



LARKSPUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 10, 2011

Station 161

MEETING MINUTES

Present:

Darol Yarman, President

James Burke, Treasurer

Scott Simms, Secretary (excused)

Mike Andersen, Board Member

Maynard Kealiher, Board Member (excused)

Jamey Bumgarner, Fire Chief

Becky Hernandez, Admin Assistant (excused)

Lou Kirkland, LFPD Accountant

Guests: Cindy Applegate

Various career and volunteer staff

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

President Yarman called the meeting to order at 1904 hours.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT/RECOGNITION

None

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. January 13, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Andersen noted that the correct date for previous month's agenda should be January 13, 2011. Mr. Burke noted that minutes showed Board decided to go forward with November Bond Election and stated that money was not set aside in the budget. President Yarman noted that "Bond" was incorrect but, that discussion was held in regard to going forward with an election to be decided (mill levy or bond after further investigations) and that the money will have to be found within the budget. January Special meeting minutes were distributed. Mr. Burke noted fee for obtaining line of credit was \$2500 added to loan. Mr. Burke noted attendees not listed in Minutes.

B. Financials:

Mrs. Kirkland made a few comments on the Treasurer's Report and noted that the checking account shows \$0 balance; however, we do have funds available from the line of credit loan. ColoTrust noted taxes deposited and they will cover payroll. Next month a regular financial statement and cash flow projections will be completed. Dawn is scheduled to start the audit in the 3rd week of April. A motion was made by Mr. Burke and Mr. Andersen seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

IV. CHIEF'S REPORT

A. Rescue Billing procedures, Chief Bumgarner noted that the state has proposed a bill to disallow rescue-billing charges. This would severely hamper our efforts at increasing income in this manner. The bill is attempting to eliminate the ability to charge for services not rendered in "no" injury accidents, etc. There is some opposition to the bill; it is being modified. Chief Bumgarner will keep us informed. President Yarman asked about the total number of EMS calls vs. total

number of auto accident calls. Chief Bumgarner indicated that Chief Mills has these statistics, which will be brought to the board later. Pres. Yarman asked Lou Kirkland if we could add the necessary budget line items to assist in tracking as we do for Wildland Fires.

- B. Dental insurance- we will not have our current updated rates until next week. We are changing from Humana to Delta and costs should go down on a roughly 15% basis. Delta's in network group is much larger than Humana's.
- C. Update on the EMS grant. Chief Mills is working hard on this currently to help provide the total costs for three firefighter EMT positions for one year. These would not be "new" positions rather for giving the budget relief in this area. President's signature will be required formally upon acceptance.
- D. Chief Bumgarner is excited to say that volunteers have been very proactive in covering missing shifts and covering for vacations in the past month.

V.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Budget approval. President Yarman noted that assessed evaluations are going down with no idea of how much. Real estate professionals, business executives etc. are indicating that it could be between 15 – 20%. The actual figure is unknown. Pres. Yarman wants to look ahead to a backup plan so that we can be proactive. Mr. Burke noted that by July 1 we should have a good idea of what the change should be. Mrs. Kirkland noted that we can go online to view these assessments but it may not be a stable number. As challenges occur, the final percentages will fluctuate. Once we have our line of credit completed, Pres. Yarman will go forward looking at the possibility of continuing our line of credit again for 2012. Colorado Business Bank will not discuss further until assessed evaluations are finalized. We do not have the ability to finalize the budget until we can further establish our income. We were hoping to have Wells Fargo here to make a presentation tonight but they were not available. Collins, Cockrel, and Cole have some bonding companies that we can talk to regarding election preparation and activities. Mr. Burke commented that George Baum Assoc. gave a presentation with regard to bonding elections at the SDA seminar two years prior. Mr. Burke commented that he would be highly in favor of pursuing George Baum Assoc. Pres. Yarman asked Mr. Burke to further contact George K. Baum so we may have further information gathered. Mr. Andersen suggested starting 6:30 would be a good start time. Pres. Yarman stated he would ask Wells Fargo to be there to start 45 minutes later.
- B. District Newsletters - Pres. Yarman would like to see a web-based newsletter and perhaps emailing a newsletter as well. Pres Yarman asked if we could get something up by March 1, 2011. Chief Bumgarner said they would put forth a best effort for that.
- C. Pres. Yarman said he would finish up on some of the budget items and bring them on Thursday. Election is pushing forward and hoping we can get good traction by starting early.
- D. Lou suggested that we could have a budget/accounting workshop, etc. so that each budget line item could be broken down further so that all board members would have a better idea of each line item. President Yarman suggested that we could break out the areas of the budget between board members reducing meetings and spreading out the responsibilities amongst members.
- E. Larry Sutton spoke about the status of the Larkspur Fire Auxiliary organization. Bylaws, initial filing etc. is complete. Applying for 501c3 designation but it is in process. 6 month wait. Board of Directors, Peggy Whalen, Bob Dante, James Wayda, Rich Horwat. Please put on the agenda for next month's agenda; Fire District should recognize the LF Auxiliary, dissolve the Larkspur Volunteer Fire Department, Authorize Chief Bumgarner and Peggy Whalen to move funds to the new entity's account.

F. Mrs. Applegate, a citizen of the district, asked the Board why the need for additional funds from the taxpayers. President Yarman explained the current budget situation and the events leading to it. Several factors were discussed including the poor performance of the architect hired for the new station design, the many factors leading up to the cost over-runs during the construction of the stations, and the current economic climate. Mrs. Applegate stated that the Board would need to explain to the public and convince them as to why we need the additional funds.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not required

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Andersen motioned to adjourn at 2040 hours.

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