

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

March 9, 2022 - 7:00 pm Lower 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 and Greg Venette were also present.

Minutes Approval: Motion made by Bette “to accept the February 9, 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. Motion by Paula “to approve the financial statement for February 2022, as presented by Bette Blinde”. Second by Gene. Motion passes 4-0. Bette has sent in the application to USDA Rural Development for additional funding for the new ambulance purchase and has held the required public meeting which rendered only positive comments. Bette reported that she is helping Jan Gueswel write a grant for funds to improve the Lower Canyon Community Center to make it ADA compliant. (The Poudre Canyon Fire Department uses this building for board meetings and trainings)

Old Business:

Grants:

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

Ambulance Grant (CDPHE)- Public meeting for comments on the USDA Rural Development grant was held at 6:30pm and all comments were all positive. (See meeting minutes below.) Bette and Chief Collins updated the board on the problem of the availability of a Ford chassis being delivered to the ambulance manufacturer in time to meet the CDPHE grant deadline and reported his contact feels certain the chassis will **not** be available in time. However, Chief Collins found an ambulance for sale in Iowa that could fit our needs. It is a refurbished box on a new 5500 Dodge chassis. Bette and Hugh will now work on the details with the CDPHE grant representative and the ambulance dealer to see if this will work for us. Motion by Bette, “for board approval to change ambulance supplier”. Second by Gene. Motion passes 4-0.

FEMA Grant (New Ambulance for Station 1)- Grant application was submitted. No update.

Fire Fighters’ Safety and Disease Prevention Grant –(Thermal Cameras): Chief Collins reported that he received notice of approval for the purchase of two thermal cameras from the Firefighter Safety and Disease Protection grant he applied for. He submitted paperwork to the board for approval. Motion by Bette, “to approve the Firefighters’ Safety and Disease Protection grant for two thermal cameras” Second by Boots. Motion passes 4-0.

FEMA Grant for Staffing: Bette reported, the grant application was submitted but never signed and has missed the grant deadline.

EI Pomar Grant for Ambulance: Submitted with update expected in June. (\$50,000)

Grant of Northern Colorado Community: Submitted for \$30,000 for the new ambulance funds. No awards granted yet.

Collector Gun Fundraiser- CLPFEG President, Ron Lonneman is still working on this fundraiser opportunity.

Election: Paula announced the May 3, 2022 election has been cancelled. Bette motioned “for the board to accept the resolution to Cancel the May 3, 2022 election and declare David Bliss and Cheryl York elected to the board.” Second by Gene. All election cancellation notices have been filed, published, posted and accepted in the required places.

Training: Chief Collins reported monthly training at Station 2 has been occurring. Boots said Station 1 February training had been cancelled due to weather last month. Hugh will contact Dan about the district spring wildland training date.

New Business:

Website: Bette presented various district websites that are using Streamline (\$80/month) for their website. The concern is that our current website through the state, although free, is malfunctioning and support is slow in responding. There is trouble logging in with known passwords, the reports turn into paragraph form and the donations link messes up. Gene will review his notes on his website research two years ago, before a decision to change is made.

Newsletter: Ideas for the department's spring newsletter were discussed: new truck, ambulance, election cancellation, chipping mitigation.

Donation of Drones- Both Hugh and Gene received phone calls from Wayne Hayden, a Red Feather resident, who is donating small drones to all the mountain fire departments. He plans to give PCFPD one for each station as early as next week.

Starlink for the Department: Gene will get information.

Wildland Preparedness Flyers: Bette passed out samples of wildland fire preparedness flyers from FEMA, she suggested we email these out to residents doing one a month for several months. The board felt this would be a good idea.

Community Outreach Meetings and organizing: Bette reported that the county is trying to hold county preparedness outreach meetings and she wondered if we would like to hold such a meeting in the Upper Canyon. It was suggested she bring up this idea at the UPCA meeting. Bette also suggested we should facilitate community organizing. She felt there will be some additional funding that the community could apply for but without knowing what community members want to improve in their community, like broadband service, they won't get any of the funding. For example, Red Feather has a Public Advisory Committee (PAC) that it is working to get broadband brought into the area. Poudre Canyon is not being considered as she feels we haven't made our voices heard. Some of the funding might need to be run through a local government like our fire department.

Division of Fire Prevention and Control money: A bill passed the legislature providing \$5 million in equipment for firefighters. Bette suggested we apply to get new bunker gear for our members. She recommended we go after the more flexible **bunker gear** that is as free as possible of chemicals which are being linked to cancer in firefighters. Hugh will work on a price list. (He submitted our need for bunker gear last week to the Division of Fire Prevention and Control in their survey related to these monies)

Flooding Maps: Bette said there are 8 areas in our district that are prone to flooding like what happened at Black Hollow. She wanted to know where these areas are located and if anyone knew where they were. There was discussion on how find out. Bette also wants everyone think about what we can do to improve our fire department for discussion next month.

Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program: Bette reported there is a grant opportunity for mitigation workers to help residents. PCFPD would need to set up a manager for such a grant. Board thought it was a good idea since the FEMA grant for staffing missed the submission deadline due to the signature computer glitch.

Reports:

Chief: Chief Collins reported that we had 2 calls in February. E631 is close to being complete. He is working with LETA on evacuation pre-planning, installed the back-up camera for Big Red and is working on the 2022 clothing order. He submitted a critical needs survey for bunker gear for the **Division of Fire Prevention and Control** and he replaced expired batteries in the AEDs.

EMS: Amy purchased replacement batteries for the AEDs.

Station 1: Gene and electrician plan to replace the "ambulance" breaker next week.

Station 2: No report

Station 3: "No Parking" signs put up by Chief Collins on the building.

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

Building Committee (Station2): No report.

CLPFEG: CLPFEG financials were presented via email by Bette.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm. Motion by Bette, second by Boots. Passes 4-0.

Next Meeting: April 13, 2022 -7:00 pm at Station 2 Community Center

**CANCELLATION OF ELECTION and
DECLARATION DEEMING CANDIDATES ELECTED
BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLUTION**

§1-13.5-513, 1-11-103(3), C.R.S.

POUDRE CANYON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT,
LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the District is authorized to cancel the election by resolution and declare candidates elected at the close of business on the sixty-third before the election to be conducted on MAY 3, 2022 ; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has duly certified that there were not more candidates for director than offices to be filled, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates,

Now, THEREFORE, pursuant to 1-13.5-513 & 1-11-103(3), C.R.S., the Board HEREBY cancels the regular election to be conducted on the THIRD day of MAY, 2022 by formal resolution and

THE BOARD DECLARES THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES ELECTED FOR THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF OFFICE:

| (Name) | (Address) | (Term Length) |
|---------------|---|---------------|
| David C Bliss | 40738 Poudre Canyon Road, Bellevue, CO 80512 | 3-year term |
| Cheryl York | 325 Mountain Plover Lane, Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545 | 3-year term |

Signed by: _____
(Board Chair's signature)

3-9-2022
(Date)

Contact Person for the District:
Telephone Number of the District:
Address of the District:
Paula Collins
970-881-2472
PO Box 370
Bellevue, CO 80512

PUBLIC MEETING FOR PUBLIC INPUT ON USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION
MARCH 9, 2022

MINUTES:

On March 9, 2022 at 6:30 pm, a public meeting to obtain public input on a USDA Rural Development Grant was held with Bette Blinde presiding. Ten community members were in attendance. Bette explained that the department is purchasing a new ambulance for around \$300,000 of which \$200,000 has already been raised. This USDA Rural Development grant for 15% of the ambulance cost (about \$42,000) will help fund the balance. Bette asked for comments, both positive and negative.

Positive Comments: "Never had a brand-new ambulance before. It's a good thing." Jan
"Great Idea, let's do it!" Stephanie
"Great idea, no brainer." Bob
"It is important to update our equipment. The better suspension will give our patients a more comfortable and reliable ride." Hugh
"With 107 calls last year, the need is great, and it is a good idea." Greg V

Negative Comments: None

Question: "Will we sell the old ambulance?"

Answer: "Yes"

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 after public input after showing unanimous support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Collins
PCFPD Secretary