

Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District Regular Meeting
Of the
Board of Directors
September 13, 2017 /7:00 PM Lower Poudre Canyon

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by president Brett Ridges at 7:04pm.

Board Members: Bette Blinde and Paula Collins were in attendance and Gene Mericle was present via phone. Greg Danhoff was absent. Additionally, Chief Hugh Collins. Kellie Falbo, Zane Edwards and Dave Fritzler were present.

Approvals:

Minutes: Motion made by Bette *“to accept the August 9th regular meeting minutes as emailed.”* Second by Brett. Motion passed 4-0.

Treasurer’s report: Motion by Paula *“to approve the August financial statements as emailed and presented by Bette Blinde”*. Second by Brett. Motion passes 4-0. Bette reported almost all of the tax revenues have been received for this year.

Old Business:

Grant Applications: Hugh reported the window for a VFA grant is the month of October.

DOLA Grant: Bette reported we may hear something by October 1st.

Refinancing/Station 4 Upgrade: Compass Bank- Senior Vice President, David Fritzler, answered questions the board had concerning their proposal for borrowing money from their bank. Highlights were that the interest rate is currently 3.45%, with no prepayment penalty after 3 years, and a balloon payment at 10 years that would require refinancing at the then current interest rate.

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

State Farm Grant: Will be available this fall. (September 1-October 31)

Refinancing/USDA loan/Station 4 Upgrade: Bette reported that the USDA loan appears viable again at the 3.25%, or possibly lower, interest rate. USDA has agreed to waive the firehouse appraisal. Motion by Bette *“to continue pursuing the USDA application.”* Second by Gene. Motion passes 4-0.

Newsletter: Needs to go out soon.

Poudre Canyon Brochure: The Poudre Canyon Brochure has been revised. Bette presented a sample for the board to review. Kellie suggested adding more of a plea for donations and volunteers.

New Business:

2018 Budget discussion: Bette presented a preliminary draft of the 2018 budget. She discussed reformatting the budget and adding an entry for an “equipment replacement fund” equivalent to 1 mil of our tax levy, (approximately \$8,000 set aside each year). Hugh said he would look into the new construction impact fee as a possible additional revenue source.

Announcements: The Pig Roast fundraiser starts at 4:00 September 23, 2017 at the Swing Station in Laporte.

Reports:

Chief: Chief Collins reported that there had been 19 **calls** in August. One was a wildland fire. The **SCBA compressor** installation has been completed. Eight SCBA cylinders have been ordered. The **F.M. Global grant projector** has been installed in the community center at Station 2. Chief Collins attended the **chief's meeting**. He has received the three **fuel storage cabinets**. The Supply Cache donated an “**Indian**” **pump** that was placed on E622.

EMS: Zane reported that he is in conversation with a person representing “**EMS Charts**”

Station 1: Kellie will have the AC fixed on Rescue 1 this fall.

Station 2: No report

Station 3: Brett reported Station 3 has been re-stained. We will need to relocate trucks for the winter.

Station 4: Mike and Bette will be taking an I-V class this fall.

Building Committee: No report.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:14 pm. Motion to adjourn by Brett, second by Bette. Motion passed 4-0

Next Meetings:

October 11, Upper Canyon

November 8, Lower Canyon

December 13- Upper Canyon