



LEFTHAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Lefthand Board of Directors

Date: July 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 6:09 PM.

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

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

Old Business

Past Minutes

Director Walko moved to approve the minutes from the 6/8/10 Board of Directors meeting.

Director Blood 2nd the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Director Walko reviewed the budget. We are currently about half way through the year and have received approx. 75% of our tax revenue for the year. The total income spent for the year is at 64% of budget.

New Business

Chief's Monthly Report

Recent Calls of Note

Chief Stoffel showed a slide show of photos from recent calls. Toward the end of the month of June, there were a series of 3 'DOA' calls in a row. The Chiefs and Medical Officer have been following up with all the volunteers on site at each of the calls.

Trucks, Equipment & Building Maintenance

Chief Stoffel passed along a request from our Safety Officer for 2 small SCBA masks. They are \$200/pc. The total would be \$400. Director Blood moved to approve \$400 to purchase the 2 additional small SCBA masks. Director Armour 2nd the motion, which passed unanimously.

LeRoy is currently being used as a tender. There are a few minor issues to be fixed. They have another tender of ours that is being repaired. Ionex will hold off on billing us for those repairs until 2011.

Chief Stoffel requested the check for Station 1 rent to Bud Heil be cut in the next billing cycle.

Mitigation

Chief Stoffel gave an update on the mitigation crew. To date, 55 acres have been treated for the Bar-K area grant. In the Mountain Ridge subdivision, 20 acres have been treated. That is in addition to 42 acres from another Mountain Ridge project last fall. There is a strong possibility to apply for grant reimbursement for each of those areas.



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Training

There was a discussion of the budget and forecast for the end of the year. One of our firefighters has requested an IV class, which would be beneficial to the department. Training Officer Koch gave an update on the training budget. He gave an estimate of how much additional funding would be required. Director Stirling would like to see the meals continued for Fire Training. Deputy Chief Leadingham recommended keeping the meals as well. A motion was made to approve \$1,000 in additional funds for the training budget, which includes the requirements for the IV class, any additional trainings that take place throughout the remainder of the year and any costs associated with food at Fire Trainings. Director Walko 2nd the motion, which passed unanimously.

Fire Marshall Report

The engineering documents for bridge to a property on Lefthand Canyon Drive are still being reviewed. Deputy Chief Leadingham gave Fred Huff a copy of the engineering letter for review. The letter had two different dates of certification listed on the letter. Deputy Chief Leadingham has been following up with the property owner and working to resolve the engineering certification issues.

Bar-K Cisterns

The cistern is approx. 80% complete. The blasting was completed and the tank has been delivered in set in place. Deputy Chief Leadingham will look into placing some large boulders in front of the area to detour any vehicles or plows from coming in contact with the area.

New Business

Non-Exempt Properties in Lefthand District

Deputy Chief Leadingham discussed the issue of how non-exempt properties in our district can compensate the department in lieu of the property taxes they are exempt from paying. He identified several properties in the area and suggested a few ideas for compensating the district. One was a payment plan to be paid over a set number of years (5-10). The other was that those properties could pay on a per call basis for each apparatus/responder coming to a call on their property. This issue will be discussed at the next board meeting.

CWPP Update

Deputy Chief Leadingham and Chief Stoffel have reviewed the plan. George Greenwood is currently out of town. Chief Stoffel will meet with him when he returns.

New Insurance Broker

Our current General Liability and Automotive Insurance coverage will expire in August 2010. Director Blood met with a different insurance broker, who can offer a plan for our general liability and automotive insurance coverage, which is better suited to our needs. This plan has fewer exclusions than the current plan and seems to offer comparable coverage. Our current policy coverage for general liability and automotive is in excess of what we actually need. The new insurance broker's recommendation was that we would still have good coverage even if we lowered the amount we are insuring. Director Blood is also in the process of gathering information on our current rates for sickness and accident coverage. Secretary Rutledge will send that information to Director Blood. Once that is assessed with our current payments, Director Blood will decide if switching that coverage will be necessary.



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Director Walko made a motion to switch coverage for our general liability and automotive insurance from our current provider to the new provider as well changing insurance brokers, with a caveat that Director Blood will continue researching options for sickness and accident coverage and blanket policies and he is authorized to make a decision, once he has gathered enough information. Director Armour 2nd the motion, which passed unanimously.

Medical Insurance Coverage

Director Blood reviewed some of the quotes we received for a group medical plan to cover Chief's Leadingham and Stoffel. Director Blood, Chief Stoffel and Deputy Chief Leadingham will meet with a representative for the respective plans and choose an option they agree upon. The yearly average for each plan covering both Chief's would be approx. \$9,000. Director Kutscher made a motion was made to approve a range of yearly cost for both Chief's of \$7,000 - \$9,500 and to enable Director Blood to review and approve a plan in that range. Director Armour 2nd the motion, which passed unanimously.

2009 Audit

Fred Huff made a request to file an audit extension with the State for this year's audit. Director Stirling also requested that our auditor submit a draft of the audit for the board to review prior to the review of the final audit. Secretary Rutledge will follow up with Mr. Schommer on those requests.

Pinnacol Case Update

We are currently on a waiting list for Seth Patterson to be seen by a top neurologist in the state and confirm the TBI. His current doctor recommended getting an opinion from this neurologist. Director Walko made a motion to authorize LHFPD to pay for this appointment in the amount of \$640, in the event that Pinnacol denies this payment. Director Blood 2nd the motion, which passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Kristi Rutledge, Secretary, LHFPD