

Riceville Volunteer Fire Department

Minutes

May 17th, 2021

The members present are Judy Dillingham, Mark Dillingham, Dan Friday, Carla McLendon, Bill Edge, Dean Reed, Mark Curran, and Lisa McCallister, Dereck Lindsay. Others present were Dover Dillingham, Allan Blount, Jason Willix, Katie Pane, Jennifer Henderson. The meeting took place in the Fire Departments auxiliary building.

An ambulance company has brought us a model to look at. We looked at the vehicle with staff and community members before the meeting.

Judy D. Calls the meeting to order at 6:34.

Judy D. asks if everyone has received the minutes from last month.

Everyone has received them, Lisa M. states that she sent an additional email to BOD members wanting the wording to be changed to a particular section.

Discussion about minutes and the wording

Judy D. asks that we vote to approve the minutes as sent.

Voice vote 7 in favor 2 opposed Lisa M. and Carla M. opposed.

Motion passes

Judy D. asks for the treasures report.

Dover D. gives the report. Doing well and as long as we keep doing what we are doing and getting three competitive prices on goods and services we should continue to do well.

Judy D. and the BOD thanks Dover.

Judy asks Katie P. about the administrative report.

Katie P. gives her report. She met with the commissioners at their work session discussed our budget and they felt very comfortable about where we are financially. They understand the issues that the fire service is facing. They will vote on the tax rate on June 1st.

Judy D. asks Katie to expand on the fuel situation and the measures that we have taken to ensure our supply for the ambulance and emergency apparatus.

Katie P. The department has contacted several stations to ensure that we can get fuel. Jason W. agrees with the assessment.

Judy D. asks for the officer's reports.

Allan B. updates us on the truck that is still in the shop it should be out soon. Jason W. interrupts and says he talked to the mechanic today and the parts are not available. At this time, they are going to

get a remanufactured rear end from the parts shop he can get us one three-year warranty on the part, and he thinks one year on labor.

Judy D. says that she called the mechanic as soon as Jason W. had told her this and he said three years on the part and the labor.

Discussion with Jason W. about cost original quote \$1700.00 the mechanic is going to try to stay as close to that as possible it will be under \$2000.00.

Judy D. thanks, Jason W. for his work on this.

Judy D. asks Kyle D. if he has any new updates.

Kyle D. has nothing new on his end.

Judy D. asks Jennifer if she has anything to report.

Jennifer H. says that they hired a new EMT intermediate and that they had an interview set up for a new Paramedic, but the applicant had a death in the family and needed to reschedule.

Lisa M. asks Chief Jason W. if he had any info on the sound absorbing curtains for the community center.

Jason W. answers that the person he left a message for never called him back.

Mark D. and Kattie P. correct the record on the original price on the rear end for tac11 at \$1960.00.

Discussion on Rear end for tac 11

Discussion on budgeted expenses and the reason they are brought to the BOD.

Mark C. makes a motion that we approve the repair costs not to exceed \$2500.00 on tac11.

Lisa M. seconds

Voice vote unanimous

Judy D. asks Chief Jason W. if he has a chief's report.

Jason W. goes over the call volume and says most everything was already covered.

Judy D. asks if there is something about a waterline we needed to know about.

Jason W. tells us about a required back pressure preventor for the domestic waterline.

Dan F. asks if there is a new leak in the roof.

Jason W. says no they don't think so it was an old spot that had been repaired and was mistaken for a leak.

Judy D. mentions that she has invited a speaker to address us tonight. The individual has asked to use the community center for a weekly event. It is our neighbor Davis Hurley.

Judy D. invites Mr. Hurley to speak

Mr. Hurley gives his presentation.

Discussion with Mr. Hurley about his meeting and his needs, hours needed 5:00-8:00, numbers of people (127 people), purpose of meeting (current events, election, chickens, vitamin B, covid). The departments stance on not being able to host political events. Closed to the general public.

Discussion on why we asked if it was political in nature. It is not on the form. He wants to raise money for the fire department while raising money for his campaign. This meeting is not for the campaign it is an ongoing community meeting.

Judy D. tells Mr. Hurley that we will get back to him.

Lisa M. mentions that the building is still not open to the public that it is on the agenda in June. We may not have an answer for them by the first date they want.

Judy D. asks if there is any old business.

Bathroom repairs?

Dan F. has been trying to get quotes from contractors he knows to be good, and everyone is too busy no one wants to look at it. Dan F. asks Jason W. if he knows anyone who he works with who would price it.

Lisa M. thought Dan F. was going to do it.

Dan F. responds that he cannot do it because he cannot be paid by the department and be on the BOD.

Lisa M. thought it was going to be a donation type thing.

Dan F. we are going to get donations from Lowes, and other suppliers but we cannot pay his company for any goods or services.

Judy D. asks if we need a licensed contractor or just a plumber.

Dan F answers that we need to ask a licensed contractor and that individual would have the plumber electrician and tile setter.

Lisa M. asks the community and BOD members if they know anyone. The whole dormitories need to be re-done.

Judy D. mentions that the community center would need to be used as a dormitory while the work was being done.

Dan F. has talked to two contractors about the front concrete aprons but has not heard back.

Lisa M. asks about vandalism and the light at the corner of the building.

Jason W. says the light is on a switch that needs to be turned on and the paint they had was not a match, so they need to get some paint to paint the door with.

Covid rules with the new covid guidelines.

Discussion

Judy D. asks Katie P. what the other departments are doing.

Katie P. says that other departments are still requiring employees to wear masks indoors and outdoors. She suggests that we allow her to check more thoroughly around the county and get back to us at the next meeting.

Discussion on what is the current policy/ falls back on CDC requirements.

Johnathan Godfrey has input about the state and CDC guidelines.

Judy D. moves us to new business.

Judy D. we need to keep up with the times and make it possible to attend meetings remotely.

Discussion on computers, Wi-Fi, and cameras. Heated and cooled room for location of equipment.

Discussion about putting the meetings on the web. Would people watch, Facebook live, Zoom. Microphones and cameras.

Discussion on acoustics.

Discussion on cost of tec.

Discussion on making what we have work.

Judy D. moves us into public comment.

Dan F. reads the rules to public comment.

Peter Arenchek?? Riceville Community Yoga. They are wondering when the community center will be open for yoga.

Judy D. answers it will be in June. We need to come up with a cleaning protocol.

Dean R. asks to go back to new business for a minute. Asks Jason W. about an open trailer for the Polaris.

Jason W. answers that they have gotten some prices for an open trailer for the UTV and then they can move the swift water rescue gear and other gear into the closed trailer.

Dean R. would like to find money in the budget for that trailer.

Discussion about theft of trailer if stored outside.

Discussion about climate-controlled storage.

Discussion about budget being closed until after July 1st.

Discussion about quality of trailers that were looked at.

Discussion on Firehouse Subs grant.

Discussion about operational matters and moving supplies from one ambulance to another.

Public comment again.

The BOD thanks everyone for coming we move into executive session. 7:35

We come out of executive session at 9:42

Dan F. Makes a motion that we have Bucket Brigade look over our posting suggest changes and provide the services for his proposed \$500.00. I also move that we increase the pay scale from \$68K-\$75K as soon as we have a viable posting we take it upon ourselves with hopefully Katies help to advertise and get the posting as widespread as possible. Keep the posting open until filled in the posting initial review will be two weeks after the posting hits and second application review will be 30 days after it hits. If position is not filled. Resumes and 3 professional References will be sent to Careers@ricevillefire.org

Mark C. seconds

Voice vote unanimous

Motion carries.

Dan F. makes a motion that Lisa M reaches out to Bucket Brigade and engages their services on behalf of the department totaling \$500.00.

Bill E. seconds

Voice vote unanimous

Discussion on the neighbor's request to use the community center.

Dan F. makes a motion get Perry's advice on the neighbor's request.

Mark C. seconds

Voice vote unanimous.

Discussion about the community center.

Discussion about 501 3c

Dan F. makes a motion to talk to Perry about a contract for the community center rental.

Mark C. seconds

Voice vote unanimous.

Dan F. makes a motion to adjourn.

Bill E. seconds

Voice vote unanimous

Motion carries 9:56

