

INDIAN HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 25, 2010

The Minutes are intended to reflect the discussions that occurred and decisions that were made by the members; they are not intended to be a transcription of the meeting.

MEETING ATTENDED BY:

Fire Protection District Board Members: Paul Pettit — President; Bret Roller — Treasurer; Marc Rosenberg — Secretary; Ron Walton; Richard Westerlage

Fire Department Members: Don Schoenbein — Chief; Emery Carson — Assistant Chief; Steve Bruns — Fire Captain; Bob Fager — Rescue Captain; Scott Case

Non-Members: Anita Fritz — Bookkeeper; Karen Nelson — Recording Secretary

Guests: Mark Hall, First Responder Communications; Mary McNabb, Auxiliary

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 19:37 Hrs.

MINUTES:

Mr. Rosenberg made a *motion* to waive the reading of the July Minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Westerlage and passed unanimously.

Discussion followed and the following changes were made. Page 4, fourth paragraph, fourth and fifth sentences to read: “There would be a 36-hour battery backup. *A portable generator could be taken up to the site in the event of need.*” Page 4, fifth paragraph, last sentence to read: “Mr. Pettit recommended calling Sturgeon *Electric* to quote on the job rather than waiting on Xcel.” Page 6, first paragraph, first sentence to read: Regarding *Indian Hills* District news . . .” Page 6, second paragraph, third sentence to read: “However, it appears in the income section of the reports since it’s *improper* accounting to offset expenses with income.” Page 7, third paragraph, second sentence to read: “He reminded that whoever transports the patient *to the hospital* gets to bill.” Page 8, first paragraph, first sentence to read: “Mr. Rosenberg asked how big the tank *could be* on apparatus 349 *if retrofitted.*”

Mr. Rosenberg made a *motion* to accept the July Minutes as amended, which was seconded by Mr. Roller and passed unanimously.

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Rosenberg made a *motion* to waive the reading of the August Special Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Roller and passed unanimously.

Discussion followed and the following change was made. Page 3, fifth paragraph, fourth sentence to read: “He reminded that the Department would have its own unique *PL* tones.”

Mr. Rosenberg made a *motion* to accept the August Special Meeting Minutes as amended, which was seconded by Mr. Westerlage and passed unanimously.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Mark Hall, First Responder Communications

Mr. Roller began by saying that Mr. Hall had provided an updated estimate for the communications system project. Mr. Hall drew a diagram on the whiteboard depicting the four sites in the communications system (Critchell, Hilldale, Mt. Lindo, and Smokey Hill). He then shared that Sturgeon Electric had visited Mt. Lindo to quote on installing a telephone pole and had expressed concern about the site. Specifically, concerns were raised about potentially getting equipment stuck as well as possibly having to excavate the whole area. The estimate had come in at \$4,100, which could increase depending on how the dig goes. The electric was estimated at \$1,200. The estimate also included such specs as a 50-inch temperature-controlled cabinet. It would be heated, Mr. Hall said, but not air conditioned.

Discussion moved to frequencies. Mr. Hall said that the Critchell, Hilldale, and Mt. Lindo sites would be using the same input frequency (PL 203.5). A tone generator would be added at the Mt. Lindo site, and a card would be added at the Critchell site, Mr. Hall said. He then shared that labor to do the work at Smokey Hill had been added to the estimate. Replacing the mobile radio with a second VHF repeater would require roughly 20 hours of labor.

Mr. Hall then stated that the \$1,500 FCC licensing fees in the estimate may be on the high side. The frequency currently at the Mt. Falcon site would be transferred to Mt. Lindo. But, he added, another pair of frequencies would be required to make the link work. Mr. Hall said that he anticipated hearing about specific frequency costs soon. The costs associated with pouring the pad and the electrician were not included in the estimate, Mr. Hall pointed out.

Mr. Pettit asked if Inter-Canyon’s permission had been obtained to replace the equipment at Smokey Hill. Mr. Hall said he would defer to Mr. Carson. Mr. Carson admitted that the topic had not been discussed. Mr. Pettit noted that it needs to be addressed. Mr. Carson said that he could go before Inter-Canyon’s Board. Mr. Roller expressed that he thought Mr. Hall should handle it. Mr. Rosenberg said that Mr. Carson and Mr. Hall could handle it together. Mr. Fager shared that he believed that Inter-Canyon’s Chief, Mr. MacBean, has plans to upgrade the site. Mr. Rosenberg suggested that someone talk to Mr. MacBean as soon as possible. Mr. Carson said that he didn’t think Inter-Canyon was planning to upgrade the site this year. Mr. Hall stated that he was still working with a six-week timeframe and committed to talking to Mr. MacBean himself.

Mr. Pettit expressed concern about an enclosure at Mt. Lindo with no air conditioning. Mr. Hall responded that it was a sheltered site. Mr. Pettit inquired about whether air conditioning could be added. “Absolutely,” answered Mr. Hall.

Mr. Pettit then shared that he had a number of supplies, including copper strapping and coaxial cabling, that he could donate for the District's use on the project. Discussion followed about the various supplies that Mr. Pettit had. Mr. Westerlage asked when the tower would be installed. Mr. Hall responded that it required digging a hole and pouring the pad. Mr. Rosenberg asked if they would be pouring their own pad. Mr. Pettit said that he had wanted Sturgeon to look at the site, but that the company's services wouldn't be needed.

Mr. Rosenberg made a *motion* to accept the new estimate (IH080510) from First Responder Communications to set up the Department's new communication system, with a cost not to exceed \$26,500. Mr. Walton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Carson advised that if ordering one section of the tower, all sections should be ordered. Mr. Roller agreed, adding that the bottom section could be kept at the station while the rest could be stored elsewhere. Mr. Hall asked how the tower would be transported to the site. Various Board members spoke up to say that they had vehicles that could help with the transport.

Mr. Pettit returned conversation to specifics about the frequencies. He stated that there were originally supposed to be linked pairs. Did the estimate include that cost? Mr. Hall responded "yes." Mr. Pettit then stated that there was a problem because the channel was rated for a different power level. Mr. Hall said it was currently 50 watts but that he had asked that it be bumped up to 75 watts. He said that the District currently has a UHF pair, but added that he wasn't sure what it was being used for. Mr. Carson suggested that, perhaps, it was for the helicopter service. Mr. Pettit shared that he was concerned about the frequencies because they had been lost in the past. Mr. Rosenberg asked how long it would be before digital frequencies were required. "Ten Years," answered Mr. Hall. Mr. Roller pointed out that upgrades could be done as needed since the infrastructure would be in place. He then asked when a blueprint of the project would be available. Mr. Hall said that he would have one by the first part of the following week.

Mary McNabb, Auxiliary

Ms. McNabb shared that she had been to a training session recently in Washington, DC. She also mentioned that community members had been raving about the support for Mr. Adams. She asked where donations could be sent. Mr. Schoenbein responded that donations could be sent to the station and provided her with the address. Mr. Carson shared that \$7,600 had been raised at the recent spaghetti dinner fundraiser. To date, \$23,000 had been raised for Mr. Adams, said Mr. Schoenbein.

Ms. McNabb asked if *Smoke Signals* was being distributed. Mr. Schoenbein answered that it was being mailed quarterly and that it was also available on the Department's website. Ms. McNabb shared that she was still working on the documentary about volunteer fire departments.

In regards to *Smoke Signals*, Mr. Pettit noted that there hadn't been much success with the address numbers. Could an enclosure be included in the next issue of *Smoke Signals* marketing the address numbers? Mr. Schoenbein said that he was looking into changing vendors since the current one only checked email once a month. He said that he had found a

cheaper vendor and thought the endeavor could be used as a fundraiser as well. Mr. Fager asked if the price could be cut. Mr. Carson agreed that more people would be receptive to the numbers if they cost less. Mr. Roller asked if a certain volume was required in order to get a lower price. He recommended having a table at the station as well as the post office advertising the new house numbers. Mr. Schoenbein answered that the numbers were \$6 apiece. He recommended selling them for \$20 or less. Discussion followed about pricing. Mr. Pettit suggested that Department members could drive the trucks around and flag properties where addresses weren't adequately marked. Mr. Schoenbein responded that he thought there were more important things for Department members to do.

NEW BUSINESS:

Darley Truck Options

Discussion moved to options for the Darley apparatus (also item #1 on the Chief's Report). Mr. Schoenbein stated that the truck was scheduled to be delivered on September 25. However, Mr. Schoenbein said that he and Mr. Case had been researching trade-in options. Mr. Schoenbein's proposal was to work with Fire Trucks Plus in Rancho Cucamonga, California, to trade the Darley truck for a tender, wildland truck, ATV, and possibly an ambulance to replace apparatus 384. Discussion followed about the price/value of those trucks.

Mr. Schoenbein explained that some of the trucks could be new or demo models. The schedule for building a tender was 180 days, he continued. Mr. Schoenbein expressed that he didn't want to put the Darley apparatus in service. The Department could take delivery of it, but he didn't want to use it. He explained that he felt strongly that it was a \$436,000 truck that didn't serve the District's needs. Mr. Schoenbein credited Mr. Case for finding a number of suitable trucks to consider in the trade-in deal.

Ms. McNabb asked what needed to be done to move forward with Mr. Schoenbein's plan. Mr. Schoenbein responded that he had sent pictures and specifications for the Darley truck to Fire Trucks Plus. Mr. Rosenberg interjected that he thought Mr. Schoenbein's idea was a good one, but that the math didn't work: The Darley truck was worth \$436,000, and the trucks Mr. Schoenbein wanted to trade it for were only valued at approximately \$280,000. Mr. Schoenbein reminded that the Board had agreed to drop the price of the Darley to \$349,000. Mr. Case stated that the District wouldn't get a trade in equal to \$436,000. "\$320,000-325,000 maybe," estimated Mr. Schoenbein.

Mr. Westerlage stated that he thought the proposal was a "no brainer." Mr. Schoenbein said that apparatus 371 could be moved out of the bay to make room for apparatus 343. Mr. Roller spoke up to say that he was grateful for the work that had been done and recognized the value vs. cost issue. Mr. Westerlage interjected that the Department had an immediate urgency for a tender. Mr. Schoenbein said that he was looking at tenders with capacities of no less than 2,200 gallons and preferable 2,500. He explained that there were a lot of demo units available and cautioned that dollar to dollar may not look the same. But, he reminded, a lot of the demo units were being offered at discount prices. Mr. Schoenbein strongly encouraged getting the right equipment for the District now since it may be more difficult to make purchases in the future.

Mr. Pettit said that he thought Mr. Schoenbein's proposal was a good one in concept. But, Mr. Pettit added, he didn't want to "give away" the Darley. He expressed that he wanted to see list prices for the trucks being considered for the trade in to have an apples-to-apples comparison. Mr. Rosenberg reminded that "value" was the key word. Mr. Schoenbein reiterated that he didn't want the District to have \$436,000 tied up in an apparatus that wasn't needed. Conversion costs were part of the equation as well, he reminded. Mr. Westerlage asked what Fire Trucks Plus needed to proceed. A consignment agreement was discussed.

Mr. Case stated that he didn't want the Department to get less than it could. But, he continued, he believed that the District had paid too much for the Darley. He said that he shared the sentiment of getting the maximum value and believes that this is a huge opportunity to update the Department's fleet before amendment 60 and 61 and proposition 101 are put on the ballot. Mr. Case concluded by saying that Mr. Schoenbein's proposal is a graceful way to get out of a huge mistake by allowing the Department to end up with three or four useful trucks to show for the money spent. Plus, he added, Department members will be willing to drive them.

Mr. Bruns said that it was his understanding that apparatus 341 and the Darley are essentially the same truck. Mr. Schoenbein's proposal will give the Department what it actually needs. Mr. Schoenbein said that the District could potentially end up with five new apparatus because a command vehicle could be added to the mix. Then apparatus 358 could be used for something else or sold. Mr. Rosenberg reiterated that getting a tender was the Department's number one need. Mr. Pettit admitted that he liked the concept being discussed as long as the Department gets the best deal it can.

Mr. Case stated that he thought Mr. Schoenbein's proposal was an ideal solution to combat the perception of government misspending. Mr. Pettit agreed that he liked the trade-in option better than selling the Darley at a loss. Mr. Rosenberg concurred as well.

Mr. Rosenberg made a *motion* to authorize Mr. Schoenbein to enter into a consignment agreement with Fire Trucks Plus to market the Darley in exchange for a trade in of assorted apparatus needed by the Department. Mr. Roller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Monthly Reports

Discussion began with Mr. Pettit thanking Ms. Fritz for the details she provides on the cover page of the financial reports. Mr. Westerlage asked about the first bullet point on the cover page under Balance Sheet. Was the dollars available for general IHFPD expenses made up of three different accounts? And how much money would be left at the end of the year not including the costs associated with the communications system? Ms. Fritz answered that there would be \$40,000 left in checking and \$400,000 left overall.

Mr. Fager asked about a bullet point on the cover page stating that cell phone expenses are over budget and that a prepaid plan didn't seem to work with the available equipment. Ms. Fritz admitted that she needed help with securing the most cost-efficient cell phone service that would work with the Department's existing equipment. She said that she could get the

phones but couldn't guarantee the mount. Mr. Schoenbein advised her to get the phones and not worry about the mount. Ms. Fritz expressed that she thought ATT had the best prepaid plan. It was also noted that Mr. Walton had a Verizon tower on his property, which ensured good service in the area. Ways of mounting the phones in the apparatus were discussed.

Ms. Fritz said that she could get a phone and try it. The minutes on prepaid phones do expire, though, she reminded. Mr. Rosenberg agreed that he liked the idea of trying one phone in apparatus 383. Mr. Pettit said that the Department could look into how to mount the phone and assess how well it worked after a month. The current cost, Ms. Fritz added, was \$78.50 per month.

Mr. Westerlage asked about the last bullet item on the cover page, which referred to the fact that costs for the communications system would be hitting this year's budget even though the project was budgeted for in the past. Ms. Fritz said that she could pull out those expenses as a separate line item if that would make it easier.

Discussion moved to the Profit Loss Budget Performance Spreadsheet. Mr. Westerlage asked about account #4999 (Ambulance Fees). Had the funds that had been anticipated as income been allocated to the budget? "Yes," answered Ms. Fritz, "\$12,000." Mr. Westerlage stated that he was looking for money to use to paint the station. Mr. Schoenbein noted that \$1,500 had been received that day in ambulance fees.

Mr. Pettit asked who account #5750 (Misc. Professional Fees) was for. Ms. Fritz answered that it paid Ms. Griggs and covered the \$75 fee for the payroll service. Regarding personal protection equipment (account #6015), Mr. Westerlage asked if there were still plans to spend the account's allocation. Mr. Schoenbein responded that two members would be outfitted. Mr. Roller asked when everyone would have new gear. Mr. Carson reminded that two sets were purchased each year. Mr. Schoenbein added that the Department was in compliance.

Conversation turned to Checks. Mr. Pettit asked about check #11281 to General Air for \$230, part of which was for five cylinders. He was told that they were oxygen cylinders. Mr. Pettit then inquired about check #11287 to Signs of Life for \$59 for house number signs. Mr. Schoenbein clarified that the expenses would be run through the Department in the future. A question was raised about check #11289 to Xerox for \$142.80. He was told it was for a toner cartridge. Ms. Fritz noted that she needed to add a check: #11291 to Xcel Energy for \$226.41.

Mr. Walton made a *motion* to approve checks #11273-11291, excepting check #11290, plus automatic payments and bank fees. Mr. Roller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Roller asked if the District was up to date on all State filings, such as the Form 990. Mr. Schoenbein admitted that the Department was not. He expressed that he knew the filings needed to be cleaned up. Such filings hadn't been done for years, he added. Mr. Roller shared his concern that the Department's 501(c)(3) status could be in jeopardy. All it took was missing two Form 990s to revoke the Department's status. Plus, he continued, it would cost money to get the status back.

Ms. Fritz changed topic to ask about an invoice she had received for a truck cord. Mr. Rosenberg said that it had come from him. Ms. Fritz clarified that she could reimburse people but not the Department.

Mr. Pettit returned conversation to the 501(c)(3) issue. A meeting needed to be scheduled to clarify issues, he said. Mr. Schoenbein admitted that there was disparity in the Department. He suggested discussion with Ms. Nemer. Ms. McNabb interjected that being up to date was important if the District was trying to get funding from any outside source.

Ms. Fritz noted that she needed to call Wells Fargo and see if there were any technicalities with the apparatus loan if the Department decides to pursue the trade-in option regarding the Darley. And, she continued, it must be done before November. Discussion followed.

DEPARTMENT/OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Fire Marshal — Randy Rudloff

Not present. No report submitted. Mr. Schoenbein reminded that the Deer Creek Challenge bike race would take place that coming Sunday. So far, 900 participants had signed up. He explained the race route and mentioned a 6 am start time. Options were available for 32-, 64-, and 100-mile routes. The majority of riders were doing the 100-mile route, he said.

Chief's Report — Don Schoenbein

A report was distributed and various items were discussed. Mr. Schoenbein began by reminding that item #1 regarding plans for the Darley had already been discussed. Mr. Schoenbein then gave an update on Mr. Adams's condition (item #2). Mr. Schoenbein said that home hospice was being employed and that \$23,000 had been raised to date for Mr. Adams and his family. Mr. Adams's spirits were good, Mr. Schoenbein added.

Discussion moved to item #3 regarding the auxiliary. A meeting had been held the previous week with good turnout. An open house/craft fair was being planned for September 18. A number of vendors had already rented booth space, he said. Mr. Rosenberg asked if Inter-Canyon would be involved. Mr. Schoenbein answered that the event was uniquely for the Indian Hills Fire Department.

Conversation turned to station maintenance (item #4). Mr. Schoenbein shared that a quote for painting the exterior of the station had come in at \$3,700. The work would include prepping and painting the main building as well as the attached shed. He noted that it was a very good quote and that the work needed to be done before winter. Mr. Westerlage raised the idea of installing a belly band on the bottom and asked where the money would come from in the budget. Discussion followed. Mr. Roller said that he agreed the station needed painting. Was it worth taking money from another account or should the project wait?

Mr. Carson suggested that perhaps Mr. Leprino might be willing to donate the money. He said that he needed to approach Mr. Leprino with estimates and suggested a major remodel. Mr. Roller asked when Mr. Leprino had committed to funding the efforts. Mr. Carson answered that it had been a few years ago but that Mr. Leprino had recommitted. A plan needed to be developed, he said. Mr. Pettit suggested that if the Department got the

apparatus squared away, it could get a loan for the difference between what Mr. Leprino was willing to donate and what the station remodeling project would cost.

Mr. Roller recommended that Mr. Carson find out more about Mr. Leprino's interest in helping financially. If there were blueprints for the plan, a quote could be obtained from a contractor. Mr. Fager offered that he had a friend who might be willing to do the blueprints. Mr. Walton suggested tabling the painting proposal until the following month. Mr. Westerlage reminded that there was no money for a renovation in the budget. He advised getting a price to repair the damaged siding and pushing through until the following spring.

Mr. Roller noted that the building needs a huge amount of work. He questioned whether it was smart to spend \$4,000 to paint or better to wait and do a major overhaul. Spending \$4,000 wouldn't fix the building, he added. It was agreed that Mr. Carson would speak with Mr. Leprino about his intentions and Mr. Fager would talk with his friend about his willingness to create blueprints.

Mr. Rosenberg turned conversation to the upcoming Big Chili event. He said that a planning meeting had been held the previous Monday. It had been decided that 10% of the proceeds from the event would go to Mr. Adams. Mr. Rosenberg shared that area departments were really behind supporting Mr. Adams.

Fire Captain's Report — Steve Bruns

Present; no report submitted.

Rescue Captain's Report — Bob Fager

Present; no report submitted. Mr. Fager shared that the EMTi training was progressing. Mr. Gagnier was the farthest along and just needed to take his test after he completed his training. Mr. Fager anticipated that he and Mr. Ratke would finish up by the end of the year.

Progress was being made on certifying the Department's ambulance for ALS, Mr. Fager continued. A shipment of equipment had already arrived and drugs would be forthcoming. He said that one ambulance would be certified. Mr. Schoenbein said that both could be since stock could be moved. Discussion followed about paperwork required by the DEA for the certification.

Mr. Fager changed topic to the upcoming EMSAC conference. There was not a lot of money in the budget, he admitted, but Department members needed continuing education credits to remain EMT-certified. He outlined the costs for attending at \$225 per person for three to five attendees and \$210 per person for six or more attendees. Costs did not include lodging, he added. Mr. Fager pointed out that although the rescue training budget had already been spent, money had been reimbursed via the grants. In addition, Mr. Vogler had started an EMT class just the day before.

Mr. Schoenbein noted that the only money allocated to the rescue training budget had been for the EMTi class. If Department members want to attend EMSAC, money will have to be cut somewhere else in the budget. Mr. Walton expressed that he thought there should be a way to find the money to pay for the training. Mr. Pettit acknowledged that training was important. A discussion followed whereby specific budget accounts were discussed.

Mr. Schoenbein suggested that there were other ways to get EMT training hours. Mr. Fager explained that it was difficult since much of the training was offered during work hours and said that 76 hours were required every two years. Mr. Schoenbein questioned that number. Mr. Fager noted that there was a cutoff date of September 24 to get the lower price rate for the EMSAC training. Mr. Roller proposed that lodging costs could be saved by driving to the training every day. Mr. Fager pointed out that the training started at 8 am in Breckenridge. Mr. Walton said that he thought he could help find reasonable lodging in the Breckenridge area.

Discussion followed about the details of the training, which is scheduled for November 4-7 and includes breakfast and lunch. Mr. Fager said he anticipated that six to eight people would want to attend. Mr. Rosenberg acknowledged that it was important training. Mr. Carson advised analyzing who on the Department is truly handling patient care before determining participants. Mr. Walton advised that Mr. Fager return to the next Board meeting with information about where the money would come from. Plus, added Mr. Pettit, a list of who's going. Mr. Fager pointed out that the training addressed at the EMSAC conference is used on 90% of the calls. Conversation followed about using some dollars from the wildland training budget. Mr. Pettit noted that \$4,800 had been allocated to rescue and wildland training together.

Mr. Roller made a *motion* to approve the expenditure associated with the EMSAC training if Mr. Fager can find the money in the budget from other line items. Mr. Rosenberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Term Limits

Mr. Pettit stated that Ms. Nemer had contacted him after receiving the files from Mr. Young. She had requested a meeting regarding the files, which included five boxes. Ultimately, he explained, Ms. Nemer had kept two boxes, given the Department two boxes to keep, and disposed of one box.

Mr. Pettit then shared that he had spoken with Mr. Christenson from the Jefferson County elections office. Mr. Pettit said that Mr. Christenson stated that he couldn't imagine election expenses to put the term limits issue on the County ballot would run more than \$1,000 based on the number of voters in the District. Mr. Pettit said that he had also spoken with Ms. Nemer regarding how to handle decisions that need to be made between Board meetings. Ms. Nemer had advised that a committee of two can be designated to make decisions. Mr. Pettit reminded that the District could still pull out of the election with no money spent. He said that he had requested that Ms. Nemer change the ballot wording to put mention of Indian Hills up further in the text.

Mr. Walton asked if any money had been spent to date regarding the election. "No," answered Mr. Pettit. Mr. Carson asked when a decision had to be made about participating in the election. "By September 3," answered Mr. Pettit, who added that there was \$1,935 in the budget for election costs. Mr. Walton proposed cancelling the election and reallocating the money for EMT training. Mr. Westerlage spoke up to say that he didn't agree. He expressed that he thought election expenses up to \$1,000 were okay. Mr. Westerlage stated

that he wants to see the EMTs go to the training if the money can be found. The reason he supports the term limits ballot issue, he said, is that the Board member position doesn't generate a lot of interest in the District. Eliminating term limits doesn't mean that other people can't run, Mr. Westerlage noted.

Mr. Pettit agreed, adding that the problem occurs when the terms of good people expire and no one wants to fill the seat. The ballot measure wouldn't change that people can run against existing Board members. Most Special Districts have already eliminated term limits since problems occur with participation, Mr. Pettit explained.

Mr. Roller asked when the exact cost for the election would be known. Mr. Pettit reiterated that Mr. Christenson had said that the election wouldn't cost more than \$1,000 and encouraged Mr. Roller to call him himself. Mr. Roller said that he was questioning Mr. Pettit because Ms. Nemer had said that the election could cost the District up to \$3,000. Mr. Pettit said that the District should go with the figure that Mr. Christenson quoted. Mr. Roller asked when an invoice would be received from the County. "After the election," answered Mr. Rosenberg. Mr. Roller said that he would call Mr. Christenson the following day. Mr. Pettit said that Mr. Christenson had told him that he couldn't imagine that there would be enough voters in the District to make costs more than \$1,000.

Mr. Walton made a *motion* to create a committee comprised of Mr. Pettit and Mr. Roller to make a decision on whether to proceed with the election within budget costs. Mr. Westerlage seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Roller said that if the election cost \$1,000, he would vote to proceed. Otherwise, he would veto the idea. All expressed understanding of his position. Conversation then followed about the various Board member terms and how one is elected/appointed to each.

Mr. Roller then ruminated that the Board had just told Mr. Fager that Department members couldn't go to EMSAC. But the election issue could be addressed in the future. Mr. Roller said that he wasn't sure it was the right decision. Mr. Westerlage said he didn't think that the analogy worked. He agreed that the EMTs should go to the EMSAC training, but pointed out that dollars had been earmarked for election expenses. Mr. Pettit agreed that no more than the allocated amount should be spent.

Discussion turned to amendments 60 and 61 and proposition 101. Mr. Schoenbein pointed out that proponents of the measure had roughly \$12,000 in the coffers while opponents had some \$4 million.

Snowplow Contract

Mr. Rosenberg stated that he had no problem with Mr. Fritz, the current contractor. Mr. Carson said he thought Mr. Fritz could have done better cleanup. Mr. Schoenbein asked about the budget. Ms. Fritz responded that there was no way of knowing since it was a split season. Mr. Westerlage said that he thought there had been fewer problems with Mr. Fritz than other contractors. Mr. Pettit expressed concern with Mr. Fritz's flat rate. Discussion followed about details of the contract. Mr. Pettit said he didn't think the area needed to be plowed every four inches if there was a two-foot snow. Conversation ensued.

Mr. Roller made a *motion* to rehire Mr. Fritz to handle snowplowing services for the Department. Mr. Rosenberg seconded the motion. It was noted that because Mr. Fritz's contract ran through the end of the year, a motion was not required at this time. Mr. Roller suggested that Mr. Fritz work with the Chief. Mr. Schoenbein responded that he thought Mr. Fritz's communication was excellent. Mr. Schoenbein further stated that he didn't think Mr. Fritz ever plowed unnecessarily whereas the last contractor did. Ms. Fritz reminded that the original agreement was to plow at two inches. But, she continued, it had been changed to four inches. Mr. Walton suggested looking at the contract.

Helipad

Mr. Rosenberg began by saying that the helipad was in bad shape. He stated that there were weeds growing through the cracks. It was noted that it had been repaved four years ago. "Sealed," corrected Mr. Carson and Mr. Westerlage. Mr. Rosenberg suggested that dollars be put in the budget to address it the following year. Mr. Pettit asked how much it might cost. Mr. Rosenberg estimated \$2,000. Ms. Fritz advised Mr. Rosenberg to get an estimate now. He responded that he would call contractors and get bids.

Mr. Adams

Mr. Roller asked if the Board could do anything on Mr. Adams's behalf. Mr. Rosenberg reminded that it was taxpayer money. It was a good gesture, he added. Mr. Rosenberg then stated that some Special Districts have life insurance policies on their firefighters that are very low cost. He cited Platte Canyon as having such a plan. Mr. Westerlage said that he thought the plans were tied into the pension. Mr. Roller asked what could be done moving forward to support someone in a position such as Mr. Adams. Mr. Carson recommended contacting Mr. Tribbett. Mr. Schoenbein said he could call Mr. Tribbett.

Gas Line Request

Mr. Carson stated that the Indian Hills Water District had approached the Department about putting a gas line in from the station to the shed in the back and installing a tiny heater. It was noted that the Department did not pay for water service. Putting the gas line in would require tearing up the asphalt. Mr. Rosenberg suggested that maybe it was a question for Ms. Nemer. Discussion followed. Mr. Rosenberg proposed that the Water District bring a concrete proposal detailing expenses to the Department.

Budget Handout

Conversation moved to a handout from Ms. Nemer regarding the upcoming budget. Mr. Pettit asked what level of participation was desired from the law firm. Ms. Fritz responded that she only wanted Ms. Nemer to submit the paperwork. And publish the notices, added Mr. Pettit. Ms. Fritz said that she would like the attorney to handle anything that had to be submitted to the County. Mr. Schoenbein noted that two budgets would be required this year: the regular one and a separate one in the event of passage of amendments 60 and 61 and proposition 101. He reminded that if the issues pass, no debt can be accrued. And some parts of the legislation would begin taking place in January 2011 if the ballot issues pass, he added.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 10:43

There being no more business to discuss, Mr. Walton made a *motion* to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and passed unanimously.

President:

Secretary:

MOTIONS MADE AND PASSED:

- To waive the reading of the July Minutes. *Motion made by Mr. Rosenberg; seconded by Mr. Westerlage; unanimous.*
- To accept the July Minutes as amended. *Motion made by Mr. Rosenberg; seconded by Mr. Roller; unanimous.*
- To waive the reading of the August Special Meeting Minutes. *Motion made by Mr. Rosenberg; seconded by Mr. Roller; unanimous.*
- To accept the August Special Meeting Minutes as amended. *Motion made by Mr. Rosenberg; seconded by Mr. Westerlage; unanimous.*
- To accept the new estimate (IH080510) from First Responder Communications to set up the Department's new communication system, with a cost not to exceed \$26,500. *Motion made by Mr. Rosenberg; seconded by Mr. Walton; unanimous.*
- To authorize Mr. Schoenbein to enter into a consignment agreement with Fire Trucks Plus to market the Darley in exchange for a trade in of assorted apparatus needed by the Department. *Motion made by Mr. Rosenberg; seconded by Mr. Roller; unanimous.*
- To approve checks #11273-11291, excepting check #11290, plus automatic payments and bank fees. *Motion made by Mr. Walton; seconded by Mr. Roller; unanimous.*
- To approve the expenditure associated with the EMSAC training if Mr. Fager can find the money in the budget from other line items. *Motion made by Mr. Roller; seconded by Mr. Rosenberg; unanimous.*
- To create a committee comprised of Mr. Pettit and Mr. Roller to make a decision on whether to proceed with the election within budget costs. *Motion made by Mr. Walton, seconded by Mr. Westerlage, unanimous.*
- To adjourn the meeting. *Motion made by Mr. Walton; seconded by Mr. Rosenberg; unanimous.*

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