

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

September 8, 2021 - 7:00 pm Lower Canyon

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Gene Mericle at 7:57 pm after an insurance policy review and discussion presented by VIFS representative, Margaret McWeeney, and following a presentation by Jan Gueswel, Lower Poudre Canyon Association president. Additionally, board members Paula Collins, Bette Blinde, Greg Danhoff and Boots Jaffee were present. Chief Hugh Collins, Kellie Falbo, Amy Maddox and Sarah Mericle were also present.

**Approvals:**

**Minutes:** Paula noted there was a name omitted on the emailed minutes and a name misspelling. Motion made by Gene *“to accept the August 11, 2021 regular meeting minutes as emailed originally by Paula with the addition of those two corrections.”* Second by Boots. Motion passed 5-0.

**Treasurer’s report:** Current financials were presented by Treasurer Bette Blinde. Check for final payment to Fort Collins Dodge recorded in the statement for the new brush truck was in error by \$5,500. In the financial statement it shows the “2021 Truck Grant Expense E631” to Fort Collins Dodge as \$60,104.65. The check for final payment was actually \$54,604.64. (\$60,104.64 is the total cost of the chassis and boxes). Additionally, the treasurer explained why the Profit and Loss statement shows a negative balance. The reasons are: We have not yet been reimbursed for the chipper, and the new E631 payment will come out of reserve funds. Motion by Gene *“to approve the financial statement ‘as of September 6, 2021’, as presented by Bette Blinde with change of the E631 payment amount to Fort Collins Dodge”*. Second by Greg. Motion passes 5-0.

**Old Business:**

**Grants:**

**Chipper Grant –** Paperwork for the reimbursement for the cost of the chipper has been sent. The additional \$28,000 of the grant will require documentation, including man hours spent in preparation and chipping plus a 50/50 match for mitigation costs for homeowners for tree removal. Board discussed a limit of \$1000/household.

**Ambulance Grant-** Bette presented a copy of the “statement of work” contract that needed to be approved and signed for the ambulance grant. Motion by Greg *“to accept the terms of the ambulance grant as emailed previously by Bette”*. Second by Gene. Motion passes 5-0. Bette has been unable to get a response from the USDA about a supplemental grant for the project.

**Station 1 Pager Repeater:** Chief Collins reported the repeater is still not working at Station 1, and that “Radio Dave’s” people will have to check on connections at their end, and perhaps replace the antiquated unit. Antenna and equipment was moved, and a dedicated line installed in mid-August.

**REA Audit/Quotes-** Nothing new from REA. (see Chief’s report)

**Vaccinations for EMR:** Amy reported that vaccinations are “up to us” as individuals. She will look into how much the Health Department charges and send recommendations to personnel as to where they can get shots.

**Neguse Response to our Letter:** Chief Collins alluded to the email he had already sent to the board members about the response he received to the original letter. He agreed to send another email asking for an update on any progress.

**New Business:**

**Lower Poudre Canyon Association Inquiry:** Discussion about the possibility of taking over the LPCA community center if LPCA folds. PCFPD would want a building committee to maintain building and grounds. No decision made.

**Special District Handbooks-** Current SDA booklets were passed out to board members.

**Bennet Letter:** Gene will see that Senator Bennet receives a letter from PCFPD similar to the one sent to Congressman Neguse.

**Training Report :** Chief Collins presented a list of possible trainings for batallions and the entire department. He suggested that \$5000 be put in the budget to cover these and EMS training opportunities. He will send his list to the department members for more training suggestions.

**Budget Discussion-** Only training costs mentioned.

**Newsletter –** Paula will ask for Dan Bond's help with the upcoming newsletter. Ideas for articles were suggested. She will probably take the letter to Quick Print for printing this time.

**Appreciation Dinner-** Ron Lonneman has been in contact with the Mish about having the appreciation dinner there.

**Other Business:**

**Reports:**

**Chief:** Chief Collins reported that we had 10 calls in August. He is still working on getting the Station 1 repeater operational, and working with the county on access to fueling facilities. He installed a new thermostat with numbers at Station1 and a rubber door seal at Station 3 as recommended in the REA audit. He received and helped move a pallet of canned water donated by Anheiser-Busch to Station 4. He received the new E631 truck and took it to have its winch and running boards installed. It is now getting graphics applied. He got a quote for a stationary 32 Kw generator for Station 2 of \$29,000, and will get another quote. Helped with Blackhollow recovery efforts and has Diane Weber looking into the restoration of phone service west of Blackhollow.

**EMS:** Amy has 4 more Med bags from PFA for the department and has ordered replacements for expired products.

**Station 1:** Kellie reported that they have a new recruit, Ethan. Station 1 is getting together for monthly trainings. The equinox marathon will be September 19<sup>th</sup> affecting one lane of Hwy 14. Colorado Marathon is October 24<sup>th</sup> and volunteers are still needed.

**Station 2:** Greg has filled the mouse holes. A speaker for the base station has been installed in the bay by Greg and Dan.

**Station 3:** Greg caulked the air gaps at Station 3

**Station 4:** John and Paula Zumbro have moved. Karl Brown is interested in responding when he is at the Ranger's house.

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

**CLPFEG:** CLPFEG financials handed out.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm

**Next Meeting:** October 13, 2021 - 7:00 pm at Station 2 Community Center.