

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

April 13, 2022 - 7:00 pm Upper Canyon

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by acting President Greg Danhoff at 7:02 pm. Additionally, board members Paula Collins, Bette Blinde, and Boots Jaffee were present. Board member Gene Mericle was absent. Chief Hugh Collins, Cheryl "Micky" York, David Bliss and Brenda Bliss were also present.

Minutes Approval: Motion made by Bette "to accept the March 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. She updated the board on the status of all the grants (see below) and reported that she had met with Jan Gueswel and a contractor in regards to the grant she is helping the Poudre Park Community Center obtain. Motion by Greg "to approve the financial statement for 'as of March 31, 2022', as emailed by Bette Blinde" to the board. Second by Boots. Motion passes 4-0.

Old Business:

Grants:

Chipper Grant –Bette reported that two homeowners have received reimbursement for tree removal on their properties through this grant. Any additional hours spent by the homeowner should be recorded and submitted toward our "in kind" service hours required for the grant.

Ambulance Grant (CDPHE)- Chief Collins reported we would be getting \$3200 from the county to cover the cost to ship the ambulance. The new ambulance should be delivered to Ron's Equipment loading dock sometime next week. The unit will then be taken to Collins Communications for installation of 800 Mhz radios followed by a trip to Front Range Fire Apparatus for the installation of a data recorder. Bette reported she worked with the state (CDPHE) to get the new ambulance approved for purchase, and has filed a third update report to them. She has submitted the final report to United Way for the \$47,000 that was given to PCFPD for the ambulance purchase. She has also submitted the reimbursement request to Larimer County for their \$50,000 for the ambulance.

USDA Grant for Ambulance- Bette reported she is continually submitting additional information as requested by USDA for a grant of \$42,000 for additional assistance to fund the new ambulance. Last request from USDA was for two loan rejection letters from banks. (Unusual request since as a Special District we cannot take out a loan.)

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 the thermal cameras have been ordered.

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

Grant of Northern Colorado Community: A \$30,000 grant for the new ambulance has been awarded to PCFPD thanks to the efforts of Jake Udel and Bette Blinde.

Collector Gun Fundraiser- No update

Election: Paula introduced incoming board members: David Bliss and Cheryl York to the board.

Training: Chief Collins reported monthly 4th Tuesday training at Station 2 has been occurring. Last month the new drones were introduced. Boots said Station 1 training meets every 3rd Wednesday but this month will be on the 4th Wednesday. Wildland refresher training is being planned.

Website: Bette has checked out 3 additional websites. She would like all to take a look at Google Workspaces. Motion by Greg *“to have Bette set up a Google Workspaces account through CLPFEG”*. Second by Boots. Motion passes 4-0. There is no cost for non-profits.

Newsletter: More articles are needed for the newsletter. Incoming board members were asked to send write bios about themselves for the newsletter.

NEW Business: None

Reports:

Chief: Chief Collins reported that we had 4 calls in March. E631's pump was not working and a new impeller has been ordered. The 2022 clothing order has been submitted. He ordered the thermal cameras. He also wrote and received a grant to cover the shipment of the new ambulance.

EMS: EMS: Paula stated that the 5 new volunteers will need CPR training. Also, a noncertified CPR training is being offered by PFA every third Thursday and could be advertised in upcoming newsletters.

Station 1: Boots reported 99% of the dead flies were removed and equipment was started. He said they would start up the float pumps next training. Boots did not know if Gene and electrician replaced the “ambulance” breaker.

Station 2: Greg reported the flagpole needs to be restrung and is hoping to get assistance from a REA crew in the area. Station 2 has 5 new recruits with two more interested. Hugh has an 800 Mhz radio for E321 for installation.

Station 3: Greg reported someone has started a slash pile at Station 3. He will chip what is there and put up the “No Dumping” sign again.

Station 4: Hugh reported the fencing at Station 4 needs to be finished. Greg offered to help.

Building Committee (Station2): David Bliss expressed interest in becoming the fire department's representative when on the board.

CLPFEG: CLPFEG financials were presented via email by Bette.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm. Motion by Bette, second by Boots. Passes 4-0.

Next Meeting: May 11, 2022 -7:00 pm at Station 1 Community Center