

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by president Brett Ridges at 6:57 pm.

Board Members: Board members: Bette Blinde, Paula Collins, Greg Danhoff and Brett Ridges were present. Gene Mericle was absent. Additionally, Chief Hugh Collins was present.

Approvals:

Minutes: Motion made by Bette *“to accept the October 11th regular meeting minutes as emailed and corrected.”* Second by Greg. Motion passed 4-0.

Treasurer’s report: Motion by Brett *“to approve the financial statement ‘as of November 6th’ as emailed and presented by Bette Blinde”.* Second by Bette. Motion passes 4-0.

Old Business:

VFA Grant: Bette advised checking in April for the next grant application.

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

DOLA Grant: Brett presented a letter from DOLA acknowledging that a \$200,000 grant has been awarded for construction of a fire station 4 including a well, septic system and restroom.

State Farm Grant: Elaine Danhoff has submitted the application. Paula reported there will be no news until January concerning this grant.

Refinancing/USDA Loan/ Station 4 Upgrade- Bette reported representatives from USDA had visited Stations 2 and 4 last Friday and that today a “letter of conditions” was received from USDA. A conference call occurred today with USDA Laura Trujillo, Daughtery Inc. Rep Betty Lundgren, CLPFEG president Ron Lonneman, Treasurer Bette Blinde, Chief Hugh Collins and Fireboard secretary Paula Collins, to explain this document. A letter of commitment will be signed by Ron Lonneman. When approved, the USDA loan will be at the current 3.5% or lower upon closing. Bette motioned, *“to open a joint account with CLPFEG to hold a reserve amount of \$100,000 to address requirements of a USDA loan.”* Second by Greg. Passes 4-0.

2018 Budget: Public hearing of the budget proposal was held at 6:30 pm prior to the regular board meeting at 7:00. Present were fire board members and the chief. No additional people attended. No changes were made to the proposed budget.

Donation Boxes: Brett reported that donation boxes with maps had been placed at Sportsman's and the Trading Post.

Firefighter Appreciation Dinner at the Mishawaka: Bette stated that 33 guests attended the event on October 27th.

New Business:

Burrito Sales Fundraiser: Paula reported that the Christmas tree sales by the forest service is fast approaching and that our annual burrito sale fundraiser needs to get organized. Chief Collins will contact Ralph Matzner about a planning meeting.

Announcements: LeAnn Davis will serve as our 2018 Election Chairman.

Reports:

Chief: Chief Collins reported that there had been 10 **calls** in October. **SCBAs** are on the trucks, but ISO has changed their requirements. He attended a **NLCERA meeting** with the mountain chiefs and a Larimer County Fire Chiefs Association meeting. **Killpecker** tower is operational and he reported coverage is only spotty between Arrowhead Lodge and Indian Meadows. The 800 radios work in the Narrows! **Fog lights** have been replaced on Rescue 2.

EMS: Chief Collins reported Zane will be moving and we will need a new EMS coordinator. Mike Everett is now IV certified.

Station 1: No report

Station 2: Greg reported that he, Hugh and Darwin had removed the ice melt system from Station 2 and cleaned out the gutters. The heater is fixed on Rescue 2.

Station 3: Greg reported that Station three is now being heated and that E631 and E622 are there

Station 4: Nothing new to report.

Building Committee: Greg reported the building committee met in August and donated \$100 to LeAnn Davis in appreciation for trash services.

CLPFEG: Bette provided a current financial report with a balance of \$28,742.68. (*Reconciled amount on 11/10/17 is \$26,151.51*)

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 pm. Motion to adjourn by Bette second by Greg. Motion passed 4-0

Next Meetings: December 13- Upper Canyon January 10- Lower Canyon