

Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District Regular Meeting
Of the
Board of Directors
April 12, 2017 /7:00 PM

Station 4 for Public Meeting and Board Meeting

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by acting president Gene Mericle at 7:00 pm. following a CLPFEG meeting. Fire Board members also attended.

Board Members: Bette Blinde, Gene Mericle and Paula Collins were in attendance. Board members Brett Ridges and Greg Danhoff were absent.

Additionally, Chief Hugh Collins, Bob Stahl, Ron Lonneman, James Ingram, Zane Edwards, and Laura Stahl were present.

Approvals:

Minutes: Motion made by Bette *“to accept the March 8th regular meeting minutes as emailed.”* Second by Gene. Motion passed 3-0.

Treasurer’s report: Bette reviewed the treasurer’s report. Motion by Paula and second by Bette *“to approve the treasurer’s report as emailed”*. Passed 3-0.

Old Business:

Grant Applications: Bette reported she had applied for two grants, DOLA and Gates. The Gates grant has been rejected. Paula has submitted a grant for fire prevention education for a computer and a projector through FM Global. She will hear something in June. Chief Collins reported the Fire House Subs grant for new jackets was again unsuccessful. Bette is considering applying for a grant through El Pomar Foundation.

Station 4 Upgrade/ USDA Loan: Bette presented 2 packets of the proposal with the VFLA architect’s vision and the Terracon environmental study for review. An electronic version is available, but is a very large file. Hugh Collins and Ron Lonneman have these hard copies currently.

2016 Audit: Bette reported that it should be about done.

New Business:

Public Information Meeting: A public information meeting was held at 6:00 by CLPFEG at Station 4. Attendance was light. Questions and concerns were addressed. Bette presented budget forecasts for the department. If we do nothing, the department will be facing increasing budget deficits each year due to cutbacks starting in 2018. A Special District cannot operate with a deficit budget so something

must be done. With the USDA Development Loan (40 year loan @ 3.375) the department will have an extra \$25,000 cushion each year and an upgraded Station 4. With applying projected budget surpluses back to the loan, the term could be reduced to 23 years. Currently we have 16 years left on the Wells Fargo loan, (@ 4.9%) and are paying around \$10,000 in additional fees to them each year. Buy America Bonds are currently paying an interest reduction, but each year that interest reimbursement payment is less and less.

El Pomar Loan: Motion by Paula, second by Gene *“to have the board apply for a grant from El Pomar Foundation to assist with building costs of a Station 4 /Community Center”* Motion passed 3-0.

Announcements: Bette announced that recent legislation has been approved to assist firefighters diagnosed with cancer.

Reports:

Chief: Chief Collins reported that there had been **5 calls** in March , one medical, 3 MVAs, and one assist. He delivered the donation from Crystal Lakes FD, a **compression system for filling SCBA** bottles to Station 2. He Attended the **QRT quarterly meeting** where he stated submitting run reports is desired. The **clothing order** is ready to be sent to volunteers and will cost the department less than \$1,000 to reward active participants under last year’s guidelines.

EMS: Zane reported Mike Everett has earned his NREMT certificate. Mike is waiting for notification of his CO certificate.

Station 1: Gene reported nothing new.

Station 2: Bob Stahl reported nothing new.

Station 3: Bob reported that there is a large slash pile at Station 3 that needs to be moved before is can be burned. The area needs to be posted “NO DUMPING”.

Station 4 Bette reported nothing new.

Building Committee: No report

Meeting Adjourned at 7:23pm. Motion to adjourn by Gene, second by Bette

Next Meetings:

May 10, Lower Canyon

June 14, Upper Canyon

July 12, Lower Canyon

