

PINE LAKE FIRE DISTRICT

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 6:02 PM

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS: Amanda Kaufman, Richard Ripley, Tom McLarty, Sherri Britt and Corinne Casey present. Quorum present.

MINUTES, FINANCIAL REPORTS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD ON FEBRUARY 24, 2017

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from 01/30/17 meeting made by Tom McLarty, 2nd by Sherri Britt. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

PLFD FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONS REPORTS

Motion to approve January 2017 financial reports made by Richard Ripley, 2nd by Tom McLarty. The Board voted unanimously to approve the financial reports as presented.

PLFD FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

The Chief's report was accepted by the Board.

- Chief is working on getting quotes/prices to add on to existing leach field to solve the problem of septic tank collecting excessive water from rainfall and snow melt. Drain will also be installed in front of main door at Station 62.
- The ground water pump in the tender bay failed and has been replaced.
- Responded to one public assist.
- Repair work to 627 has been completed and vehicle is back in service.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jackie Kinard requested to speak regarding her concerns against open fire pits at private residences. Chairman Kaufman directed Jackie to speak when the issue was discussed under New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion and possible action on hazardous fuel grant

Paul Mackesey provided updates on both hazardous fuel grants. The first grant has been completed and closed out and are just waiting on final draw. 90% of target acreage goal was reached. The second grant is ongoing but Paul is having difficulty finding any contractors interested in the work. The only available option left is an inmate crew with training specific to this type of work. Inmates are low-risk offenders and are supervised by prison staff. Motion was made by Amanda Kaufman, 2nd by Richard Ripley to support Paul's recommendation to use an inmate crew. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and possible action regarding outdoor fire pits at private residences

Jackie Kinard, during Public Comment on this item, spoke out against approving open wood fire pit usage at private residences due to potential unattended fires, enforcement and overall safety concerns. Discussion ensued regarding the history of open fires within the community, possible trial periods and how successful open fire plans exist elsewhere. After discussion, item was tabled until requested to put back on the agenda again.

b. Discussion on account signers

Chairman Kaufman updated account signers with Wells Fargo. All Board members are now authorized signers.

c. Discussion on Board member availability

Chairman Kaufman wanted to make sure all Board members provide good contact information in the event they need to be reached in an urgent situation. Secretary Ginny Reinhold asked for agenda items to be submitted by the Thursday before Board meetings in order to have time to prepare the agenda and send it out on Friday, along with financial reports, to Board members.

d. Discussion on FY17/18 budget planning and 5-year plan update

Discussion ensued regarding how budget and 5-year plan will be planned and prepared. March 11th at 3:30 pm was set for a budget review and preparation meeting.

e. Discussion and possible approval of 624 engine updates

Chief LaFlamme provided update on engine repair needed on 624 in order to make it a reliable vehicle. Chairman Kaufman motioned to approve repairs to 624 up to \$2000, 2nd by Tom McLarty. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received letter from John Sticka stating his opposition to open fires in the community.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

CLERK OF THE BOARD _____