

Filer Rural Fire Protection District

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Station #26

BOARD MEMBERS

Dennis Lutz, President	Gordon Lancaster, Vice President
Blayne Wright, Commissioner	Bud Compher, Fire Chief
Lori Schouten, Clerk	Steve Mullen, Assistant Chief



Minutes of March 13, 2023 meeting of Filer Rural Fire District

Attendance: President, Dennis Lutz; Chief Administrator, Bud Compher; Fire Chief, Steve Mullen; Commissioner, Blayne Wright; Assistant Chief, Travis Brewer and Clerk, Lori Schouten were all present. Commissioner, Gordon Lancaster was absent.

President Dennis Lutz called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 pm. There was a declaration of a quorum. There were no amendments to the agenda. There were no citizens present for input at this meeting. There was no correspondence for this meeting.

Consent Agenda:

- A. The minutes of our previous meeting were presented in the prior week. All commissioners have acquired and read them. They approved the minutes as presented with no amendments. The clerk gave the treasurer's report. Dennis approved the treasurer's report as presented and seconded by Blayne.
- B. The bills and payroll for the month of February were presented and approved for signatures.
- C. Fire Report:

Assistant Chief, Travis Brewer presented the fire report for February. See the attached fire report. Travis and Steve talked about attending the SIFA Conference along with 11 of our firefighters. Steve said attending the NIFERS part of the conference was very beneficial. He said that the reports are very detailed using Zillow and NADA Blue Book to get home and vehicle loss values. Fire Services Training and pump training were good classes as well.

Chief Steve Mullen reported on our unfinished business.

In Unfinished Business:

- a. New Fire Station
 - i. The countertops have been installed and are now complete.
- b. TruLeap finished running CAT5 wiring for the computers and security. Steve said he believes that the wiring inside the building is now complete.
- c. Galena Consulting – Anne Wescott. Steve said Kimberly is now putting together their 5-member citizen board.

- d. Steve said that we are waiting for the parts to come in to fix the communications issues in the station. The grant for the improvements has been secured and is still active. It will take 5 weeks for White Cloud to get the parts installed.
- e. 26108 is still at Hughes. Travis said that the maintenance issues have been fixed and the pump is now certified.
- f. PTSD Conference in Boise. Both Steve and Travis were happy with the training they experienced at the conference. They spoke about "15 Minute Drills" where they would get together with other firefighters and get to know them. Steve said it is about creating a family. Social events where they get together and share a meal and learn about each other are essential to building the family atmosphere. Suicide is very real in the firefighting world. They learned that out of every 1,000 firefighters, 49 have actually contemplated suicide.

In New business:

- g: Ireland Bank: Nichole Asher and Carmen Ortiz were our guests for this meeting. They wanted to visit with us about taking care of our financial needs in the future. They understand that we will have another truck purchase coming in about 36 months and wanted to assure us that they will be able to take care of it. They spoke about their banking history with Nichole, who is the Vice President and Branch Manager, having 22 years in banking and Carmen, who is a Business Development Officer, having 7 years in the banking industry. Carmen also has experience in front office and loans.
- i. John Martin, of Martin CPAs, was also present to present our Audit for the fiscal year 2022. John wanted to explain the amount of work that went into recreating our depreciation schedules and other tasks to bring the fire district up to current with a new auditor. John explained that because we were not able to get our information from the previous auditor, he must recreate all the depreciations from previous years. He presented the audit with his basis for opinions that are favorable. He said that we have good internal controls in place. He went through the audit page by page and explained to the commissioners our Net Position shows our building and equipment. Where our income comes from and where our balance sheet shows where our salaries and bills are paid. He said that this audit will only show one month of PERSI because that was what was paid into the fund for this audit period. He is certain that our PERSI fund will grow because of the state of Idaho's conservative investments.

Dennis made a motion to approve the audit as presented, with Blayne seconding the motion. They also signed the letter of intent for Martin CPAs to conduct next year's audit as well.

Dennis adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Schouten, Clerk

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