## Minutes of March 11, 2024 meeting of Filer Rural Fire District

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

President Gordon Lancaster called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 pm. There was a declaration of a quorum. There was one amendment to the agenda. Steve asked to add (d.) Earmark $100 K to the New Business. There was no correspondence for this meeting.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. The minutes of our previous meeting were read by the clerk and approved, as read, by Gordon and seconded by Blayne. Bud asked to amend the minutes by adding “with adult supervision” to the past minutes.
2. The clerk gave the treasurer’s report. The report was approved as presented by Blayne and seconded by Richard.
3. The bills and payroll for the month of February were presented and approved for signatures.
4. Fire Report:

Assistant Chief, Travis Brewer presented the fire report for February. See attached fire report. He said it was car crash month and pothole season.

U**nfinished Business:**

1. Galena Consulting; Anne Wescott. Steve said there was nothing to add from his chief’s meeting.
2. State Funds Transfer: Done.
3. Children at the Fire Station: Steve said the Release of Liability document has been sent to the attorney.

**New Business:**

1. Interviews: Brittany Homan came with her resume. She is Steve’s pick for an extra person in the Fire Station. She spends a lot of time at the fire station and would be a good candidate for this position. Brittany is a Paramedic with St. Luke’s and an EMT with the fire district. Her hours would be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Three days each week. She would earn $15.00 per hour. If Brittany is not available, Kaci Ayers would come in and can take med calls as well. The commissioners did not want to interview anyone else. They felt that they would go with Steve’s suggestion.

Blayne made the motion to hire Brittany Homan for 24 hours each week. She will be paid $15.00 per hour plus calls. Kaci Ayers will fill in when Brittany is not available. Richard seconded the motion, adding that we should be flexible in days and hours. All are in favor, motion carried.

1. Curtis Tools for Heroes, Shannon Crays: Shannon brought a thermal imager in for Steve to look at. It is a demo model and was offered for a substantial savings of $6,500. Steve said most of our cameras are 15 plus years old and need updating as they do not work as well as they should. Steve will use carryover budget funds to pay for this. He said he also was looking at EV Fire Tarps. These tarps are reuseable and will contain a battery fire for up to 45 minutes. That is enough time to haul the vehicle off to a safe space to let it burn out. The tarps are regularly $3,500 and he has an opportunity to purchase them at $2,290. There was discussion about purchasing a couple more this fiscal year.
2. #33701 Med Rescue: It is in the shop again. It has a HP Oil leak. This should be under warranty.
3. Housecleaning in our State Fund: Richard made a motion to earmark 50 % of $164,000 to be used for payroll and salaries. He would like to earmark the other 50% to be used for new trucks and/or new equipment. Blayne seconded the motion. All commissioners were in agreement. Motion carried.

There was some discussion over Transparent Idaho and Persi. The discussion continued with COLA and what it costs to hire someone.

There was also some discussion about our new CitiBank credit card. Steve will use this card instead of the debit card associated with our DL Evan’s bank account. It is a Costco card and is tied to our membership.

President, Gordon Lancaster, adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Schouten, Clerk

Filer Rural Fire Protection District