

# INDIAN HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## **BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday March 19, 2018

*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:*** Scott Kellar — President, Marc Rosenberg - Treasurer, Paul Pettit — Secretary, Kelley Lehman, Ron Walton

***Fire Department Members:*** Emery Carson — Chief, Bob Fager, Scott Case, Michael Fassula

***Non-Members:*** Dixie Miller— Recording Secretary

***Community Members:***

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 18:06 Hrs.**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

***Long-Term Planning (Capital Assets/Apparatus)***

#### **Apparatus**

The began with the discussion with a review of the apparatuses replacement schedule handout. Mr. Case stated that the Engine 349 is fifty years old and would be the first to be replaced, still reliable but need to look at what we need to fight wildland fires. Need a type 3 wildland engine that can work on our mountain roads. Engine 341 is 17 years old and 28K miles, probably can last until 30 years old.

The discussion then changed to the review of ambulances 383 and 385. Mr. Fager stated that 385 should be the first one to be replaced having 160K miles and issues. Mr. Case stated it wasn't worth buying new, but Mr. Fager said it would if they could get a 50/50 grant. Mr. Fager explained the safety of a new one is beneficial for now there are not actual seats or ability to buckle while working on a patient.

Mr. Walton stated that we should come up with the specifications for both the replacements for 349 and 385 so that if there is something used that fits we are ready or if we get grant money. Mr. Rosenberg said it would help when used trucks are out there to be able to justify when we know what exactly is needed.

The discussion then moved to the brush trucks. Mr. Case stated that 357 works great/fabulous and 359 meets type 6 but concerns of overloaded. Only two people can ride in 359. Mr. Case said it is great if a big fire and have to get to small places. Mr. Fager said 359 is very reliable, 160K miles, pump is simple, and holds enough water. Replacement of brush trucks is not a priority. If replace 359 want like 357.

The ATV 4x4 replacement has been in progress with waiting on a grant for half of the money. It will be a new replacement in 2018.

Lastly, the Utility Mr. Case stated has gremlins in the computer. A Tahoe size would be better because they need a vehicle that can carry lots of members to locations. It is also really hard to park. Possibly reach out of Jeffco for any used Sheriff vehicles. Mr. Case stated that what they have is fine for now and not on the radar to replace until 2020.

Mr. Kellar summed up the discussion to get specifications of new ambulance for a future grant and the design of 349 for replacement in 2020. ATV should be replaced 2018. Finally the 4th item to be replaced would be brush 359.

### **Infrastructure - Exhaust**

Mr. Kellar referred to the document he created for this study session of the Fire Station Maintenance/Upgrade plan. The discussion began with the exhaust removal system. Chief Carson passed out a quote from AirVac911 of 20K. Mr. Case stated that this company is not offering the hoses solution so the gear would need to be moved out of the bay to keep it clean from particles. Mr. Case also stated that South Metro have made this a priority for major cancer prevention. What we need is to have two sets of gear for each volunteer which is about 2K a set, so that if there was a major fire that it takes two days to dry gear for it has to be cleaned between each response. Mr. Kellar stated that immediate action should be taken and what type "building" or "hose on vehicle" is best for us.

### **Capital Assets**

Radios are good for awhile since just got replaced. Mr. Rosenberg stated there have been a few glitches but have sent back to manufacturer for repair.

Discussion moved to IT replacements, last year upgraded windows so all is good.

Other equipment that needs replaced are the SCBA tanks by 2025. Mr. Fager stated that the ambulance monitors are 11 years old and would be good to get with a grant.

### **Financials**

Mr. Kellar stated that the potential impact of Gallagher we need to watch. Come up with a measurement of when it has hit us too hard before putting forth something to the district. Look at what are the essential services and budget needed to provide each year. For example, if we have to use reserves two years of 20-30K then that is a red flag to push forth a mill levy. This is impacting all special districts statewide some smaller ones before us, so maybe the legislature will do something.

### **Infrastructure - Continued**

Station septic is in the need of replacement, built in 1957. There is no field currently, just a tank that needs emptied. Mr. Rosenberg stated he would reach out to Drew Schneider since he is an engineer for septic systems and part of the Evergreen Fire Department.

Discussion moved to station improvements and the idea of a substation closer to Hwy 285 but there isn't land that is available which must be out of the floodplain. Mr. Fager stated there is no plan when a piece of land comes up so how can anything move forward in the future. Mr. Walton suggested having the specifications scoped out for a building.

Mr. Kellar suggested at the April meeting to layout a 5 year plan of what to improve on the station. The siding needs replaced, does this make sense if we want to remodel or add a bay? Since there is an election probably good to have a long term planning meeting in July with the new board.

### **ADJOURNED AT: 19:47**

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

*President:*

*Secretary:*

### **MOTIONS MADE AND PASSED:**

- To adjourn the meeting. *Motion made by Mr. Rosenberg; seconded by Mr. Walton; unanimous*