

## Riceville Volunteer Fire Department Regular meeting

October 12<sup>th</sup> 2020  
Minutes

BOD members present: Judy Dillingham, Mark Dillingham, Dan Friday, Carla McLendon, Lisa McCallister, Dereck Lindsey, Dean Reed, Mark Curran, Bill Edge. Also, in attendance is Chief John Coffey, Dover Dillingham, Kattie Presley

**Judy D.** [00:00:00] Calls the meeting to order. First order of business, we need to approve the minutes of August and September as everybody had a chance to read them. did everybody receive them and had a chance to read them?

**Dean R.** [00:00:12] I'll make the motion to accept them.

**Judy D.** [00:00:14] Let's do August 1st.

**Dean R.** [00:00:17] I make a motion to accept them.

**Dereck L.** [00:00:17] I second it.

**Judy D.** [00:00:17] All in favor.

[00:00:17] Voice vote unanimous.

**Judy D.** [00:00:17] so we're September.

**Dean R.** [00:00:26] I make a motion we accept September.

**Dereck L.** [00:00:27] I second it.

**Judy D.** [00:00:26] All in favor.

[00:00:29] Voice vote unanimous.

**Judy D.** [00:00:30] OK. Is that all that we have to do with that?

**Dan F.** [00:00:32] I think so.

**Judy D.** [00:00:33] OK. We're going to skip the Treasurer's report and the fire chiefs' reports, as we've already gotten a good point.

**Lisa M.** [00:00:46] I have a question on the profit and loss.

**Judy D.** [00:00:47] OK, go ahead.

[00:00:53] The life insurance payment in September is that a yearly onetime thing?

**Katie P.** [00:00:58] Yes.

**Lisa M.** [00:01:02] The employee assistance program already paid out over its budget.

**Katie P.** [00:01:08] So that's over by 50 dollars, they haven't gone up in the last 10 years at least. So, we weren't expecting that. Well, we'll make sure that we find out next year what it will be.

**Lisa M.** [00:01:18] That's an outside vendor that's paid as opposed to paying that money to somebody who needs help?

**Katie P.** [00:01:23] That's right. So, we have a contract with employee's assistance network. So that we can make mandatory referrals.

**Lisa M.** [00:01:57] Discussion on health insurance not billing us and then we needed to catch up when they billed us for two months. The insurance carrier billed us late we were not late with payment.

**Lisa M.** [00:02:14] Asks about a fixed asset not showing up on the balance sheet.

**Katie P.** [00:02:14] Says she has to manually put it in and she missed that one. She will fix it for the next month's report.

[00:02:14] Discussion on the annual truck payment.

**Dean R.** [00:02:45] Have we paid the bill on the repair of truck 1110.

**Katie P.** [00:02:46] Dover has it right there. So, it has not been mailed yet.

**Lisa M.** [00:02:46] So it was decided not to file a claim with Ford. was that totally out of the window?

**John C.** [00:02:46] No. We made a claim against Ford. So, we made a claim with the insurance company. They said because the fuel samples came back and they were clean. That they were not going to cover it. So, when I went to file a claim with Ford, they said our vehicle information is not registered. Which that was the responsibility of the vendors and sold the ambulance. So, I called the vendor, told him what's going on. Yet we still get recall cards in the mail. So, it's got to be on file somewhere. But today, Jason McEntire. I don't know the Ford place down in Marion. There's a Ford place in McDowell that has worked on our ambulance in the past. They have warranty information on our ambulance. So, when I called the corporate office. They told me that they didn't have any information on it. But we also have proof I showed Kattie last week that the vendor was supposed to send in the extended warranty information.

**Katie P.** [00:05:02] so, the vendor was supposed to send in the extended warranty. It was there responsibility to send it on. I feel like it's a hiccup and it will settle out.

**Mark D.** [00:05:22] I was there when Thad signed the warranty.

**Katie P.** [00:05:23] Im sure it was a hiccup, I'm sure that claims often have hiccups.

**John C.** [00:05:31] Now, Vfis insurance. They're paying for the tow bill. There they are paying for the labor. But they're not paying for the part. Don't quote me on it. Ballpark around twelve thousand dollars for the part.

**Dean R.** [00:05:47] who did the repair?

**John C.** [00:05:50] Caterpillar, because we needed it done immediately. Ford more or less that we'll get to it when we get to it.

**Dean R.** [00:05:58] What part was it?

**John C.** [00:06:00] The high-pressure fuel valve

**Lisa M.** [00:06:13] Again, looking at the budget, we don't really have that much in there. So, we're going to have to deal with a recommendation to go ahead and get that paid. Then do a budget amendment.

**John C.** [00:06:22] That was a catastrophic event that none of us ever saw coming.

**Katie P.** [00:06:30] So, that will be a budget amendment next time.

**Mark C.** [00:06:30] Discussion about Ford warranty on the vehicle. Discussion on the fuel being clean.

**Judy D.** [00:07:04] Any other questions?

**Dan F.** [00:09:55] Is that it?

**Judy D.** [00:09:59] Discusses plans for the Halloween spooky graveyard. 5:00 to 8:00

**Judy D.** [00:11:39] Have we sent the tax assessment in?

**Katie P.** [00:13:03] Oh, I have an update on our previous one and we need some direction on. I'll read you the last statement that was made. We have the last one that was done and would like to just put the same wording on it and get a signature. The signature is a signature of the nonprofit representative or owner. So, we need to know. You would like to sign it and we'll get it. And if we can put that same statement, I don't I don't see anything wrong with it. They didn't see anything wrong with it.

**Judy D.** [00:13:39] Who signed it before?

**Katie P.** [00:13:42] Thad.

**Dan F.** [00:13:46] John can sign it, it sounds like.

[00:13:48] Discussion on the Tax form. Discussion on improvements to the property.

**Dan F.** [00:18:17] Can I make a motion; I make a motion that John signs the updated form.

**Judy D.** [00:18:26] Do we have a second.

**Lisa M.** [00:18:26] Second.

**Judy D.** [00:18:26] All in favor. Voice vote unanimous.

**Judy D.** [00:18:37] So I have a couple other items. Where are we on the fire district capital planning, then? What do we need?

**John C.** [00:18:45] So there's a meeting on the twenty eighth that they contact in my e-mail today, asked me today where myself and anyone else that would want to come to further discuss the PowerPoint. There was a Zoom meeting and basically all they did was read verbatim of the PowerPoint that I sent you guys, that we had questions, but they said now's not the time to address questions or lessons. We were allowed to opt in or out. It's not mandatory it doesn't affect anything. Either way, it's just a way for the county to see if we need extra money. It just solidifies our needs in the future. They would have a better understanding of our future if they would have to raise our tax rate. They would have a better understanding of our needs. So, new trucks new buildings stuff like that. The 28th I think, was a day available with a guy named Randy He would meet us down at the station here and go over the power point. Once I get all of the information, I was going to send it out to you all tomorrow.

**Dean R.** [00:19:58] But we opted into the program.

**John C.** [00:20:10] Yeah, and we can opt out if we want to. You know, just actually this seemed like a good idea just to go ahead. Yeah. I had a good working relationship with the county at any time and any time we had the opportunity. But one thing for sure is we definitely need Katie and Dover to be in the loop on this. And whoever you where it wants a representative from the BOD or everybody, it's whatever you guys want.

**Judy D.** [00:20:39] Lisa M. are you available?

**Lisa M.** [00:20:49] As far as I know I am.

**Judy D.** [00:21:04] I guess the other issue I wanted to talk about, we've touched on a little bit earlier, so we do have an opportunity. But the latest things that the governor said of offering a little more opportunity for people to use the facility. So, do we have a plan for how we're going to limit? You know, it's going to be limited. But what if we had any kind of direction on reopening the building? What do we have any kind of guarantee?

**Dereck L.** [00:21:38] What is the county commission done before they might know?

**Judy D.** [00:21:42] I don't know.

**Dereck L.** [00:21:44] They'll go virtual.

**Mark D.** [00:21:45] They haven't opened anything yet.

**Judy D.** [00:21:50] So you haven't heard anything from the county on it yet.

**John C.** [00:21:58] So the County is still operating as they were before the governor's orders.

**Judy D.** [00:21:59] Time building, where for the time we're just going to be in a holding pattern.

**John C.** [00:22:01] I don't see the county; I don't see them moving forward any time soon. They just switched from Dr. Malodor to the new county health director. A couple of months

ago. She's a little more apprehensive her and her staff are a little more apprehensive about rushing to soon, especially since there's little spikes of increases and decreases lately in Buncombe County.

**Dean R.** [00:22:33] Who met here last night?

**John C.** [00:22:43] I was not aware of anyone meeting here last night.

[00:22:51] Discussion on the use of the parking lot and the facilities.

**John C.** [00:28:47] So I'll just let him know until we hear something from the county. Then we're closed.

**Lisa M.** [00:31:31] Someone should make a motion that we remain closed for indoor activities.

**Mark C.** [00:31:35] I second.

**Judy D.** [00:31:35] You just made that motion.

**Dean R.** [00:31:35] I second Lisa's motion.

**Judy D.** [00:31:35] All in favor. Voice vote unanimous.

**Judy D.** [00:31:35] Think we can adjourn.

**Dan F.** [00:31:37] I'll make a motion to adjourn. No, wait actually. We're going into executive session. 8:05

**Dan F.** [00:33:25] We come back from executive session Dan F. makes a motion to adjourn.

**Mark C.** [00:33:26] Mark C. seconds voice vote unanimous.