

Albany County Fire District #1 Board Meeting Minutes October 17, 2018

Meeting called to order at 5:09 pm. Board members present were Art Sigel, Joe Witt and Jon Essley.

No comments from the public.

Secretary Essley moved to approved the minutes from the September 29, 2018 Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt and approved unanimously. Chairman Sigel moved to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from October 3, 2018. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt and approved unanimously.

Financial Report – CPA Audit must be done every year now for all Fire and Water Protection Districts. Secretary Essley moved to approve the financial report as stated. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt and approved unanimously.

Please keep Teri informed on PA's:

098a -Nov 2018

098b -June 2019

121 –Nov 2018

124 –Waiting for reimbursement on VFA Grant

127 –Cancel, did not get grant

130 –Nov 2018

135 –Done

140 –Done

144 –Centennial funds; around \$3000 left

145 –VVFD expenditure is complete; WSF shipping bill doesn't know if it has come through

146 –Nov 2018

147 –\$2000 in December and rest in May 2019

148 –Done

149 –Done

150 –Nov 2018

151 –Nov/Dec 2018

152 –Done

153 –Jan 2019

154 –Jan 2019

156 –Nov 2018

EMA – Because of extent of Badger Creek there is \$450,000 hazard mitigation grant funds (75/25) coming to State of WY and she believes projects can be submitted in Nov. Some ideas include generators, culverts, long term water storage. Stipulations is you had to have participated in hazard mitigation planning that they did 5 years ago. There will be another hazard mitigation plan this spring. If you plan to participate: Have some project thinking about then bring forward; Aware that money is coming into the state for hazard mitigation projects; Start putting projects together. Minimal roads left by developers and now we are expected to

respond to emergency calls. Sub-standard roads are a hazard. ACFD can advocate for those changes. Help them to understand why it's a life safety hazard for responders and residents.

Financial Outlook –

Fire Pay – All fires have been paid out except Badger Standby, Pumpkin Vine and 20% left on Badger. Truck pay – hopefully get out to department in next couple of months.

Fire Pay – Current receivable of \$442,000; about \$300,000 is Badger Creek.

Truck Pay – Intention of the Board to pay out the truck pay as reimbursements come in. We will pay the volunteer first and then truck pay. Which truck pay first last year or this year?

Chief's fully support Board in paying FF's. Last year ½ was held. Is the Board going to continue that? If not, how are we going to pay the firefighters? Consensus from the Chiefs that if Board needs to keep ½ to pay firefighter's then departments will take ½ from last year and pay ½ from this year. Chairman Sigel asked the Chief's to discuss if that is truly what they want to do.

Land Purchase – Closing on Monday 22nd. There are some grave concerns from the Chief's group. The city has a 2007 comprehensive plan map (20 year plan) which show annexation to south to accommodate growth in that area. Other concern is recognition by ISO, if we move to the south what about the people in the North. The Board is responsible for the entire district and has to pay attention to the strategic needs of the entire district. The central area is unique, served until recently by one engine coming out of Laramie, it was not a well-served area.

Central area tax revenues are over 55% of the tax revenue of the district. There has been a subsidy from the Central area, and now we are turning some of that back to the people who have putting their money into the district for years. Question of how will it impact the district and for what period of time. What is the budget for Central and what will the impact be? The contract with the City of Laramie is most likely going to increase. For a paid department and to provide the level of services provided by LFD there has to be a substantial amount of training done, to bring volunteers up to deal with leadership on wildfires, IC, leadership on water management, structure protection.

Wild Horse AAR – Scott let the discussion. Discussion of setup on fire, entry into area, water management, position of tenders and dumping water.

Chiefs Report – Discussed paperwork for fires and impact on warden and Michele; ensure your paperwork is correct. There will be a class in spring for everyone who wants to dispatch; your responsibility to get it right. Training - Riverton and Cheyenne have upcoming trainings. We need to focus on communicating the availability of training; what is strategy for training program? What are your targets? Training to improve capability of depts. And move people up the ladder so to speak. Mike feels the training needs to be handled by people who are trained to do the training. Need to re-establish the training group. Chairman Sigel feels this is the Chief's responsibility to work on.

TSVFD – No outside water, trucks in heated building are full.

CVVFD – New station is almost complete. E2 is not drafting, they are working on fixing it.

Central – Dispatch is disregarding Central to extrication calls.

VVFD – Chairman Sigel moved to approve \$2139.65 for truck repair by Fire Truck Certification Company at a 50/50 split (VVFD-1069.82/ACFD-1069.83). Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt and approved unanimously. PA 157

New Business – How many fire stations have a backup genset? BLVFD Station 4 does – Secretary Essley needs to know if it covers the whole station, communications, pumps and what percentage of the function it runs. None of the rest of the station have a genset. Ranch manager had a hand crew on the Pumpkin Vine fire that is really interested in getting them red carded. Treasurer Witt moved to pay Badger Creek Standby fire when funds are available for the whole time firefighters were on standby. Motion was seconded by Jon Essley and approved unanimously.

Expenditures by the Board totaling \$2139.65 for truck repair by Fire Truck Certification Company at a 50/50 split (VVFD-1069.82/ACFD-1069.83).

Next meeting November 14, 2018, 5:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Turner, ACFD#1 Administrative Assistant