

Amended Albany County Fire District #1 Board Meeting Minutes April 22, 2020 Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order at 5:02 pm. Board members present were Art Sigel, Joe Witt and Jon Essley.

This meeting was held on the Internet using a service called Zoom due to state regulations restricting the size of gatherings as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

No Executive Session was held.

The Board will introduce each topic, offer initial thoughts, then open up for comments from those in attendance. Then the board will move a decision, if necessary, for that topic.

Chairman Sigel moved Board of the Districts payment of all March 2020 bills in the amount of \$62,472.16. The regularly scheduled March Board Meeting had been canceled due to the pandemic. Paying our bills was considered by the Board to be a matter of "serious immediate concern", so an email poll of the Board members found unanimous agreement that the bills should be paid as schedule. This emergency action was taken, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic in March, and pursuant to Wyoming State Statute the ACFD#1 Board is now ratifying those decisions. Motion was seconded by Jon Essley and approved unanimously.

Chairman Sigel moved to approve the emergency repair of BL12 in the amount of \$1365. Motion was seconded by Secretary Essley and approved unanimously. PA 232

Chairman Sigel moved to approve the acceptance of \$2300 in revenue from Vista Grande for their Hauled Water Contract because of the expansion of the number of lots within their initial plat. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt and approved unanimously.

Chairman Sigel moved to approve the February 19, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt and approved unanimously.

No comments from the public.

Chairman Sigel moved to approve the financial report as presented. Motion was seconded by Secretary Essley and approved unanimously.

Budget Recap – Chief's have received Profit & Loss Statements from Teri Jo which are broken down by departments. Keep in mind there might be a state/county budget shortfall and it is possible the County Commissioners might not give us the full 3 mils for our budget next year. The Board must request in writing to the County Commissioners every year that they fund us at the level of 3 mils and it is at their discretion whether they do or not.

County Fire Warden – Chairman Sigel moved to approve the signing of the Annual Operating Plan by Treasurer Witt. Motion was seconded by Secretary Essley and approved unanimously. Red cards will be the same as last year, with new people having to go through the process to get their red card.

EMA – Community partner meetings are held every week regarding COVID-19. Preparing for flooding events. Working with VVFD to plan for pile ups on I-80 and subsequent transportation down the mountain if needed.

LARC – The City owns property in the County and Chief Johnson is preparing a specific list of these areas, as LFD wants to be dispatched to all City property in the County with the new Laramie Contract.

FY2020/2021 Budget Process – The Board is requesting the department priorities. There are several projects we will not be able to fund this year. Our 3 mills of \$500,000 does not leave room for much else, plus COVID-19 is also a concern, with less people possibly on board for federal fire fighting due to risks, and possible impacts from county and federal receipts.

Chief's Dispatch Policy Proposal – Secretary Essley moved to approve the policy as presented with the following verbal amendments: Under General Section – add last sentence that states, "The District's first priority remains fire protection within the District."; Under Policy – remove 2 completely; Under Policy 6.b. – add in quotes after "Local", "250 mile radius from Laramie. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt and approved unanimously.

Central Station Status – Continuing to work with contractor regarding specific pricing on various elements.

LFD Contract – In negotiations, as mentioned above LFD wants to maintain the ability and automatic response to any City of Laramie properties that are outside of the City within the County. Headed toward a contract that will have volunteer departments as primary respondent to wildland fires.

Chief's Report – Discussed the vehicle policy.

BLVFD – Issue with a call and the boundaries for Central and BLVFD around mile marker 10 on Hwy 230. BLVFD can respond quickly as they are within 5 miles of that area. Central is 15 miles and must go through town. The call was a medical call and BLVFD should have been called.

BL15 – Request for ACFD#1 to pay \$20,000, BLVFD to pay \$5,000 and Station 4 Associates to pay \$25,000. ACFD#1 Board committed to contributing \$15,000 originally. Chairman Sigel does not support that price of \$20,000 which includes the change of scope of the project to a 90-point engine, which was not presented to the Board. Chairman Sigel moved to approve for BLVFD to spend \$10,000 of their funds to conclude the purchase of BL156 in addition to PA98b. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt and approved unanimously.

BL30 – Chairman Sigel moved to approve BLVFD to fund the three projects for BL30 plus 10 pagers for a total of \$13,210. Motion was seconded by Secretary Essley and approved unanimously. PA233

Station 4 Tanks – BLVFD would like to put in two additional 15,000 gallon tanks this summer. There is a total of \$5468 left on PA 148 which was a 50/50 split PA originally. Secretary Essley moved to approve up to \$2500 of ACFD funds for the storage tank project at Station 4 in WyColo. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt and approved unanimously. PA234

VVFD – They have one vehicle as WSF for a tank leak and foam pump issue. The command truck has a cracked windshield and needs lettering. Will still need additional PPE as well.

CVVFD – Secretary Essley moved to approve \$19,800 of CVVFD funds to equip new Engine 1 to be a 90-point engine. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt and approved unanimously. PA235

Central – AC12 at WSF had valves replaced and looked at CAFS system, but don't have a cost figure yet. Need to send AC20 to WSF to get the foam system worked on, no on cost on that yet either. Acquired 20 Scott next gen 2 airpacks (packs/bottles/masks/regulators) from District 1 in Cheyenne, however

most of the bottles are up to their service date. Would like to use SCBA grant money to get them refurbished at Dalmation Fire and get them replaced. Believe there is a crack on the tank of AC27.

Expenditures by the Board totaling \$46,875 to include the emergency repair of BL12 in the amount of \$1365; BLVFD to spend \$10,000 of their funds to conclude the purchase of BL156 in addition to PA98b; BLVFD to fund the three projects for BL30 plus 10 pagers for a total of \$13,210; \$2500 of ACFD funds for the storage tank project at Station 4 in WyColo; and \$19,800 of CVVFD funds to equip new Engine 1 to be a 90-point engine.

Next Meeting May 20, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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