.

Fire Pay – Secretary Essley moved to allow individual departments to reimburse firefighters for outstanding fire pay, the individual fire departments can then submit a voucher to ACFD#1 for reimbursement. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt.

Wildland program – Still looking for someone to step up and run program. The Chief's Group discussed this at their meetings. They will manage this issue and are prepared to put engines on the board next year (1-CCVFD, 1-BLVFD and 1-VVFD). Treasurer Witt brought up that money made from engines from federal fires should be sent to the district then it can be decided which equipment should be replaced/upgraded and where it should go. This would affect CVVFD and BLVFD because they wouldn't get their money. Response - This is how departments generate money, if they can't access that money then they won't put a vehicle on the board to go out. They are already using the money made on fires to upgrade their equipment, which is less money they have to ask the Board for. It also helps the departments cover the day to day expenditures. BLVFD has spent seven years getting to where they are and CVVFD has spent 10 years before that to get to the point they are at. It doesn't happen overnight, it takes time. Tom reminded everyone that there was an agreement with the Board that for vehicles sent out on federal fires the fire department presented to the board at 50% for share maintenance.

Maintenance – State has tires for two vehicles. If there are any questions about service, please ask Jim or ask service to do an oil analysis. Oil samples have been done on the new tenders and the oil has been changed. Warren's Towing has approached us and wants to put forward a proposal for one of the maintenance capabilities. This would be a back up to Jim. They can also do jobs he can't do because of a lift in the shop and primary towing capability.

Training - Secretary Essley moved to approve a BLVFD training request for Richard Parrish and Mike Morin for fuel costs of \$120.00. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt. There is another hydrant training scheduled for November 28th at 1800 at LFD training grounds. Get dates for Air Life training to Jeremy. TSVFD training burn – the landowner was very happy. There are other training opportunities this spring and the possibility of an S211 and S215

training. The BLM is planning a burn up north and the feds would provide training a no cost, either in December or February.

Central – The bill of sale for the tender needs to be signed and emailed back. Once we have delivery, Dylan will order the equipment for it. Dylan has started to move into the new building at 4373 North 3rd Street, AC20 is there and in service. The doors have been recoded, ask Dylan for the code. Looking a furnishing some tables and chairs from UW Surplus. Dylan will also go to Denver to pick up 10 tables at \$40.00/piece.

CVVFD – Secretary Essley moved to approve Centennial’s expenditure of up to \$800 to install an air compressor. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt. Secretary Essley moved to approve up to \$600 to repair CVVFD Unit 10. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt. Project Code – PA85 Through the ISO process their long range plan includes purchasing a type 3 engine for Albany to carry the Class 8 rating there as well.

BLVFD – Through the ISO process they are working on fixing some issues. They will need to do a CPR renewal class as some people are expiring at the end of the year.

LLVFD – A small issue with previous member who wants reimbursement for a chainsaw that was loaned to LLVFD that needs repair. Derek will get two estimates and bring back to the Board.

TSVFD – Still open, waiting for winter.

VVFD – Secretary Essley moved to approve \$1400.00 for to purchase a ladder for VV1. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt. Project Code – PA86 Board was presented with a draft fire callout reimbursement policy and a draft policy that addresses vehicle replacement and acquisition. Main question was why should departments try to upgrade their fleet if they can’t get anything out of it, it is also a huge negatives for the auxiliaries to help with purchases of vehicles. The draft policy addresses these issues. The Board will need Art’s input.

Expenditures approved by the board totaling \$2920.00 to include training fuel costs for BLVFD at \$120.00; CVVFD’s expenditure of up to \$800.00 to install an air compressor; ACFD1’s expenditure of up to \$600.00 to repair Unit 10; and ACFD1’s expenditure of \$1400.00 to purchase a ladder for VVFD’s VV1.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectively Submitted,
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