



LEFTHAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Lefthand Board of Directors

Date: May 18, 2010

Location: LH Station 4, 7300 Lefthand Canyon Drive

Time: 6:30 PM

Call to order: Director Stirling called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Directors present: Jack Kutscher, Brian Walko, Hildy Armour, Austin Blood and Deb Stirling.

Others present: Fred Huff, Tom Stoffel, Russell Leadingham, Claire Rozinek, Paul Rozinek, Fritz Koch, Claudia Kutscher and Kristi Rutledge

Old Business

Minutes

Director Blood moved to approve the minutes from the 4/13/10 regular meeting of the Lefthand Board of Directors with the changes as noted. Director Walko 2nd the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Director Walko distributed the profit and loss statement from Jan through the end of April 2010. There was a question regarding one line item in the budget for Mitigation Grant Income. The budget amount appeared to be too high. Director Walko will investigate and give an update at the next meeting.

Lefthand has some older SCBA gear that was going to be donated to the refinery in Wyoming. However, Asst. Chief Leadingham followed up with them and has not heard back. He found a company that buys old gear. The company gave us a significant credit for future equipment purchases (approx. \$1,000).

Director Walko will add to the Training section two separate line items for Fire and EMT.

Secretary's Report

Kristi received a quote from Aero Web Works from Broomfield to do some upgrades to our website. These upgrades would add better functionality and make it easier to update our website. The minimum cost for some basic improvements is \$600. That is most likely on the high end. Director Walko moved to approve the \$600 for upgrade expenses. Director Kutscher 2nd the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board discussed printer and computer options for the office. Kristi will research computers, either a PC or laptop and a color printer for the offices.

CWPP Update

George Greenwood submitted a DRAFT copy of the CWPP to Chief Stoffel. Chief Stoffel and Asst. Chief Leadingham will review and get back to George with any changes.

New Business

Chief's Monthly Report

- Calls have continued to pick up. There were two cyclists who were driven to the Greenbriar from the Jamestown area. Both were transferred to Pridemark. One of our firefighters was involved in a car accident on the switchbacks, just outside of Jamestown. Jamestown FD responded to the call.



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Trucks & Equipment

- The pump pressure switch blew at Station 1 and Russell has replaced it. A couple of pumps on the trucks were replaced as well.
- LeRoy Update: There has been a hold up with the decals and chevrons.

Building Maintenance

- Russell replaced the broken toilet at Station 1.
- Windows at Station 4: Russell is following up with several of our volunteers who are contractors. All of them have been attending the Academy training.
- Gardens at Station 1: Planting is scheduled for Mon. May 24th.

Mitigation

- Tom applied for an experimental burn permit, which allows Lefthand to burn during winter months, when burning normally is not allowed. Lefthand was granted that permit. There are not very many of those awarded.
- To date, there have been approx. 1,710 piles burned/ chipped on the Souders property.
- There are several homeowner jobs that have been completed. Also there was a lot of work done with the chipper at Crestview Estates.

Fire Marshall Report

- Acting Chief Leadingham is still in the process of reviewing the driveway on Jed Smith Road. Updated drawings were just re-submitted. Chief Stoffel and Acting Chief Leadingham will review those drawings.
- The homeowner who is building a bridge on Lefthand Canyon, applied for a 3,800 Sq. Ft. garage on his property. He was denied a permit by the County.

Swearing in of Directors for their new Terms of Office

- Directors Blood and Armour were officially sworn in for their next terms of office.

Bar-K Cisterns

- There were 4 bids received for the excavation work to be done on the Bar-K Cistern. Tom and Fred reviewed each of the bids. They ranged from \$6k up to \$12k.
- Tom and Fred both recommend Buddy Kihm. Buddy took the time to do some test holes at the site and his bid was all inclusive (including blasting). Director Armour made a motion to contract with Buddy Kihm to do the excavation for the Cistern project. Director Walko 2nd the motion, which passed unanimously.

Employee Volunteer Agreement

Director Stirling reviewed several adjacent district's volunteer agreements and based our agreement on a combination of those. Director Stirling will send the final forms to Kristi.



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Insurance Policy Review

Our current Insurance agent sent a 1 page review of our policy, per a request from Directors Stirling and Blood. Both directors were in agreement of the fact that the review didn't not do a sufficient job of providing clarification of the entire policy.

Ambulance Service Plan

Director Stirling has been reviewing several proposals that have been submitted from various districts. One included a plan to create a new EMS District, which would include Lefthand and adjacent districts. The plan would involve passing a mill levy on the ballot. Both Fred and Director Stirling are opposed to this plan. Director Stirling also met with several adjacent Districts, who are also opposed to creating a new EMS District.

Pinnacol Case Update

The court date has been pushed out again. No other new news.

Medical Fitness Issue

There has been recent concern that some of our firefighters do not display the level of physical fitness required to respond safely to incidents. A suggestion was made to create a new rule that would require all new volunteers to pass the work capacity test. This issue will be re-visited at the June meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Kristi Rutledge, Secretary, LHFPD