

Regular Meeting of the Hygiene Fire Protection District Board of Directors, August 12, 2009. Meeting called to order at 7:04pm by President Jim Wall. Bill Nelson, Mel Stone, Tim Cunningham and Ken Wood were present. Chief Bill Eliason, Scott Keener, Keith Parrinello, Marlin Godfrey, Bruce Beresford, and Brandon Homer of Fire Apparatus Service Specialists were visitors.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Old Business

Action Items from prior meetings

Discussion was held regarding the calls in our District that have been taken by either Mountain View or Longmont. Chief Eliason has discussed the situation with dispatch, especially given that both entities should know where their district boundaries are and should be notifying dispatch that the address is not in their respective district. Apparently, there is a software glitch in the dispatch software that has hopefully been fixed.

Bill Nelson is still trying to coordinate the plaque presentation with the folks at Cemex. He will continue to pursue.

Digital radio license has been sent, returned and will be sent again.

Ken Wood reported that he has checked on line and found that we are not yet on the list as having received the grant, but all is not lost.

Ken also reported that our FPPA funds are holding pretty steady, as of the end of June.

Bill Nelson requested a resolution from the board for Kroll factual data, stating that we will pay the bills for the background checks. It was moved and seconded and approved. Tim will type up a resolution for Bill and get it to him. Kroll's address is P.O. Box 1534, Loveland, CO.

Committee Reports

New Business

a. Correspondence for the board

We received a letter from the State that affirms our application for exemption from audit.

Marlin received a letter sent to special districts, and some of it is pretty interesting reading. He also reported that he has notified the department that he will be retiring from active duty from the fire department at the end of 2009. He thanked the board for the trust they have had in him and the board thanked Marlin for his service over the years.

Bill Nelson received a letter that the Supreme Court has agreed to hear our case. The hearing is scheduled for September 24, 2009. We are not going to be billed for any of the services, and there are several other special districts that are now involved.

b. Firefighter Ratings (applications for new members)

John Abernathy, 108 Estes Court, Lyons, CO. Board rated 2.

Benjamin Brewer, 1411 Frontier St., Longmont, was originally board rated a 1 last month, but the board re-considered this month as he resides outside the district. He has now been rated 2.

c. Other New Business

Marlin Godfrey introduced Brandon (above) as a possible service consultant for the rolling stock in the fire house. Brandon presented a proposal for the required routine maintenance program. The program was discussed and board approved Brandon's company to perform the annual maintenance.

Prior to the approval, scheduling was discussed. Each department Brandon services has a different schedule depending on the individual truck usage. NFPA requires that every truck is serviced annually. The program is very flexible and can be adjusted to match the District needs. Brandon can also inspect ladders and certify pumps. This presents the District with a single source for all the important services.

The contract will run from August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010. Renewal will be discussed at that time.

Marlin reported that he has worked with Brandon before and Bill Nelson will need to set up a working relationship with him as regards small items and which levels Bill will set for repairs that can be done without approval.

Bill Nelson reported that the annual Cemex agreements are in each member's mailbox. They all have to be signed, each page initialed, and then returned to Bill ASAP. He will talk to Cemex about a plant tour.

Marlin asked if the fair queen could have their annual banquet at the fire house on September 19. After discussion, the board agreed and it was moved, seconded and approved.

Jim mentioned that the fire muster is this coming Saturday in Longmont. We have two trucks going to the muster. There is a parade and then a truck lineup. We'll be demonstrating our High Pressure Foam System. Meet at the senior center at 8, parade starts at 9.

Scott Keener demonstrated a pulse oxymeter and requested that the District purchase two of them at \$200 each. The board tested the device and unanimously approved the purchase.

Officer's Reports

President –

Jim presented the preliminary budget report for the year to date. He and Stoney have discussed the need to open a new account at a new bank so we don't have too much money in any one account.

We also have a debit/credit card account with a \$1900 limit at First National Bank at Nelson and Hover. There are signatures needed on that account, so the two Bills will sign.

Secretary -

Treasurer -

I. Bills Paid

Country Corner, Fuel, \$98.46; One Way Trash, dumpster rental, \$17.50; Post office, box rent and stamps, \$84.00; Max Fire, Beacon, \$76.30; Your Butcher Frank, steaks, \$847.69; Cindy Brown, training, \$50.00; Excel, gas, \$34.95; Qwest, phone, \$41.07; City of Longmont, water and electric, \$80.96; Western Disposal, porta pot, \$90.00; Wagner Welding, oxygen, \$39.46; Country Corner, fuel, \$160.52; Mountain truck, 2830 batteries, \$210.86; ADD equipment, batteries and pads, \$977.95; Pinnacol, insurance, \$224.00; Cindy Brown, training, \$50.00; Xcel, gas, \$21.63; One Way Disposal, trash, \$17.50; Tribbett Agency, insurance, \$1,915.00; City of Longmont, electric and water, \$22.36; Qwest, phone, \$33.48; Western Disposal, \$90.00; Pinnacol, insurance, \$224.00; Complete Wireless, radios, \$2,531.00; Country Corner, fuel, \$190.28; One Way Disposal, trash, \$17.50; Wagner Welding, oxygen, \$21.39.

II. New Bills

a. Fire Chief –

Chief Eliason reported that there were several Chiefs who met with the Sheriff regarding ambulance service to the northern part of the County. The Sheriff says he has no issue with the affected departments opting out of the contract with Pridemark. So, if we opt out and something happens to AMR, would it be possible for us to get back in? Chief Eliason has a sample contract that has been sent to Greg White and it has been corrected and approved. It should be usable for us as well as Lyons, and the other involved districts. Chief Eliason feels confident that Hygiene can get better service from AMR than from Pridemark. Chief Eliason asked the board if we feel comfortable opting out of the Pridemark contract and using AMR. If we opt out now, it would only be or about a year, then, since the County contract will have been re-negotiated and we may be able to opt back in if the County chooses AMR as their provider. There is a meeting on August 19 that may cement his decision. It's all about the response time.

Chief Eliason will also send a copy of the AMR mutual aid agreement to each of the board members.

Floyd from Max Fire is bringing a truck up to show us on Sunday at 2pm. This will probably be a well-appointed truck, but may give us some ideas.

Review of Meeting –

Bill Nelson mentioned that next year is the 50th anniversary of the department. We should start planning the party now so we have it in place by the time.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:29.