Four Mile Fire Protection District

Board Meeting

Date: 05/25/2022

Board Member attendees: (**P**) Lindy Luksch, President; (**P**) Steve Witcher, Treasure; (**P**) Ken Bay, Director; (**EA**) Randy Bruggink, Director, (**P**) Jeff Carnahan, Director

Non- voting Board member: (**P**) Kirk Greasby, Interim Chief; (**P**) Tori Capaci, Bookkeeper

(P-Present, A- Absent, EA – Excused Absence)

**Call to Order: C**alled to order 19:00

We had a series of Special and Emergency Board meetings, prior to this regularly scheduled Board meeting. I would like to explain each of those meetings.

**Special Board Meeting held 5-9-22**

Swore in new officers, Jeff Carnahan elected for 1 term

Steve Witcher and Randy Bruggink each elected for 4-year term

Chief Teague notified me on Wednesday May 5, 2022, that he had tentatively accepted the position OEM for Teller County. On Thursday May 6, the Sheriff for Teller County, announced we had a new OEM, Jay Teague. That afternoon, Chief Teague sent an email to the Board making this announcement. Also, later that day he sent an email, same subject to the Volunteers. Executive Session held to discuss what options we had going forward was not open to the public.

**Special Board Meeting held 5-11-22**

Board met to discuss replacement of Chief Teague. This meeting was not open to the public.

**May 18, 2022 meet to Cancel May 20, 2022, Board Meeting due to High Park Fire 2022**

**Emergency Board Meeting 5-20-22**

Met to appoint interim Chief. Appointed Chief Greasby as Interim Chief. Read short bio of Chief.

**Read new meeting guidelines:** Effective today, May 25, 2022, we will no longer entertain comments from the public during the board meeting. Public comments will be welcomed near the end of the meeting, just as your agenda indicates. Each individual wishing to speak will be given 3 minutes. If we are unable to answer your question, it will be answered at the next board meeting.

**Previous Minutes:**

* A motion to approve the minutes of the April 20 Board Meeting was made by Director Witcher, seconded by Director Carnahan and was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

**(See attached for detail for Treasurer’s Report)**

* The Treasurer. Director Witcher reviewed the financials for the month of April. Director Carnahan moved to approve the financials and seconded by Director Bay. Approved unanimously.

**Old Business:**

* We at times have opportunities to do things on the fly…outside of regular Board Meetings. Such as purchase of fire engine from Divide Fire for $20,000. We were notified at 8am and had to have a check signed and delivered to Divide Fire by noon. Director Luksch texted each Board Member individually, then she called each Board Member and followed up with an email. These are not idea situations. And any things we do like this, MUST be ratified at the next Board Meeting. However, we are not skating on the edge of the law or breaking the law as verified by our attorney.

**New Business:**

* Congratulations to Steve Witcher, Randy Bruggink and Jeff Carnahan on winning the election.
* Need Vice President to act when President is unable to make meetings. Motion was made to appoint Director Bruggink as Vice President, President Director Luksch by Director Carnahan, second by Director Bay. Approved unanimously. Motion to have Director Witcher remain Treasurer by Director Carnahan, second by Director Bay. Approved unanimously.
* Final Check for Chief Teague. Director Witcher made motion to pay Chief Teague through the end of May and not stop his pay on Sunday May 22nd. Second by Director Carnahan. Approved unanimously
* Welcome Chief Greasby as Interim Chief. Board decided it would like to try hiring for the Chief position from with the volunteers we have. Job was posted on Wednesday June 1st and closed on Wednesday June 8th. Motion by Director Carnahan to post job within department, seconded by Director Witcher. Approved unanimously.
* Interim Chief Spending limit. Motion by Director Witcher to limit spending amount to $2000, and up to $3000, with the approval of the President or the Treasurer. Seconded by Director Carnahan. Approved unanimously.
* New computer for Chief Greasby, previously Chief Teague used his own computers, old desktop is very slow. Dell has a laptop that will handle quick books and a Memorial Day sale. Director Luksch motioned to purchase new Dell computer approx. $800, second by Director Carnahan. Approved unanimously.

**Chief’s Report:**

* High Park Fire 100% contained
* On initial attack 2 hose reels were damaged. Cost approx. $230 ea. Could not get reimbursed from incident. Brush 32 had damage to a winch, and bumper needs repair. Director Carnahan mad motion to replace hose reels and seconded by Director Bay. Approved unanimously
* Station cleaning after fire is ongoing.
* Recently approved sale of QRV and purchase a wildland vehicle. Batt Chief Benavidez’s vehicle will be used to plow roads and parking lot and tow the UTV/trailer. He will use wildland vehicle. Asked to table until next Board Meeting.
* During fire purchase of 2 BK Radios, emergency purchase. They were unable to communicate with Incident Command. This allowed Batt Chief Greasby and Batt Chief Benavidez to communicate with the IC. Director Luksch made a motion to approve the BK Radios purchased for the fire. Director Carnahan seconded. Approved unanimously.
* Chief Greasby would like to get approval to purchase 3 more lockers, last purchased by Chief Teague. Motion made to purchase 3 additional lockers by Director Carnahan and seconded by Director Witcher. Approved unanimously.
* Chief Benevidez gave incident totals. Cleared up questions regarding how our #’s were reported.

**Public Comment**

* Is the $3000 spending limit for the Chief adequate?
* Anna Sanders requested the March minutes be corrected and also fix the financials

**Motion to Adjourn** Motion to adjourn by Director Carnahan, second by Director Bay at: 19:57