

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

May 11, 2022 - 7:00 pm Lower Canyon

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Gene Mericle at 7:00 pm. Additionally, board members Paula Collins, Bette Blinde, Greg Danhoff and Boots Jaffee were present. Additionally, Chief Hugh Collins, Cheryl “Micky” York, and David Bliss were present.

Minutes Approval: Motion made by Greg “to approve the April 13, 2022 regular meeting minutes as emailed by Paula.” Second by Boots. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurer’s report: Current financials were presented by Treasurer Bette Blinde. She reported CLPFEG has transferred to PCFPD \$30,000 from the Northern Colorado Community Grant award and a matching \$30,000 donation from CLPFEG in support for the project. Motion by Greg, “to accept the financial statement for ‘as of May 2, 2022’ as emailed by Bette Blinde” to the board. Second by Boots. Motion passes 5-0.

Old Business:

Grants:

Chipper Grant –Bette reported that four homeowners have now received reimbursement for tree removal on their properties through this grant. This week chipping has resumed in upper canyon. Pictures and hours spent chipping are being recorded and sent to Bette as documentation for the grant.

Ambulance Grant (CDPHE)- Chief Collins reported the new ambulance for Station 2 has arrived in the canyon after having the radios and data recorder installed. He has also taken it to a body shop for an estimate for the damage incurred in delivery transport. He was told the majority of the blemishes would simply “buff out” but has not received the estimate as yet to get it repaired. The FERNO ambulance cot arrived just this afternoon, and Chief Collins is in the process of applying for the title for the ambulance from the county. He has an appointment at the courthouse scheduled for Friday the 20th. Bette reported she will be submitting the final paperwork for the CDPHE grant money now that all of the ambulance bills have been paid, and is pleased we will meet the June 30th deadline.

USDA Grant for Ambulance- (for \$42,000 to help pay for the new Rescue 2) Bette reported she is waiting to hear from them.

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 2 thermal cameras covered by this grant have arrived.

EI Pomar Grant for Ambulance: Submitted with update expected in June. (\$50,000 to aid with Station 2 ambulance purchase)

Election: Paula said she will complete the filing of the paperwork required by the election after the oaths are taken.

Training: Chief Collins reported that Tony Falbo will set up the Wildland Refresher, Low Angle Rescue and Extrication training for the year. No date yet, but it looks like the Wildland Refresher will now be in late May.

Website: Bette reported she has resubmitted a form to GOOGLE for a poudrecanyonfiredistrict.org account through CLPFEG for mail delivery. She also reported that GOOGLE has a video conference option. Discussion by the board followed about using a new website provider as the current one is free but problematic. Bette recommended “Streamline” as it is user friendly and geared toward Special District’s compliance and transparency. Motion by Boots, “to move the PCFPD to the new website provider, Streamline”. Previous cost was quoted at \$80/month. Second by Greg. Motion passes 5-0.

Newsletter: Bette handed out the current draft of the newsletter in progress.

NEW Business:

SB222-238- Bette wanted the board to be aware of current legislation being voted on that may reduce our income by \$13,000-\$20,000 if passed. Greg inquired about SB22-002 "Resources for Volunteer Firefighters" and the monies that may soon be available to fire departments for mental health issues and PPE. Hugh reported that he has informed them of our need for bunker gear.

MOU with OPCI- (Memorandum of Understanding with Old Poudre Canyon Inc) OPCI, from whom PCFPD leases the land to Station 2, recently sent a Memorandum of Understanding draft to PCFPD for review. Discussion followed. PCFPD has concerns about Station 2's current usage with regards to our insurance coverage, special district transparency and the OPCI's appointed building committee's involvement when a non-resident wants to use the PCFPD building's training/community room. The board asked David Bliss to contact OPCI about our concerns. Bette and Cheryl York will work on a MOU from PCFPD if necessary.

Additional Insurance: Bette reported UPCA and OPCI are now covered with liability insurance under our insurance policy at no extra charge.

Oaths of Office: Newly elected PCFPD board officers Cheryl York and David Bliss took their oaths of office with president Gene Mericle presiding.

Election of Officers: It was resolved that Bette Blinde would continue to serve as Treasurer, Gene Mericle-President, Cheryl "Micky" York-Treasurer," Boots" Jaffee- Vice-President and David Bliss-at large.

Reports:

Chief: Chief Collins reported that we had 7 calls in April. He picked up fuel cards from the county for Station 1 for use in emergencies, received delivery of the new ambulance. Took the ambulance down to have radios and the data recorder installed and took it to a body shop for a repair estimate. He is in the process of applying for its title. He asked for a quote for an automatic garage door opener and installation for Station 3. E631 is still in need of dust covers but us functional. Chief Collins reported the fire restrictions have been lifted. He fixed the light sensors at Station 4, and will work on the fence there.

EMS: No report presented.

Station 1: Boots reported there was a well-attended monthly training at lower canyon. Gene reported the electrician found a short in the wiring and next week they will fix the problem by running additional conduit and a new circuit to the ambulance outlet.

Station 2: Greg reported the flagpole was restrung with the help from CenturyLink and the furnace filter changed again.He noted he changes the furnace filter every 2-3 months due to the fire and he raked up a lot of pine needles.

Station 3: Greg reported he turned down the heater.

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

Building Committee (Station2): No report. They haven't met.

CLPFEG: CLPFEG financials were presented via email by Bette.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. Motion by Bette, second by Greg. Passes 5-0.

Next Meeting: June 8, 2022 -7:00 pm at Station 2 Community Center