

Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District Regular Meeting  
Of the  
Board of Directors

February 9, 2022 - 7:00 pm Upper Canyon

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Gene Mericle at 7:00 pm. Additionally, board members Paula Collins, Bette Blinde, and Boots Jaffee were present. Greg Danhoff was absent. Chief Hugh Collins was also present.

**Approvals:**

**Minutes:** Motion made by Bette *“to accept the January 12, 2022 regular meeting minutes as emailed by Paula.”* Second by Boots. Motion passed 4-0.

**Treasurer’s report:** Current financials were presented by Treasurer Bette Blinde. Grant money has been received from DOLA for the new brush truck. Motion by Paula *“to approve the financial statement ‘as of February 3, 2022’, as presented by Bette Blinde”*. Second by Boots. Motion passes 4-0. Bette has compiled 2021 materials that are ready to submit for the auditor’s review.

**Old Business:**

**Grants:**

**Chipper Grant** – Nothing new. Once chipping activity begins, documentation will again be needed.

**Ambulance Grant (CDPHE)-** Concern was expressed about the time table due to manufacturing lead times for the new ambulance and the deadline from the state to spend the grant money that has been awarded. Bette asked Chief Collins to look into alternative suppliers. An extension to the state deadline would alleviate our concern. Bette asked Chief Collins to also to check the cot company (Ferno) to see if they have sent the required equipment to the ambulance manufacturer.

**USDA Grant for Ambulance-** The pre-application for a USDA grant (\$42,000) to also help with our portion of the matching grant payment for the ambulance on order was accepted. Bette presented additional paperwork to be signed to proceed with the USDA application. Motion by Bette, *“approval by the board to proceed with the application for the USDA grant for ambulance funding.”* Second by Boots. Motion passes 4-0.

**Larimer County Grants** – Support for up to \$50,000 for the new PCFPD ambulance was approved at a January County Commissioner’s special meeting. Bette has provided the information the county requested and presented the paperwork to be signed to receive these funds. Motion by Boots, *“to approve Grant Recipient Agreement with Larimer County”*. Second by Bette. Motion passes 4-0.

**FEMA Grant-** No update on the application submitted to FEMA for a second new ambulance.

**Fire Fighters’ Safety and Disease Prevention Grant** – No update on the grant application Hugh submitted for 2 thermal-imaging cameras for the department.

**Collector Gun Fundraiser-** CLPFEG President, Ron Lonneman, has purchased a Commemorative “Firefighter” Henry, Lever-action, 45-long Colt rifle for a fundraiser opportunity.

**New Business:**

**FEMA Grant for Staffing:** Bette has been working on a grant for about (\$750,000) to enable the department to staff three full-time firefighters for three years to help the department on calls and provide labor for mitigation projects. Motion by Gene, *“to approve the FEMA Staff Grant be submitted by Bette Blinde”* Second by Boots. Passes 4-0. Mitigation discussion followed and it was suggested we should have a community meeting with residents to discuss their mitigation needs.

**El Pomar Grant for Ambulance-** Jake Udel will be submitting a \$40,000-\$50,000 grant to El Pomar for additional help for payment on the new ambulance with Bette's assistance. Jake is also working on a request to Northern Colorado Grants with Bette.

**Retirement Program:** Bette emailed the actuarial reports to board members for them to review for next month's Pension Board Meeting. Her only question was what showed as the amount contributed by us this year, and she will contact them about the number.

**2022 Election-** Paula reported that "Call for Nominations" for the two openings we will have on the executive board have been published in the Coloradoan, PCFPD website, Lower Poudre Canyon Press, Riverbank, and have been posted at stations 1,2 & 4. She has not received any self-nominations so far, but knows of one individual who plans to submit a form.

## **Other Business**

### **Reports:**

**Chief:** Chief Collins reported that we had 5 calls in January and Station 2 has 3 new volunteers.

**EMS:** No report

**Station 1:** Gene has lined up an electrician to help with the replacement of the "ambulance" breaker.

**Station 2:** E621 had a flat tire due to a rock slice. Dan Bond will get a new tire mounted on the rim.

**Station 3:** Chief Collins has reduced the heat at Station 3 and has placed a thermometer in the building to monitor. Bette reports the bill was still high last billing.

**Station 4:** Hugh reported there are still a few unfinished projects at Station 4.

**Building Committee (Station2):** No report.

**CLPFEG:** CLPFEG financials were presented.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm. Motion by Bette, second by Boots. Passes 4-0.

**Next Meeting:** March, 2022 -7:00 pm at Station 1 Community Center preceded by a Pension Board Meeting and a Public Meeting at 6:30 p.m. to address any questions about the USDA Grant we are applying for.