

Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District Regular Meeting  
Of the  
Board of Directors  
October 11, 2017 /7:00 PM Upper Poudre Canyon

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by president Brett Ridges at 7:00 pm.

Board Members: All board members: Bette Blinde, Paula Collins, Gene Mericle, Greg Danhoff and Brett Ridges were present. Additionally, Chief Hugh Collins, and Battalion Chief Bob Stahl were present.

**Approvals:**

**Minutes:** Motion made by Bette *“to accept the September 13th regular meeting minutes as emailed.”* Second by Gene. Motion passed 5-0.

**Treasurer’s report:** Motion by Bette *“to approve the financial statement ‘as of October 9<sup>th</sup>’ as emailed and presented by Bette Blinde”*. Second by Greg. Motion passes 5-0. Bette encouraged department spending to be completed as soon as possible.

**Old Business:**

**Grant Applications:**

**VFA Grant:** Hugh reported he did not get a notice of the VHA deadline and the grants have been awarded for this year already. Grants were awarded for wildland gear.

**El Pomar Grant:** Still waiting for USDA grant approval before submission. Bette will resubmit to the Boettcher Foundation once she hears from USDA. Motion by Gene *“to approve Bette’s submission of a grant application for building funds from the Boettcher Foundation and other grants that are available.”* Second by Greg. Motion passes 5-0.

**DOLA Grant:** Bette reported we may hear something by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**State Farm Grant:** Elaine Danhoff has started the application process. Board discussed the priority of needs and decided that additional extrication equipment was needed.

**Refinancing/Station 4 Upgrade/Compass Bank-** Bette reported that all of the paperwork has been submitted for review by USDA lawyers, and we are just waiting for their decision. Competitive bids will be needed for a construction loan when the USDA loan is approved.

**Newsletter:** Brett thanked those who helped to publish and distribute the September newsletter.

**2018 Budget:** Bette presented a revised draft of the 2018 budget. Motion by Greg “to accept this budget as presented and post the proposed 2018 budget at each station and the website”. Second by Brett. Motion passes 5-0. Bette then moved “to accept the “Notice of the 2018 Budget” pursuant to 29-1-106” (see Attached) that announces the posting of the proposed budget and a public hearing scheduled for 6:30pm November 8<sup>th</sup> at the lower Poudre Canyon Community Building prior to the regular monthly board meeting. Second by Gene. Passes 5-0. Notices will be posted at all stations and the website.

**Pig Roast Fundraiser:** Gene reported the pig roast at the Swing Station earned close to \$9500 even

**New Business:**

**Appreciation Dinner:** Paula will have a plaque made to present to the Jackie Matzner’s family.

**Announcements:** Firefighter Appreciation Dinner at the Mishawaka, Friday, October 27, 2017: Social hour at 1700, Dinner at 1800.

**Reports:**

**Chief:** Chief Collins reported that there had been 9 **calls** in September. Two were wildland fires from unattended campfires. Received donation of **6 SCBA’s and 8 spare cylinders** from Crystal Lakes FD. **Eight new SCBA cylinders** ordered from Dalmation Fire Equipment have been received. LifeLine donated two **windsocks** to the department. Chief Collins ordered the swivel frame for mounting it and Bob Stahl has offered to install it at Wilcox LZ. Several **slash piles** were burned this week.

**EMS:** Chief Collins reported that the county has donated some used equipment. The **two 800 mhz radios** will be mounted in Rescues 1 & 2. Also donated were **two mobile 800 units and some pagers**.

**Station 1:** Gene reported he wants to get a new WiFi for Station 1.

**Station 2:** Greg reported that a third metal picnic table, purchased by UPCA, has been installed on the outdoor patio. Carbon monoxide are on medic bags in Rescue 1 & 2.

**Station 3:** Greg reported that Station three is now being heated and that E631 and either the chipper or E622 will be stored there.

**Station 4:** Nothing new to report.

**Building Committee:** No report.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 7:33 pm. Motion to adjourn by Bette second by Gene. Motion passed 5-0

**Next Meetings:** November 8-Lower Canyon    December 13- Upper Canyon    January 10- Lower Canyon

**Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District  
Notice of 2018 Budget  
(pursuant to 29-1-106)**

The Board of Directors of the Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District has received the proposed budget for 2018 and will have a hearing to adopt the proposed budget at the regularly scheduled board meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Lower Poudre Canyon Community Center, 10234 Highway 14, Bellvue, CO. The proposed budget is available for inspection by the public at the department's website: [www.poudrecanyonfiredistrict.org](http://www.poudrecanyonfiredistrict.org). It is posted at approved locations in the Poudre Canyon. Any interested elector may file objections to the proposed budget at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget by providing written notice to PO Box 370, Laporte, CO 80535.

Bette Blinde, Treasurer