

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

August 11, 2021 - 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, Greg Danhoff and Boots Jaffee were present. Chief Hugh Collins. Greg Venette and Sarah Mericle were also present.

Approvals:

Minutes: Motion made by Bette *“to accept the July 14, 2021 regular meeting minutes as emailed.”* Second by Boots. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurer’s report: Current financials were presented by Bette. She reported that nearly all of the tax revenue has been received. Motion by Paula to *“to approve the financial statement ‘as of August 5, 2021,’ as presented by Bette Blinde”* Second by Boots. Motion passes 5-0.

Old Business:

Grants:

Generator Grant- Chief Collins has reworded and signed Homeland security agreement that no longer states the generator “can be removed” and “will be used primarily for terrorist and mass casualty incidents”. It will be used for power outages, to keep the building operational and is a fixed unit.

Chipper Grant – PCFPD has been awarded the “chipper grant” and the 2021 FRWRM Award Packet was emailed to board members prior to the meeting to review before authorization. Motion by Greg *“to authorize Bette Blinde to sign the agreement and conditions of the grant from the Colorado State Forest Service Financial Program.”*

Ambulance Grant- Bette reported she received word by email that Poudre Canyon is being awarded the ambulance grant. No additional paperwork has been received. Chief Collins has been informed that the cost of the ambulance has gone up in price by around 7.5%. The dealer hopes Dodge will give us a discount as a loyal customer on the chassis, or we may need to cut back on some of the options on the vehicle. The ambulance has a 290-day delay from order to delivery. The dealer is ordering it this week.

USDA Grant for Ambulance: Paula has reached out to Becky Jensen and has sent her the current award grant application information. She is reviewing it and will let us know if she feels she can apply for a USDA grant to cover more of the expenses. Other grant writers are needed for the department. Gene suggested putting a request in the local newsletters for a grant-writer task force. Greg will check with Jared Gassen about grant writing. Bette suggested Ken Williams. Greg V. will ask Paula and Bob Stricker.

REA Audit- We still have not received the cost estimates from REA. Board decided to install a new door seal for Station 3. Other REA recommendations will be on hold until we get information price quotes from REA

Repeater at Station 1: Chief Collins reported progress is being made. Collins Communications is coming tomorrow (12th) to move the repeater equipment from Station 3 to Station 1. Lumen (Centurylink) will install the dedicated line on Monday (16th) at Station 1.

Vaccinations for EMR: Amy has inquired about the general guidelines for vaccinations for EMRs. There are no state requirements and only immunization recommendations from UCHHealth. Board will ask our EMT coordinator to send an email to our EMS personnel with those recommendations. They will need to respond if they want, need or don’t want/need any of those vaccinations at the department’s expense.

All Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution: Changes have been submitted and accepted to the Fire Annex-“O” of the Larimer County All Hazard Mitigation Plan. Bette moved that the Board approve Resolution No. 2021-01. Greg seconded. The Resolution was signed with board approval.

Neguse Response to our letter: Chief Collins reported he had not contacted Congressman Neguse. Last time it took five weeks to hear back with the letter of recommendation for the ambulance that Congressman Neguse had offered to send. Bette expressed concern about the reduction of our tax revenue due to the Cameron Peak Fire and subsequent flood disasters. Motion by Greg, *“to not spend extra money to pay down USDA loan principle this year”* as we may need that money for other needs. Second by Bette. Motion passes 5-0.

New Business:

Rescue 1: Due to the delay in receiving the new ambulance, it will be important to keep Rescue 1 running. Chad Bertram has been working on the electrical problem.

Budget Discussion: Bette asked for recommendations for upcoming expenditures for the 2022 budget. Training needs and REA energy recommendations were discussed.

Other Business: Chief Collins presented a limited edition, hand-pulled screen print by Denver artist Stuart Alden of Ink Lounge who was commissioned to commemorate the joint efforts of local, state, and federal agencies, nonprofits, research partners and neighbors, from the US Forest Service Supervisor, Monte Williams, in appreciation for helping with the Cameron Peak Fire efforts. It is intended to be placed where employees and public who also supported these efforts can enjoy it.

Reports:

Chief: Chief Collins reported that we had 20 calls in July. He has done a mitigation report for the Townsend residence for insurance purposes. The department hosted a community meeting for the Blackhollow and Profile Rock residents last Saturday for Larimer County that was well attended. We will complete the fencing at Station 4 once the weather cools down.

EMS: Paula reported that Amy has the new med bags in service on both ambulances. We have another volunteer, Chad Bertram, asking to get EMT training. Paula will ask Amy to look into a Create Grant for his training. Also, it is time to apply for a Create grant for those wanting to attend the EMSAC conference in Keystone in November. Dan Bond emailed Chief Collins of a 3-day Trauma conference in Cheyenne in September for \$100/person.

Station 1: Boots reported the roof has been repaired on Station 1 and the ambulance appears to be working. Greg V. reminded Station 1 to put fuel treatment in the generator.

Station 2: Greg reported that both door locks at Station 2 Community Center have been repaired. Rescue 2 has a new breaker installed by Chief Collins. Joe Jay has resolved the problem of keeping the lid of the CAFS unit up and is willing to install the same fix on the other two brush trucks.

Station 3: Greg while weed-wacking at Station 3, broke a window on E631. He has identified the property line and has asked the neighbors to keep our parking area clear. We do have a dry well on that property that is usable.

Station 4: Bette pulled all the thistles at Station 4.

Building Committee (Station2): They have not met.

CLPFEG: Bette presented the current CLPFEG financials and replaced the incorrect Profit and Loss statement with a new profit & loss. The original profit and loss was incorrect due to adjustment entries provided from the auditor.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Bette, second by Greg. Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm

Next Meeting: September 8, 2021 - 7:00 pm at Station 1 Community Center. Our insurance representative will be present and supply Subway sandwiches.

**POUDRE CANYON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
RESOLUTIONS No. 2021-01
RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FIRE ANNEX OF THE
LARIMER COUNTY ALL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District with assistance from Larimer County Office of Emergency Management has gathered information and prepared the Fire Annex to the Larimer County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan and,

WHEREAS, the Larimer County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with FEMA requirements at 44 C.F.R. 201.6; and,

WHEREAS, Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District is a local unit of government that has had an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District has reviewed the Fire Annex to the Larimer County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan and affirms that the Annex to the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District Board of Directors that Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District adopts the Fire Annex to the Larimer County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's All-Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 14th day of July, 2021.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF POUDRE
CANYON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

BY: _____


Gene Mericle, President

ATTEST:


Paula Collins, Secretary

