

Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting
Of the
Board of Directors
April 11, 2018 /7:00 PM
Upper Canyon Community Center

Call to Order: (Brett): The meeting was called to order by President Brett Ridges at 7:10 pm. Board members: Bette Blinde, Paula Collins and Gene Mericle were in attendance. Board member Greg Danhoff was absent. Additionally, Chief Hugh Collins, James Ingram and Bob Stahl were present.

Approvals:

Minutes: Motion made by Bette *“to accept the February 14th regular meeting minutes as emailed”*. There were no March minutes as March meeting was cancelled due to response to a chimney/structure fire in the upper canyon just before the meeting was to commence. Second by Gene. Motion passed 4-0.

Treasurer’s report: Bette presented treasurer’s reports for February and March. Motion by Paula and second by Gene *“to approve the treasurer’s reports as emailed”*. Passed 4-0.

Old Business:

Grant Applications:

VFA Grant: Chief Collins reported there was no information on 2018 grants available on the web. He sent a request to the state for information.

El Polmar Grant/Boettcher Grants: Bette reported that she had not had time to look into them.

DOLA GRANT: Bette has filed two monthly update reports to them.

State Farm Grant: Paula reported that State Farm sent an email stating that the grant request was denied for extrication gear.

Refinancing/ USDA Loan/Station 4 Upgrade: Bette passed out the most recent building project packet. She reported that First National Bank of Hugo is working on the terms for a construction loan for the project. The plan is that USDA will put money into a CD in the Bank of Hugo for assets. The CD will earn interest to reduce the interest on the construction loan. Currently the attorneys are working out the details.

New Business:

Election Update: Election official LeAnn Davis has cancelled the 2018 election as only two candidates were nominated for the two open positions. Greg Danhoff and Paula Collins have been elected by acclamation to fill those positions for the next 4 years.

Pension Meeting Report: Bob reported the pension board had met February 14. He stated the pension funds are “in the black” and that one retired volunteer, Buzz Stith, is receiving a monthly \$50 pension check.

CLPFEG Meeting Report: Bette passed out the financial statement for CLPFEG. There is currently \$44,848.53 in their account. The CLPFEG board voted to pay for the architect's fees. A variance regarding setback distance for Station 4 was submitted and granted. Fees for the variance and the planning review have been waived, saving us \$2500. The easement for the neighbor's property has been signed and needs to be notarized and recorded.

Chili Cook-off Results: The Chili-Cook-off was a success. Bette reported the current total amount earned for the event is \$15,410 with a little more expected this week.

2016 Audit: Bette reported the auditor has sent the bill but she has not seen the report as yet.

Announcements: None

Reports:

Chief: Chief Collins reported that there had been **3 calls** in February: 1 medical, 1 stand by, 1 MVA. In March there were 5 calls: 2 medical, 2 MVA and 1 fire. He reported that the base station at Station 2 will be converted to a **800 Mhz base radio**. UPCA/Peacemakers have donated **3 Hot Sticks** to the department and training has been done with them. The annual **clothing order** has been submitted to Encore. He has applied for the **well permit** for station 4. Labado Construction has been in contact with him concerning **road closure** to install the beams for the Crown Point Bridge around the 27th.

EMS: Chief Collins reported Mike Everett received a donation of a **12-lead**. Training on the devise is needed.

Station 1: Nothing to report.

Station 2: Bob Stahl reported that the springs on the support vehicle need attention. He will be submitting an article to the upper and lower newsletters regarding this year's fire season.

Station 3: James reported the the Forest Service has been in contact with him about a Big Horn Sheep Habitat prescribed burn across from the fish hatchery. Due to current conditions, the burn has been postponed.

Station 4: E641 is due for an inspection.

Building Committee: No report

Meeting Adjourned at 7:37pm. Motion to adjourn by Bette, second by Gene.

Next Meetings:

May 9 **Lower Canyon**
June 13 **Upper Canyon**