

Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District Regular Meeting
Of the
Board of Directors
March 8, 2017 /7:00 PM

Lower Canyon Community Center

Call to Order: (Brett): The meeting was called to order by President Brett Ridges at 7:56 pm. following a lengthy CLPFEG meeting to which the Fire Board also attended.

Members: Brett Ridges, Bette Blinde, Paula Collins and Gene Mericle were in attendance.

Board member Greg Danhoff was absent.

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

Approvals:

Minutes: Motion made by Bette *“to accept the February 8th regular meeting minutes as emailed.”* Second by Brett. Motion passed 4-0.

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

Old Business:

Grant Applications: Bette reported she was in the process of applying for two construction grants. Paula reported about a grant available for fire prevention education which could be good for a computer and a projector. Chief Collins reported the Fire House Subs grant is pending and we should find out something by next meeting.

Winter Newsletter : The newsletter has been created, published and mailed. Brett read a letter from a canyon resident with the suggestion of charging visitors for emergency calls as a means of increasing revenue. Bette suggested we again ask for payment from the county for out-of-district calls. The newsletter has been well received by the community.

Station 4 Upgrade: The board met with CLPFEG prior to the fire board meeting. Betty Lundgren and Charles Ervine from Dougherty Mortgage LLC updated the board regarding the USDA direct loan. Our pre-application has been approved and we have been invited to apply for the loan. The current interest rate is 3.375 % with new rates expected April 1st. We are currently paying 4.7% with Wells Fargo Bank with additional fees added. Board

agreed to continue with the application process. The next step is an environmental study of the site and a Public Information Meeting to be held April 12th at Station 4 at 6:00 pm to answer any questions the community may have.

2016 Audit: Bette reported it is underway.

New Business: None

Announcements: None

Reports:

Chief: Chief Collins reported that there had been **3 calls** in February, one medical, one fire and one MVA. **Tender 311** was returned to the Colorado Forest Service on February 14th. He accepted a donation from Crystal Lakes FD for a **compression system for filling SCBA** bottles and spoke at the Commissioner's Meeting regarding establishing a special improvement district on **Crown Point Drive** for bridge replacement.

EMS: Zane reported that the current EMT training is nearing completion. Mike Everett and Chad Morgan are in that program. There is an EMT, Jim Wright, wanting to join the department in the Station 1 area.

Station 1: Paula reported that Mike Everett has donated a TV for use at the Lower Canyon Community Center.

Station 2: Bob Stahl conducted a training on the Forest Service tender at Station 2 and plans to start training every other Thursday.

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

Station 4: Nothing to report.

Building Committee: No report

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15pm. Motion to adjourn by Bette, second by Paula.

Next Meetings:

April 12, 2017 Upper Canyon

May 10, Lower Canyon