



## **LEFTHAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

### **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Lefthand Board of Directors**

Date: April 13, 2010

Location: LH Station 4, 7300 Lefthand Canyon Drive

Time: 6:00 PM

**Call to order:** Director Stirling called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

Directors present: Jack Kutscher, Brian Walko, Hildy Armour, and Deborah Stirling.

Others present: Fred Huff, Tom Stoffel, Russell Leadingham, Kristi Rutledge and Joanne Keys

#### **Old Business**

##### Minutes

There are a couple changes to the minutes. One was a grammatical error. The year Directors Armour and Blood will be sworn in is 2010 not 2020 as stated. Also, the City of Boulder will not be renewing their paramedic services, not Boulder County. Director Walko moved to approve the minutes from the 3/9/10 regular meeting of the Lefthand Board of Directors with the changes as noted. Director Armour 2nd the motion, which passed unanimously.

##### Treasurer's Report

Director Walko distributed the profit and loss statement from Jan through the end of March 2010.

#### **New Business**

##### Pension Board Recommendation Review

Joanne Keys gave a review of two of our Firefighters who are currently contesting some of their years of service. There are some discrepancies in LHFPD's records and what their records show. Joanne met with the two individuals and presented her recommendations to the Board of Directors. A copy of Joanne's recommendations will be sent to the Board of Directors. Director Stirling suggested that she and Kristi meet before the next Pension Board meeting to review action items from Joanne's recommendations.

There was an additional recommendation to correct the language in the year end review letters. The wording in the current letter is confusing for some as it says "You joined in (year) and have accrued (xx) years of pension". The year the letter is referring to actually reflects the year the volunteers' began accruing pension. Therefore the letter should read: "You joined in (year). You started accruing pension in (year) and you have (xx) years".

##### Chief's Monthly Report

Calls have started to pick up. A couple calls of note were a small structure fire and a bike accident resulting in a head injury that occurred at Heil Ranch. With regard to the reporting of our calls, 'cancelled in route' calls were not counted in the past. Those should be counted moving forward and have been added to the runsheet for this year.

##### Trucks & Equipment

Acting Chief Leadingham gave an update on the status of LeRoy. It was moved to Mountain Truck from some repairs to the motor, signaling issues and some other minor repairs. Mountain Truck is tracking those wiring issues because the wiring was initially done by Lonex. Parts have been ordered and should be fixed soon. Once it is fixed it will be returned to Lonex for the rest of the work to be completed. The new pump is still not working properly.



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There have been repairs to some of our trucks, pumps fixed and other items. A backup generator was installed in Station 2. We had an emergency repair to one of the overhead doors at station 1.

### Building Maintenance

Acting Chief Leadingham requested to purchase heaters for 3 of the stations, two at Station 2, one for Station 3 and one for Station 4. The cost is approx. \$640/per unit. The board approved this purchase.

The board is asking LH volunteers who are contractors for bids on finishing the windows and blinds at Station 4. Acting Chief Leadingham is following up with those volunteers.

Susie Patterson has volunteered to do some landscaping at station 1. The board previously approved up to \$100 to purchase new plants. In addition, she is requesting xeriscape/drought tolerant plants from any members of LH Fire who would like to donate additional plants. A notice will go out to the volunteers to solicit help as soon as a date is selected to plant.

Acting Chief Stoffel suggested purchasing a heavy duty flag pole for Station 1. He will research options and get back to the board.

### Mitigation

The Mitigation crew, to date has burned or chipped over 350 piles on the Souders property. The crew also did some work for Cal-Wood. There are many new defensible space projects as well, including Lake of the Pines, Crestview Estates and others. There is funding available from the HOA at Crestview Estates. Directors Stirling and Walko are also interested in having projects done at their residences.

### Fire Marshall Report

There is a driveway being built in the Bar-K on Jed Smith Road. It currently meets LH specifications and is being reviewed by the county.

There is no new news on the bridge at Lefthand Canyon.

### Bar-K Cisterns

The lease agreement between the Bar-K Association and LHFPD for the property holding the Cistern Tank for the Bar-K subdivision was signed at this meeting by Director Stirling and Director Walko. The tank has been purchased, however there is an additional \$500 charge for transportation of the tank. A motion was made to authorize the \$500 for transportation of the tank by Director Armour. Director Walko 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, which passed unanimously. Bids are currently being accepted for the excavation work on the project. All bids must include proof of insurance. The Fire Department will not accept any liability on the part of the contractors. Bids will be sent to the Lefthand PO Box and should be reviewed by someone other than Director Kutscher.



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### New Business

#### Insurance Policy Review

Directors Stirling and Blood along with Fred Huff met with our Insurance Agent, Charles Hix to discuss our current policy. A request was made to Mr. Hix for a 1 page summary with a more clear explanation of our general liability coverage.

#### Pinnacol Case Update

Director Stirling read a statement to be included in the LHFPD Board of Directors records. A copy of that statement will accompany the April minutes as an addendum. The following motions were made:

Director Kutscher made a motion to continue Seth on unpaid disability for the end of the year because of his physical and mental condition. Director Armour 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, which passed unanimously.

Another motion was made by Director Walko to authorize continue payments Seth's medical treatment under Dr. Perry through the end of this year (2010). Director Armour 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Kristi Rutledge, Secretary, LHFPD