

## Riceville Volunteer Fire Department

August 20<sup>th</sup> 2018

Minutes

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

Judy calls meeting to order at 6:31pm

The Board introduces themselves to the community.

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 asks Dover if he has a treasures report

Dover gives the treasures report. "We are moving in the right direction"

Mark D. Makes a motion to accept the treasures report subject to audit.

Andrew C. seconds

Approved by voice vote acclimation.

Chief Coffee is there a chief's report.

Chief reads the report Highlight of report included a description of the power lines that fell on the daycare and the evacuation of some of the children. Response times are better than the state average. Chief mentions the brick drive and department policy to pay for brick installation of fire fighters who have passed. Mentions the Boy Scout BBQ on Sept.29<sup>th</sup> 4-8pm. He also goes over the Coffee Social, Yoga, Square Dancing, and the Smoke Alarm Canvas.

Judy asks Chief Coffee to please start an e-mail list with all of these community events to help us enlarge our capability to get info out to the community.

Andrew mentions that these events help create partnerships with the community and thanks the chief for his hard work.

Danny A. asks who is the Yoga instructor.

Chief responds Emily Fontanel

Andrew C. is there a cost associated with the Yoga

Chief responds it is a donation and funds will be shared with the department and used for the equipment needed for the class. She is licensed and insured.

Danny A. is there live music for the square dancing.

Chief does not know for sure.

Andrew C. there is also a veterans Benefit seminar coming up on October 13<sup>th</sup> 10am-12

Chief also mentioned that the Boy Scout troop would like to help make the public space out back of the fire hall more inviting and park like. Even some camping spots.

Discussion with community member about what the department owns.

Chief report accepted by acclimation

Judy old business

Mark D. Back at the beginning of this fiscal year the county finance department made an equal payment opportunity open to us so that we could receive funds once a month throughout the year instead of as one lump sum at the end of the year. We signed that agreement and it is now in place.

Danny A. is that something that chief Coffee signed or is that something Mark D. signed.

Mark D. Judy signed that

Judy asks if there is any more old business

Lisa asks is part of that ad valorem and part sales tax

Mark expands that the county will give the fire department two payments per month the first will only be ad valorem and the second will be ad valorem and sales tax renew.

Judy asks any more old business.

Judy then we will move into new business Chief Coffee has become aware of an incident that we all need to be aware of.

Chief Coffee tells us that there is a phone scam being perpetrated by an individual calling herself Stephanie. She is using Riceville Volunteer Fire Departments name to try to get money. We have turned this over to the sheriff's office.

Judy D. also asks Chief Coffee if he has his proposed changes to the employee hand book to give to the board members.

Chief Coffee states that they are still printing in the office. These are policies developed by the Chief and Emergency Management Solutions. He goes on to hit the major changes to the policies and definitions.

Question from the audience about seeing the handbook

Discussion If any wants to see it then it will be made available however it is basically intended for the employee's of the fire company.

Judy D. Thank you

Judy D. Andrew has some information about the damage to the roof.

Andrew C. We had an individual come by to look at our roof. Due to the nature of the storms we have had he thinks there is enough damage that we could file an insurance claim and get a new roof. Andrew thinks we should give Chief Coffee the leeway to proceed since this is an insurance matter. If there is a significant cost Coffee could come back to the board.

Danny A. Is this a third party home inspector or an insurance adjuster?

Andrew It's a roofer who is independent and deals with the insurance company.

Mark D. He needs to have the leniency to make these decisions without waiting a month to talk to us.

Judy D. the final bit of business is that the September Board meeting will be September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30

Question from the community to see if we can post or give notice when we change meetings from the third Monday of each month

Mark D. We try to place the notice on Face book, the web page and the sign out front. How many hits do we get on the Face book page?

Coffee over 700

Andrew C. Face book is a powerful tool and impressive.

Judy D. We will now open it up to public comment

Discussion Focused on the county and Medic one along with our local Fire department ambulance service. We discussed that a citizen or Riceville Fire district does not pay to be transported by our ambulance. We discussed that a couple of county commissioners are pushing to open it up to for profit ambulance service. The four commissioners that voted to look at the contract for medic one were Al Whitesides, Mike Fryer, Robert Presley, Joe Belcher.

A member of the community that has used our ambulance service and is very supportive of the ambulance service.

Mark if no public comment we will make a motion to adjourn

Andrew C. Second

Voice vote unannimoius.

BOD adjourns by acclimation 7:25