



## **LEFTHAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

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

Date: June 8, 2010

Location: LH Station 4, 7300 Lefthand Canyon Drive

Time: 6:00 PM

**Call to order:** Director Stirling called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

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

Others present: Fred Huff, Tom Stoffel, Russell Leadingham, Fritz Koch and Kristi Rutledge

#### **Old Business**

##### Past Minutes

Director Armour moved to approve the minutes from the 5/18/10 Board of Directors meeting.

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 May 2010.

There was a question regarding one line item (4305) in the budget for Mitigation Grant Income.

The budget amount of \$380k appeared to be too high. Director Walko, Chief Stoffel and Kristi agreed to meet with the accountant to investigate and correct this matter.

##### CWPP Update

Chief Stoffel and Deputy Chief Leadingham are still in the process of reviewing the CWPP.

Nine communities were identified in the draft. A copy of the final report will be given to each board member.

#### **New Business**

##### Chief's Monthly Report

Chief Stoffel has been busy attending district meetings. One of the main concerns that all districts have discussed is potential flooding, particularly in Lyons and Boulder canyon.

##### Recent Calls of Note

Deputy Chief Leadingham reviewed our recent increase in calls. One call of note was a fully submerged vehicle on the St. Vrain River (Hwy 7). Chief Stoffel noted that we are currently at ½ the calls for this time of year vs. last year.

NOTE: The Department has received several donations and thank you's recently for their excellent work and help on calls. GREAT JOB LEFTHAND VOLUNTEERS!

##### Trucks, Equipment & Building Maintenance

Deputy Chief Leadingham is working on collecting bids for work to be completed at Station 4, the blinds and such. Three out of the four volunteers who are contractors are finishing up an Academy class. Russell is going to give them another month.

##### Mitigation

Chief Stoffel discussed the Mitigation program staff. There is one individual who might be interested in taking the Mitigation Coordinator position. However, that individual is employed at the current time. Chief Stoffel would like to evaluate many options to make this program



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successful and determine what is best to continue a managing sustainable program, especially through the winter months.

### Fire Marshall Report

No new building permits in our district at this time. There is one driveway that the homeowner is working on with Deputy Chief Leadingham.

### Bar-K Cisterns

Chief Stoffel has confirmed the contract with Buddy Kihm. He was selected as the contractor for that job. He is busy this week but he is expected to meet with Tom next week. Tom will also follow up with the rest of the bidders who were not selected.

### New Business

#### Employee Volunteer Agreement

A new version is complete. If you have any suggestions/comments, please direct those to Kristi or Deb and we will try to incorporate those changes.

#### Pinnacol Case Update

The hearing date for Seth's case has been pushed out again and there is no re-scheduled date at this time.

There is a Death and Disability Benefit through FPPA that Lefthand has been continuing to pay on behalf of Seth. We have currently been paying approx. \$125/mth. This is in addition to disability benefits that Seth is receiving from Pinnacol. If Seth decided to take those payments, Lefthand would no longer be able to contribute to that fund. However, in order for Seth to collect those benefits, FPPA requires that he complete a medical evaluation. He still needs to undergo final medical evaluations from Pinnacol to determine his permanent disability status as well. It was suggested that Lefthand continue to make those payments and Seth can elect to receive those benefits once he has performed the final medical evaluations. Director Blood made a motion made for the Department to continue making a contribution to FPPA for Seth's Death and Disability coverage. Director Walko 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### ISO Discussion

The board had a discussion about the advantages/disadvantages to pursuing a better ISO status rating. Ratings are based on response time and distance to available water sources. The scale is 1 to 10, with 1 being the best possible. Typically, it is extremely difficult to obtain a rating at or below a 6. The biggest constraint Lefthand has is lack of hydrants or a 3,000 gallon tender. The maximum Lefthand can carry is about 1,900 gallons. That is a major disadvantage and most insurance companies don't offer a break until at least a rating of a 6. Some of our adjacent districts have gone through the process and spent countless hours with one dedicated person doing the work, in addition to rigorous training time. It was determined by the Board and Chiefs that this is probably not worth pursuing at this time. The issue will be tabled until 2011 and re-visited at that time.

#### New Insurance Broker

Director Blood is working with Ray Haddock Insurance. Mr. Haddock came highly recommended by several adjacent fire districts. Our current Liability Insurance carrier is Continental Western. The plan we are enrolled in is Fire Pak. Mr. Haddock stated that he



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represents Continental Western Insurance and they never use 'Fire Pak' plan. Director Stirling has also been researching various Workers Compensation Insurance companies. She has received many recommendations, which she has passed along to Director Blood. Director Blood will speak to Mr. Haddock about representing those companies.

### Pension Extension

According to the Administrative staff at FPPA, we currently support up to 25 years of Pension. At the last Pension meeting, some members were under the impression that we only supported up to 20 years. The board is in favor of continuing to support up to 25 years.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Kristi Rutledge, Secretary, LHFPD