

Regular Meeting of the Hygiene Fire Protection District Board of Directors meeting, called to order at 7:15pm by President Ken Wood

Tim Cunningham, Mel Wall, and Bill Nelson were present. Marlin Godfrey, John Brokert, Jr., Bill Eliason, Bob Clifton, Scott Keener, and Chief J.J. Hoffman were visitors.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

## **Old Business**

### **Action Items from prior meetings**

The election is complete and board members Tim Cunningham, Ken Wood, and Mel Stone were re-elected. They completed the oath of office and were sworn in as returning board members.

Marlin mentioned the the issue with Central States has been resolved. The \$3200 in extra options was washed with the liquidated damages. We don't owe them and they don't owe us.

Regarding the old tanker, 2842, the department members would like to keep it for the time being. We may upgrade it later, but for now, it'll stay in the old building and it should be used with the full knowledge that it is not as state-of-the-art as the new tankers.

Chief Hoffman said that we still should be looking at a five year plan for new equipment. Ken has put together a tentative plan and shared it with those present.

Bill Nelson is still working on the sign for the ladder truck.

Marlin talked to Brandon and was told that he would be out in the next couple of weeks to work on 2831 and perform the pump test on 2802. The pump engine on 2831 has been repaired under warranty.

Ken mentioned that he read the operating manual for the new live fire training center. He asked J.J. if it was the document he intended to use and was told that it was, but at this point is a draft only. He has turned the draft into Cemex or them to review. Today, he received a draft from Cemex for a lease agreement he will discuss in his report later in this meeting.

## **Committee Reports**

The new flashlights will be shipped tomorrow and should arrive in about a week.

## **New Business**

### **a. Correspondence for the board**

We received a letter from CSU Pueblo. They had a crime lab and it is closing. They wanted to know if we would like to take the records for storage and maintenance. We will not be participating as we feel it does not apply to us.

### **b. Firefighter Ratings (applications for new members)**

Liz McGavin, Lyons, CO. Board rated 2

### **c. Other New Business**

Bill Nelson motioned that the board reward the efforts of Steve Brinkman as DEO with a \$200 Visa gift card. Mel Stone seconded and the board approved.

Bill Nelson asked for approval for a 2-6" low level suction strainers, a few dozen triple A and double A rechargeable batteries. It was suggested that we also get another charger. Bob mentioned that the rechargeable batteries are 1.25 volts and the standard batteries are 1.5 volts. The board discussed the purchases and approved the expenses. Bill found a bad inside rear dual tire on 2830. Chief Hoffman recommended that we purchase a new tire and also a spare tire and rim.

Bill Eliason found a low level strainer, some six inch hard suction lines and a jet siphon on 2819. It was decided that the strainer, hard lines and siphon be moved to 2840. We should then buy 1 to 3-50' sections of LDH (large diameter hose). It is expensive so 150' should be enough. It was decided to order one low level strainer instead of two since we already have one. It was decided later that we will wait on ordering the LDH.

### **Officer's Reports**

**President** – Ken reported that going through the election process opened his eyes as to how much more he wants to accomplish. He also wants the meeting minutes to be posted on the website. Tim will handle that part. He presented his impromptu five year plan along with the current plan. The board reviewed and discussed the plan. Given our current income stream, we cannot afford to make a \$300,000 expenditure for a new engine in a single year. Bill Eliason mentioned that Lyons has purchased a new truck and will be leasing it through Bank of the West. They offer a government entity lease that provides for two payments a year and an interest rate of 3%. There was some discussion regarding the fact that we enjoy a unique situation whereby we can purchase most everything we need with cash, and owe no one. There is probably a way to do this with a \$300,000+ pumper as well. That's what a five year plan is for, to assist with planning these large purchases. Ken would like to hear from as many people as possible what we may want to purchase in the next few years. Not just trucks, but are there other things that we need? It was decided that a committee be put together to discuss future needs.

Bill Eliason confirmed that Lyons has adopted the 1997 code. The commissioners approved. The commissioners asked what would happen if a district had no code. Jeff Dwight, building official for Boulder County, said that the district with no code would be able to suggest changes but there would be no enforcement arm. There were more discussions regarding adoption of a fire code. Chief Hoffman mentioned that the hydrant issue is only a small portion of what the code enforcement is all about. A fire code, in his opinion, is a necessity, but he is not excited to continue explaining the reasons why it is needed. Ken really wants to know in what way the 2006 code is superior to the 1997. He also noticed that other districts which have adopted the 2006 code have amended it into exactly what they want it to be. There is also the issue of the Wildland Interface code that may have to be discussed and/or adopted.

Bob Clifton said that from a citizen's standpoint, he sees twice as many people telling him that he has to do something different every year. He believes that the County Commissioners are putting in too many restrictions on their own property. He feels that the whole thing is heading in the wrong direction. Bill Eliason said that he feels that a fire code might be needed in the district to keep the new 'green' building codes from being too restrictive. Marlin mentioned that he, after listening to all the input over the last few months, believes a fire code of some kind is needed in the district. However, it should not be amended to the point that one enforcement official would be allowed to bend or interpret the code in a manner not consistent with what's really needed. J.J. responded that he would hope that whoever the person was enforcing the fire code rules within the district would be a person with enough experience that his or her

decisions would be valid, and would have the flexibility to interpret the code consistently. If the interpretation of the code or amendment is in dispute, there is also the option of the appeal committee. Marlin said that what he meant by his previous statement was that he didn't want to see an amendment that stated that the enforcement official could do whatever he or she wanted to do. In the end, the board agreed that a fire code is an important issue but we don't want to do anything that will do harm to existing structures or district residents.

**Secretary - None**

**Treasurer -**

**I. Bills Paid**

**II. New Bills**

**a. Fire Chief –**

Chief Hoffman reported that he has a draft of a lease agreement from Cemex. He has not read it all but will copy it for the board. It appears pretty straightforward but needs to be reviewed.

Chief Hoffman reported that we have had some problems with Pridemark and our continuing education. It's possible that we will no longer be able to use them as they are being un-cooperative. He has contacted Longmont to see if we can explore a contract with AMR and he has contacted the sheriff as well. Bill Nelson said that Bruce Beresford is talking with Air Life regarding onsite med training as well. Chief Hoffman will report at next month's meeting regarding the above issues, but our response time from Pridemark has been less than stellar recently.

**Review of Meeting – No new items**

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.