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Meeting of the Board of Directors In person and on Zoom December 20, 2022

Call to order: Board President Bob Holland called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Present: Directors Don Richardson, Larry Severance, Rich Stronach, Bob Holland, Interim Fire Chief Levi Eckhardt, Larry Wooldridge, and Recording Secretary Bonnie Graham.

Comments from the Attending Public: No attending public. Online Vic Rose via Zoom

Approval of the November 15, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 15, 2022, Regular Board Meeting. Director Larry Severance made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2022, Regular Board Meeting as presented. Director Rich Stronach seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill Approval and Financial Review: The Board reviewed the financial statements and district bills. Director made a motion to pay the district bills and approve the financial statements. Discussion on the dollar amount for the Fire Chief's Credit Card with Banner Bank. Director Don Richardson made a motion to raise the Fire Chief's credit card limit to \$5,000 from \$3,000. Director Rich Stronach seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Director Don Richardson made a motion to pay the district bills and approve the financial statements. Director Rich Stronach seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: No Correspondence.

Chief's Report: Chief Eckhardt explained to the Board that the Recruiting Expense line item will be over what was budget for the year due to background checks and Respiratory Testing.

Chief Eckhardt told the Board the District received a letter from SDAO Insurance stating they are looking at partnering with SAIF to keep workers compensation from going up.

Chief Eckhardt explained to the Board that the district insurance coverage is incorrect and went over it with the insurance agent. Chief Eckhardt told the Board to expect an 8% increase.

Engine 2112: Chief Eckhardt told the Board that Coyle Volunteer Fire Department in Oklahoma is interested in Engine 2112 and is sending a \$5,000 check to hold it for them and will be flying out soon to look at it. They want it to pass a pump test prior to purchasing it. The Board suggested to Chief Eckhardt to write up a contract about passing the pump testing.

VFA Grant: Chief Eckhardt told the Board the district has made all the purchase.

Chief Eckhardt told the Board that the district sent a crew to Mohawk Fire to use their burn box so firefighters could check that off in their task books.



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Cabinets & Lockers: Chief Eckhardt explained to the Board that the cabinets in the Medical Room are almost done being set up and the lockers for paid staff to keep bedding in when not on shift.

Bank Loan: The District was denied for a loan with Banner Bank, will be able to get a grant from USDA.

Engine 2111: The crew went to start Engine 2111 and it wouldn't start. Bought new batteries and it still didn't start. A mechanic will be coming out to look at it. Director Larry Severance suggested looking at the reset on the fuel system and checking fuses.

Unfinished Business

K & A Engineering: Chief Eckhardt explained to the Board that the district has signed a contract with K & A Engineering to know how thick the concrete should be and what should be done. The cost for this will be \$7000

New Business: Review of 2021-2022 Audit. The Board will table this until the next Board meeting.

Did not go into Executive Session.

Approval of Employment Contract: The District offered Larry Wooldridge a part-time position as the Fire Chief. Larry Wooldridge asked the Board to consider the vacation time at Tier 3 to reflect his years as Fire Chief with other districts. Director Larry Severance made a motion to elevate the Fire Chief's vacation status to Tier 3. Director Rich Stronach seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Larry Severance made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m. Director Rich Stronach seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Graham
Recording Secretary