

## Riceville Volunteer Fire Department

### Annual Meeting

October 8<sup>th</sup> 2018

Minutes

**BOD Members present:** Judy Dillingham, Dan Friday, Andrew Clark, Mark Dillingham, Dean Reed, Lisa McCallister, Mark Curran, and Chief John Coffey.

Dereck Lindsey, and Danny Arnold's absences are excused

Judy calls meeting to order at 6:35pm She explains Danny Arnolds absence as out of town and that Dereck was here but was called away for a family emergency.

The Board introduces themselves to the community.

Dean R. asks the members of the department to come out and meet the community and asks the community to give them a round of applause.

The rest of the BOD introduces themselves.

Judy D, At this time could we have the approval of the minutes from the last meeting.

Dan F. reads the minutes from the last meeting..

Andrew makes a motion to accept the minutes as read

Dean R. seconds

Voice vote unanimous.

Motion passes

Judy D. Is there a Fire Chief's report

John Coffey introduces himself and passes out a form for anyone to get on our community notifications list. The Chief then gives his report. Coffee social Tuesdays at 9:30am, nine county events, six funerals, Oakley farmers market is permanently shut down. Ours should begin January 2019. Starting of a public information office hopefully we could alert when a tree is down in the community so that folks could pick alternate routes of travel. We partnered with DAV, Blood connection, Square dancing. We assisted with hurricane relief efforts. We are looking into a partnership with hearts with hands. The cell phone used in the Scam was a burner phone and can't be traced. We added two full time positions. In 2020 all paramedics will need a two year degree. In the next year roof repair and alternate fundraising will be a focus. We need three life jackets and a raft for water rescue. We should think about a (USAR) team. We

need to think about replacing one of our engines it is beginning to cost more to repair than it is worth. We should raise our capitalization threshold from \$500 to \$2000.

Mark C. asks if it the capitalization request is the chiefs or the accountant's request.

John. It was a combined request medications cost more than our threshold and they are consumables so they do not meet the definition of a capital exspence.

Judy D. Thanks, John.

Judy asks Dover if he has a treasures report

Dover gives the treasures report. He would like to begin to pay some loans off early. Of course Dover's top priority is to get raises for the employees. We are saving money from light bills to propane. It's your money if you want to see any of these financial reports just come to the office and ask for a copy, we will be glad to give it to you.

Andrew C . Makes a motion to accept the treasures report subject to audit.

Mark D. seconds

Voice vote unanimous.

Judy: it's now time to elect board members we only had three applications submitted at the September meeting. We had one summated lat and as to the Bylaws we cannot put that person up for a vote at this time. We encouraged that person to re apply next year. There are only three members going off. The names of the three members eligible to run are Lisa M. Mark C. and Danny A. We think that the best way to do this is to actually have a vote. There are ballots prepared for you and we will pass them out.

We explain to the community when each person's term expires.

The vote totals are as follows.

Mark C. 28

Lisa M. 27

Danny A. 27

One blank vote. One vote for Lee Barret ineligible.

Judy thanks everyone for participating in the vote.

Judy: is there any old business any thing else.

Judy any new business. No new business, now is time for public comment.

Dan F. reads the rules for public comment.

Judy: before we begin I would like to introduce a few guests that we have here tonight Terri Van Dyne and Mr. Ager. Thank you for being here.

Judy D. We are now open for public comment.

Terrisa Barnwell: Would like to know how often the ambulances are out of service. Also what happens with billing if our ambulance is out of service. County vrs. private company

John answers her question mentioning that it's up to the county or the private service with regards to their billing.

Terrisa is Riceville thinking of partnering with the private service.

John, No we cannot

Mark D. It's up to the county

Rebecca Crandall: Thanks the chief for all of the new public stuff going on at the Fire Department. She would like to invite everyone to an event at Lake Tomahawk to kick off early voting. Democratic Party event.

Community member asks about an agreement with the county about the billing for the ambulance service.

John: I haven't gotten anything in writing yet.

Judy asks if there is any more public comment

Andrew makes a motion to adjourn

Lisa Seconds

Voice vote unanimous.

BOB adjourns 8:08