

INDIAN HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

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.

Attendees:

Fire Protection District Board Members: Scott Kellar- President, Marc Rosenberg- Treasurer (excused tardy), Chris Vigil- Secretary, Scott Ryplewski (excused absence), Kelly Lehman

Fire Department Members: Mark Forgy- Chief, Mike Fassula- Captain, Ben Copithorn- Probationary Member

Non-Members: Anita Fritz - Accountant

Community Members: Bill Thaemert - Resident

Meeting Called to Order: 19:02

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Kellar at 19:02 hours.

Approval of the Agenda:

President Kellar called for any additions or suggested changes. Secretary Vigil suggested adding a discussion about a community mitigation group, but was informed that the chief would be discussing it during his report. It was not added to the agenda.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Previous Minutes:

Kelly Lehman made a motion to waive the reading of the April 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Director Chris Vigil and passed unanimously.

Director Chris Vigil pointed out that there was an incomplete sentence on page three under new business. President Kellar gave a brief recap of what was discussed and said it would be corrected.

Director Chris Vigil made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Director Kelly Lehman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

President Kellar reviewed the financials with the board. Check #14167 for \$250 was added for completing the ambulance license renewal.

After reviewing the financials for the period ending April 30, 2021, Director Scott Ryplewski made a motion to pay the bills including the additional check, #14167. Director Kelly Lehman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Anita Fritz updated the board on setting up a separate account to handle ambulance reimbursements.

Department/Officer's Reports:

District Updates- Fire Marshal

The activity report for Fire Marshal Services was distributed to the board prior to the meeting for review. The report shows fire marshal services provided under contract for one current project.

Chief's Report- Mark Forgy

Engine 341's re-build revealed that the pump needs to be replaced and it will now be over budget. It will cost \$25,000 to replace the pump. Additionally, the transfer case will need to be rebuilt and will cost an additional \$6,000.

342 held up well during training at Geneva Glen.

Chief updated the board CWPP process.

The County Hazard Mitigation Plan is being updated. He updated our section of the plan. The plan goes public June 2nd.

The Mountain Metro Wildland Mitigation Committee continues to meet. Mountain area chiefs and the sheriff met to discuss evacuations and some of the challenges with code red. Working on standardizing CWPP and maps.

AP Triton is apparently done with data collection and interviews to start in June.

A committee of residents formed a mitigation group and is trying to start a chipping program.

Chief talked to our insurance agent and reported that department/boots money can not be used to fund the chipping program. Our insurance does not cover any mitigation. They need to start their own 501c3 and then Boots can donate money from the fun run to their organization.

President Kellar pointed out that the district is committed to mitigation. During the budget development process mitigation was discussed and the board decided to spend \$25,000 on the CWPP and a long term approach. It will set us up for long term success.

President Scott Kellar asked the chief to talk with the insurance agent about what it would cost to add a plan to cover us using a hired mitigation crew so we could possibly discuss it during the next budgeting process.

Inner Canyon is doing a significant radio upgrade. All mountain departments will have a common shared channel and our coverage may improve on the front side of Mt. Falcon.

Calls for April:

7-Medicals

1-MVA

1-Park Rescue

Total of 9 for April so far

46 calls for the year to date

Officers' Reports

Assistant Chief- Marc Rosenberg

The department is putting in a lot of time learning the new type 3.

Fire Captain- Mike Fassula

Engine 342 is fully in service. All department line officers and several members are qualified on the truck. Members spent a lot of time getting the truck ready for service. Most of the needed repairs on 342 with a few remaining for the near future.

Recent wildland fire academy conducted with Genesee Fire Rescue was a success. We had twelve graduates from the two departments.

Recruitment has been successful with six new members and recently promoted three probationary members to full membership.

Our annual wildland refresher training is largely complete, and we expect to have 16 more "red carded" members this season.

Our 2nd in house EMR training will conclude by the end of June.

We continue to have challenges programming our existing pagers to work with multiple tones. A discussion was had about the challenges and solutions. The board will need to discuss purchasing new pagers during the next budgeting process.

EMS Captain- Bob Fager

Not present.

Old Business:**COVID 19 Disaster Emergency Declaration**

Director Marc Rosenberg made a motion to lift the declaration and Secretary Chris Vigil seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Cooperative Efforts Feasibility Study Updates

Interviews will be conducted soon.

Statutory Calendar Review

Ambulance licensing is due at the end of the month. Election of board officers will be done at the next meeting.

New Business**Fourth of July Planning Updates**

Permit has been applied for. Two bays will be used to spread the tables out. A bid is out for the road closure signs. Mountain Waste has been contracted to deliver four toilets. Fun Run is happening. Water balloons are banned during the parade.

County Evacuation Outcomes

Chief updated the board on the evacuation plan and future community outreach. President Scott Kellar stated that we need to encourage the community to use Code Red. Chief stated that there are only 18 months left on the contract and the County is looking into alternatives.

Adjourned: 20:39

Marc Rosenberg made a motion to adjourn the May 26, 2021 board meeting and Chris Vigil seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 20:39.

President:

Charles S. Keller

Secretary:

Chris Vigil



Motions made and passed:

- To waive the reading of the April 2021 minutes. Motion made by Kelly Lehman; seconded by Chris Vigil; unanimous.
- To accept the minutes as amended. Motion made by Chris Vigil; seconded by Kelly Lehman.
- To approve financials with the added check. Motion made by Scott Ryplewski; seconded by Kelly Lehman; unanimous.
- To lift the COVID 19 Disaster Emergency Declaration. Motion made by Marc Rosenberg; seconded by Chris Vigil; unanimous.
- To adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Marc Rosenberg; seconded by Chris Vigil; unanimous.