

Riceville Volunteer Fire Department

BOD Meeting

March 22nd 2021
Minutes

Members present: Judy Dillingham, Mark Dillingham, Dan Friday, Lisa McCallister, Carla McLendon, Bill Edge, Mark Curran, Dean Reed., Dereck Linsey has an excused absence.

The meeting was held at the Fire station auxiliary building.

Judy D. Calls the meeting to order at 6:42pm

Judy D. Asks if everyone has gotten the emailed minutes

Dan F. Tells everyone that they are approving February BOD meeting, February executive session, internet email vote on the 990, and the March 10th special meeting.

Lisa M. Makes a motion to accept as sent.

Dean R. Seconds

Voice vote unanimous

Motion carries

Judy D. Asks for Katies P. report.

Katie P. Makes report. We should need a budget amendment next month, Sales tax is coming in well at this point. Exceeding expectations.

Dan F. Asks about Air B&B if we get revenue from those stays.

Katie P. Answers no unless we are getting some sales tax from them but no occupancy tax.

Lisa M. Asks if EMS income is where it should be.

Katie P. Answers that it is not where she would like it to be however it has been steady.

Lisa M. Asks when it hit really low.

Katie P. Answers that that was November but it would have been for services three months prior to that. County call number are all down.

Katie P. Recommends that we keep our tax rate at 14.5 cents and hands out a spread sheet for us to look at See attached paperwork for this month's meeting.

Lisa M. Asks about county meeting

Katie P. Answers that the folks work in the same office but not the same department. Or vice versa.

Discussion on justifying expences.

Dan F. Makes a motion to go to the county meeting and ask to keep our tax rate at 14.5 cents

Mark D. Seconds
Voice vote unanimous
Motion carries

Katie P. Offers to meet after we look over her proposals on keeping this tax rate.

Mark D. Wants us to be sure that we understand the proposal.

Allan B. Gives a report on the Tahoe car 11 still out with rear end.

Mark D. Gives an operational report on budget and

Reddin \$4500 from the fire fighters fund to digital sign out front. The department is to match that contribution. So that we can get a new digital sign.

Kyle D. Did not get the covid and flue policy updated due to circumstances beyond his control. He was not given the changes to the policy.

Katie P. Asks for us to approve this month's financials.

Dean R. Makes a motion to approve this month's financials

Lisa M. Seconds
Voice vote unanimous
Motion carries

Judy D. Asks for any new business

Dean R. Tells us about the application process for a grant from Firehouse Subs. Give up to \$25K Toward the Zolle.

Dan F. Asks about Dogwood foundation.

Kattie P. Reports on that we do not fit into any of their criteria at the moment.

Dan F. Reports that the manager of Lowes has told us that he will help in some fashion with the remodeling of the shift bathrooms.

Judy D. Asks if we have any update on the phone situation.

Mark D. States that they are working on getting Phone and internet into the auxillary building. It needs to be in there for the staff and if we need to accommodate remote (Zoom) meeting attendees. Kattie P. is working on getting an IT person to do that.

Kyle D. Is working on a grant for the Radios.

Judy D. Asks for an update on the neighbor's driveway repair.

Kyle D. Tells us that they came to ask if they could use our parking while they repair their driveway. Before he could give them an answer, they had already worked it out.

Mark C. Asks if we ever responded to them? He doesn't want them to think we are ignoring them. Their email was going into spam he asks Kyle if they were expecting an answer from him.

Lisa M. Suggests that they be given a BOD member's email so that they need not interact with the employees and can come straight to the BOD.

Carla M. Mentions that we should have more time to answer their questions than immediate responses. They ask and later that day they are doing the work.

Discussion

Judy D. Would like to meet them and tell them that we would like to be good neighbors. Make sure that they know that the taxes we get is for fire services not for the use of our property.

Dean R. Would like to open lines of communication with them. Make sure that they don't think we are ignoring them.

Judy D. Suggests an email

Dean R. Suggests a belly to belly talk with them.

Judy D. Thinks they value their privacy and does not want to infringe on that.

Kattie P. Suggests that she can facilitate a meeting time with them through email then we won't be disturbing them and we can then meet face to face or belly to belly.

Lisa M. Want's to look at the February change to the governor's executive order and see if we can go back to in person community BOD meetings.

Judy D. Thinks meeting in the auxiliary building is better because the acoustics are better in this building.

Dan F. Asks what the occupancy is for the community center.

Answers with the doors closed 96 persons in normal times. We could have 30 people with the new executive order in place. But you can't hear in there. We could have the meetings with the bay doors open during good weather. If the county commissioners are still doing closed meetings maybe we should follow their lead. They are not even at 30%

Lisa M. Would like to know if we could update our website to reflect that.

Discussion about website and IT

Dan F. Makes a motion that the Riceville Volunteer Fire Department will follow the County Commissioners' example and keep closed meetings for the April meeting and we will decide at that time what we will do in the future.

Mark D. Seconds

Voice vote unanimous.

Motion carries

Lisa M. Asks about Yoga. Mentions that they could be inside at 30% capacity

Kattie P. and Allan B. Mention that Yoga would like to resume outside and use the grass. They do not want to be under the shed anymore.

Dean R. Makes a motion that Yoga may use the grass lawn out back.

Lisa M. Seconds

Voice vote unanimous

Motion carries

Katie P. Says that she will contact the Yoga instructor.

Judy D. Would like to move into executive session.

Dan F. Makes a motion to move into executive session

Mark C. Seconds

Voice vote unanimous

Motion carries. 7:22pm

We come back from executive session

Dan F. makes a motion to adjourn

Dean R. seconds

Voice vote unanimous. 9:04pm