

Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District Regular Meeting
Of the
Board of Directors
August 9, 2017 /7:00 PM Upper Poudre Canyon

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by acting president Bette Blinde at 7:00pm.

Board Members: Bette Blinde and Paula Collins were in attendance and Gene Mericle was present via phone. Brett Ridges and Greg Danhoff were absent. Additionally, Chief Hugh Collins , Kellie Falbo, Bob Stahl and Laura Stahl were present.

Approvals:

Minutes: Motion made by Bette *“to accept the July 12th regular meeting minutes as emailed.”* Second by Gene. Motion passed 3-0.

Treasurer’s report: Motion by Paula *“to approve the August financial statements as emailed and presented by Bette Blinde”*. Second by Gene. Motion passes 3-0. Bette reported almost all of the tax revenues have been received for this year.

Old Business:

El Pomar Grant: Still waiting for USDA grant approval before submission.

State Farm Grant: Will be available this fall.

Refinancing/USDA loan/Station 4 Upgrade: Bette reported that USDA (contact is Allison Trujillo) has 9 new items they want submitted before the loan can be approved. Some of these will cost our district additional money without a guarantee of getting the loan. Some of the requests, i.e. an appraisal, will be impossible to get as there are no comparable properties. People don’t sell fire stations. They also want us to increase the contingency fund for the budget of the new building. The prospect of getting the loan from USDA is in question, and the board feels the USDA loan may no longer be a viable solution to our endeavor to reduce our monthly payments and build a new Station 4. However, Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District was approached by a bank (Compass Bank and Compass Mortgage Corporation, David Fritzler, Senior Vice-president) this past month, that is interested in the project. They are offering a 3.45% fixed 25 year interest rate for tax exempt financing. Several board members feel that working with a bank may be a better option, and since we have found a bank to finance the project, we may no longer qualify for the USDA loan. Bette will contact Betty Lundgren of Dougherty Mortgage LLC to answer this question and check on our financial responsibility to their firm if we back out of the USDA proposal. Bette presented a copy of current expenditures by CLPFEG for the USDA project which included lawyer’s fees and the required environmental study. See attached.

Auxiliary shirts : The board approved the idea of Poudre Canyon supporter/auxillary shirts, but asked that the “sunburst above the mountains” logo be used instead of the firefighter/EMT logo. The department feels that the Navy blue shirts with the Maltese cross should remain for the responders only. A different shade of blue or any other color would be preferred for supporter shirts.

Newsletter: Board discussed the upcoming newsletter. It was decided to publish it in early September after more is know about the refinancing project and before the annual Swing Station Pig Roast fundraiser. News items suggested included: King Sooper’s cards, Pig Roast, Training, Chili Supper Save the date, Request for a 1-ton Flatbed.

I-V class : Bette reported that two EMTs (Mike Everett and Bette) would like to take the upcoming I-V class that costs \$170 each. Chief Collins said that training could be covered through the operations fund.

State EMT Conference in Keystone November 2-5: Chief Collins recommended we not send the same people to the conference as last year. This year we could fund two EMTs to attend. (Mike and Gene?)

Fireproof Steel Cabinets: Chief Collins will order 3 fireproof cabinets to be used at Stations1, 2, and 4 for fuel storage.

Poudre Canyon Brochure: The Poudre Canyon Brochure is in need of revision. Chief Collins and Paula will take a copy to edit.

Announcements: Ralph Matzner is planning the 2018 Chili Supper for April 7, 2018.

Reports:

Chief: Chief Collins reported that there had been 19 **calls** in July. One was a wild land fire. The electrical work for the **SCBA compressor** has been completed. The system now needs a fresh air intake installed, and he plans to buy 8 SCBA cyclinders (\$5,600). The **F.M. Global** grant money has been spent and the new projector is ready to be installed in the community center at Station 2. Chief Collins attended the **chief’s meeting** where he met the new director of Poudre Valley Ambulance Service, Pat Songer. Chief Collins attended the quarterly **QRT meeting**. Intramuscular **Epinephrine** administration may soon be a standing order for EMTs. Larimer County lifted their open **burn ban**.

EMS: No report sent or given.

Station 1: Kellie will have the AC fixed on Rescue 1. Two new recruits are being entertained, Andy and D.J. Kellie has been helping with the Annual Swing Station Pig Roast.

Station 2: Bob reported they may have a new recruit for Station 2. Bob is recuperating and hopes to be back in service in a few months.

Station 3: Station 3 has been restrained.

Station 4: Nothing new

Building Committee: No report as they have not met.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:08 pm. Motion to adjourn by Paula, second by Gene. Motion passed 3-0

Next Meetings:

September 13, Lower Canyon

October 11, Upper Canyon

November 8, Lower Canyon

