



Meeting Minutes

7/18/2022

Call to order

A meeting of Prospect Rural Fire Protection District was held at Prospect Community Center on July 18th, 2022 @ 7:00pm

Attendees

Board Attendees included: Melody Goodboe, Lon Stockebrand, Wayne Scriven and Rebecca Johnson, Ryan Karjala

Staff Attendees included: Randi Brock, Bob Jones, McKenna Johnson, Christopher King

Visitors Included: No visitors this meeting

Board Members not in attendance

All Board members present

Additions to agenda

None stated

Approval of minutes

Rebecca Johnson motions to approve minutes as read, Wayne Scriven seconds the motion and the board approves unanimously.

Reports

Communications: Randi reports that she has changed the Fire Chief information with the county as they still had it set as Greg Schaffer. The SDAO and Provident policy renewals have been filled out and submitted. There was a multitude of phone calls from people wanting to test drive the Durango tat is for sale. Randi corrected the date of last moths meeting on the official meeting minutes copy but had already printed the handouts. The department received some very generous donations and appropriate thank you letters were sent. Randi states that she is still in need of copies of the volunteers' certifications and fingerprints to submit to DPSST. She reminds the board that in lieu of payment for the booth at Jamboree, it is requested that the department

have a couple of EMT's present to address any emergencies. Randi is currently working on how best to document volunteers' hours.

Financials: Bob states that the department received a large tax check this month. The fundraiser money has been deposited into the checking account. The departments LGIP account is up to almost 1% in interest. Bob explains that a large portion of the expenditures this month was for the new radio for the new type 6, it was almost \$5,000.00. Ferrellgas has charged the wrong price the removed tank and he is working to rectify that. Expenditures thus far are just about on track budget wise, and those have mostly been operational costs. The only categories that went over budget were the Fire Chiefs and fundraisers. \$50,000.00 has been transferred from the LGIP account and into the checking. There are still a few checks out that hadn't cleared but he expects them soon.

Chiefs Report: There were 5 medical, 1, MVC and 2 mutual aid calls this month. Mike informs the board that the old ambulance sold for \$10,000.00. He explains the ODF fire risk map for individual properties and that there has been push back from citizens concerned about the risk to their homeowner's insurance. He notifies them of an upcoming public meeting on the matter. He expects a \$3,400.00 offer on the '86 fire engine and Rebecca Johnson makes a motion to accept anything over \$3,000.00, Wayne Scriven seconds this and the board approves unanimously. Mike is trying to get a set meeting with the person in charge of the seismic grant.

It is at this point Mike mentions that he has had some concerns brought to him by the volunteers. The volunteers are concerned about a certain incident where a board member responded to an incident at their neighbor's house and initiated CPR. The volunteers assume the board member was notified of the call by the 911 dispatch app that the volunteers and board members have on their phones. The stated concern is whether there could be a liability to the department if a not medically certified board member responds to a call using that system as notification. Ryan states that he responded as a "neighbor and a friend" not as a member of the fire district and there's no way to ascertain whether he was notified by something like Pulse Point or a police scanner or the application in question. He asks McKenna, who has spoken up on the liability issue, if she would personally respond the same as him to her neighbor and friend, adding he hopes she would; that he hopes everyone present would. Mike reiterates that his concern is the question of liability if the 911 app was utilized and not with Ryan responding. Melody explains the Good Samaritan laws to those present. Mike queries the board as to their need to have access to the app if it could be a potential liability. Ryan states the board has the right to monitor calls and the department's response to them, it's public information and a common occurrence at other departments. Ryan states this helps them keep track of call volumes and other things like, call response time, that may need addressing. Wayne states that he has responded to a call before but also can understand the concern about liability. Lon states he uses it for the reasons Ryan mentioned and sees no issue with a neighbor helping a neighbor. Lon gives another example of the app's use; being able to see the volunteers have been fighting a fire a long time and getting sustenance and hydration out to them. Mike reiterates that the issue is not with responding, the concern is over HOW Ryan was

notified and the potential liability. Ryan reiterates that the volunteers have no proof that he garnered knowledge of the incident through the departments 911 app. Wayne adds that this is a small, helpful community where neighbors are quite close and go out of their way to help each other. Bob ponders what the departments official policy is on the matter or if there even is a policy addressing it. Lon again specifies that Ryan responded as a neighbor and not as a board member. Ryan asks McKenna to explain to those present what he did when she arrived on the scene with the ambulance. McKenna states she didn't even recognize him at first, that she only saw someone doing incorrect CPR, who then relinquished the scene to her. Lon asks if those present can agree that it's okay for neighbor to help neighbor. Chris agrees. McKenna expresses her displeasure with the board having access to the 911 application and that if a board member responds again, she will resign. She states that she believes they would be working under her license, which Lon states is untrue if they are responding as a neighbor and not as a representative of the department. However, the board offers to remove the app from their phone to avoid further conflict.

Unfinished business

Zoll Progress: There is still the \$5,000.00 from Seven Feathers to apply to the purchase. Lyle will contact Mercy Flights to see if one can be purchased from them. Mercy Flights has a shortage on supplies themselves so currently the department can't buy all their supplies from them. Chris and Jesse will find out if they can purchase from Bound Tree still to fill the gaps.

Fifth Tuesday Social: Jethro's will be happy to cater, Lon just needs a head count. Date will be Aug. 30th with food at 5pm. Mike informs the board that they need to let dispatch know the volunteers will be out of service for that time. The question of whether alcoholic beverages should be allowed is asked and it is agreed that would not be prudent and that it should be an alcohol-free event.

Committees: Rebecca expresses the need for committees because things are getting forgotten between board meetings and don't get accomplished.

Jamboree: Lon asks the board about the \$35.00 fee to advertise in the Jamboree booklet and everyone agrees that the department should do so. The tanker will be used to water down the booth spot to keep down the dust. Ryan is getting the details for the Mercy Flights Helicopter to be there.

New business

Bylaw change: The board decides to hold off on this until they have approved book 1 of the new policies. The board will schedule a workshop for policy work soon.

New Ambulance: Chris reports that it's a wonderful rig, it runs well and has ample storage and work room. They have added the needed blue lights and Chris is donating a stereo, back up camera and a Star of Life inverter to charge 110v items. However, better tires may be needed for winter.

Charging for out of district calls: Melody is checking on legalities of charging out of district patients for services. She suggests in lieu of sending a bill that perhaps the district could send a donation request instead. It is suggested she contact SDAO about the legalities.

Voicemail: It is agreed that the phone message needs to be changed to add the burn line number, ODF fire restriction website and an estimated time of return call, Randi will do this. Bob will get Randi the password for the phone company to find out about digital voicemail so it can be accessed remotely to make return calls more prompt.

Fire Chief recruitment: Mikes date of resignation is January of 2023. It is assumed that Lyle still wishes to move up to that position. If he chooses not to there are some various resources discussed for advertising for the opening.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Next Meeting

August 15, 2022 @ 7pm @ Station 1 (276 Mill Creek Dr.)

Secretary

Date of approval