

Minutes of August 14, 2023 meeting of Filer Rural Fire District

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

Commissioner Goardon Lancaster called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 pm. There was a declaration of a quorum. There were no amendments to the agenda. There were no citizens present at this meeting. There was no correspondence for this meeting.

Consent Agenda:

- A. The minutes of our previous meeting were read and approved by Gordon and Blayne.
- B. The clerk gave the treasurer's report. The commissioners had a short discussion about where we we're at with the finances. They wanted to be sure we are within our budget. The report was approved as presented by Gordon and seconded by Blayne.
- C. The bills and payroll for the month of July were presented and approved for signatures.
- D. Fire Report:

Assistant Chief, Travis Brewer was absent so Chief Steve Mullen presented the fire report for July. Travis didn't send the report, but Steve was able to give us most of what the calls involved. He said it was quite a busy month with the Ropes Course and meetings. Plus, we covered Buhl for back up on July 4th.

In Unfinished Business:

- a. New Fire Station
 - i. Grass on the front side of the station has some soil issues. Steve said it is looking better after mowing and mulch. TruLeap has donated their time and equipment to bore under our sidewalk to install a drain field. Now we will be able to get grass planted there.
- b. Galena Consulting: Nothing new from anyone.
- c. Grant for communications at the fire station. Jackie Frye cautioned that we must be completed by October 1st.
- d. IFC 2018 Nothing has moved.
- e. Community use of the fire station: Steve gave us a copy of what our user agreement will look like. He will send the final document to the attorney for approval.

- f. Preliminary Budget for publication: Steve has provided us with his preliminary budget for the 2023 – 2024 fiscal year. Gordon made a motion to accept the budget as published. Blayne seconded the motion and all commissioners voted in favor.
- g. Balance Rock Insurance supplement: I prepared a check for this insurance for the year.
- h.

There was some discussion over St. Lukes and whether or not they would give us what is owed in back pay for the lease of our facilities. Steve said they would like to pay us \$1,600 per month for one ambulance, and possibly store one ambulance occasionally. This would be for the area they are presently using. This would be renewed every 3 years or every 5 years.

New Business

- a. Eagle Scout Project: We have a young man working on his Eagle Scout Project. He would like to install a 30 – 35 ft. flagpole in front of the fire station. We already have electricity out there for the light. We may have to pay for the concrete to set the pole in. Everyone agreed that this would be an outstanding project.
- b.

Steve said he has had a conversation with both Megan Lewis and Austin Ray. They both were okay with how the fireworks event turned out. Megan said she did not have any major issues with the horses or colts. However, there were some issues with individuals setting off loud fireworks later.

We have Fire Safety Month coming up. We also have the Twin Falls County Fair and Rodeo coming up.

Another discussion was about the little red fire truck. Steve would like to declare it surplus so we could sell it. We don't really have a space for it. We could donate it to one of the programs like CSI. Steve will make some phone calls and see if there is any interest in it. Commissioners will decide on it next month.

The mobile air trailer has been ordered. Roger Crane will invoice us for our portion, about \$5,000.

Personnel seems to be moving forward. Steve is working with them to get certifications.

EAP – Steve reported that the community donated \$1,100 from the fireworks stand for mental health.

Steve said he is comfortable in his position. He is enjoying full time employment with the fire district.

Gordon adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Schouten, Clerk

Filer Rural Fire Protection District