

## Riceville Volunteer Fire Department

### Minutes

July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The members present are Judy Dillingham, Dan Friday, Carla McLendon, Dean Reed, Mark Curran, and Lisa McCallister, Bill Edge. Mark Dillingham is out by leave of BOD excused absence. Others present were Allan Blount, Jason Willix, Katie Pane, Tom Kelley, Kyle Dillingham, along with others. The meeting took place in the Fire Departments training room.

Judy D. calls the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Judy D. asks if everyone has had a chance to review the amended minutes.

Lisa M. Has an issue with the amended minutes and would like to discuss in executive session. She suggests we approve the minutes from the regular meeting and all minutes except the July 16<sup>th</sup> special meeting.

Judy D. Makes a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting June 21<sup>st</sup> , Executive session June 21<sup>st</sup>, and the special meeting from July 7<sup>th</sup> .

Carla M. seconds.

Voice vote unanimous.

Judy D. asks for the treasures report.

Dover D. gives the treasures report.

Judy asks if everyone has gotten the June financials

Dan F. makes a motion to approve the June financials.

Mark C. seconds.

Voice vote unanimous.

Judy D. asks Kattie P. for an administrative report.

Katie P. has nothing to report except that we did not get the Fire House Subs grant.

Judy D. asks Jason W. for the Chief's report.

Jason W. gives the Chiefs report.

Judy D. asks for clarification on mutual aid received

Jason W. responds four.

Judy D. asks Kyle D. if he has anything to report.

Kyle D. has begun to restripe the parking lot. He needs more paint. He hopes to be complete either this week or next.

Judy D. asks Allan B. if he has anything to report.

Allen B. responds nothing new.

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

Jennifer H. has received the new IV pump and is in the process of training people on that piece of equipment. Two Paramedics have applied for part-time, and one of our part-timers is asking to be placed full-time.

Mark C. asks for clarification about making one of the shifts full?

Jennifer H. responds yes.

Kattie P. expands that we are still missing a fire fighter for that shift. It would be full EMS but still missing a fire fighter.

Judy D. thanks the folks.

Judy D. asks for any old business.

Dan F. mentions that some one new is to be looking at the concrete aprons in order to give us a quote. Another fella is supposed to come and look at the dormitory bathrooms. Dan F. asks Dean R. if he is going to get his contact to look at the bathrooms as well.

Dean R. responds yes.

Mark C. says he has a person very interested however he is not licensed.

Dan F. mentions that he should come down give us a price and we can work out pulling the permit ourselves if necessary. If we can't get bids from licensed people, we may need to look to unlicensed folks.

Discussion about process for bidding remodel.

Judy asks if there is any other old business

Dean R. asks about Ambulance replacement. Are we still looking to replace that ambulance?

Chief Jason W. says yes. That he is trying to iron out what they want to do.

Dean R. mentions that it has been three months and nothing new.

Dean R. asks about getting a trailer for the ATV.

Chief Jason W. mentions that at the time we could not get a guarantee of when it could be delivered. That said we pushed it off until the next fiscal year.

Dean R. would also like a front license plate on 1110 to identify it as Riceville Fire.

Chief Jason W. says yes that would be possible.

Dean R. is concerned that when he meets the truck with its lights on he doesn't know who it is.

Dean R. would also like to know how maintenance on the fire hydrants is going.

Chief Jason W. tells Dean R. that the hydrants have been weeded around and that they are inspected twice a year.

Lisa M. would like to know if there has been any update about the purchase of the building next door.

Chief Jason W. says that it is his impression that it has been sold since on Saturday they dug test holes for a septic system out front. He doesn't know if it has been sold or if they were just doing a perk test before finalizing the sale.

Dan F. confirms the test holes however there has not been a septic permit posted.

Discussion.

Dan F. asks Chief Jason W. if he ever got a response from the property owner.

Chief Jason W. says no.

Katie P. clarifies that Chief Jason W. talked to the real estate agent.

Discussion.

Judy D. asks if there is any more old business to discuss.

Judy D. begins public comment.

Dan F. reads the rules for public comment.

### **Public Comment**

Daniel Waldman talks about his opposition to the new mountain bike and camping development.

Luanne Stiles speaks about the proposed development.

Dan F. asks Chief Jason W. to comment on Luanne's concerns.

Chief Jason W. expresses the limitations of the Fire Departments role in these matters.

Garry Burnett is upset about the size of the road into the development. He followed the Fire Truck out the road and says it barely fit.

Janney Morse expresses he concerns. She asks about the approval process.

Dan F. shares what he thinks however he is not sure about the county commissioners rest on the opinions of the staff that handles these developmental matters. Lots of these decisions hinge on the public meetings at the planning office.

Judy D. reiterates the Fire Departments need to remain neutral in these development matters.

Chief Jason W. reinforces Judy D.'s statements.

Janney Morse is concerned about traffic and then sites Canadian stats about ambulatory injuries. She also would like to let the community know that they are having a fund raiser for related legal bills. She asks about using the community center for an indoor yard sale to accomplish this goal.

Judy D. tells the community about the plans to fix the dormitories and the limitations that we are dealing with concerning the community center.

Mark C. asks where we are in the process of the development decision.

Janney Morse replies about the meeting on August 3-4<sup>th</sup> with the board of adjustment.

Mark C. asks if there has been a traffic study completed.

Janney Morse does not think there has been one done.

Judy D. moves us into executive session.

Dan F. makes a motion to move into executive session to discuss Fire chief search, and the minutes for July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Carla M. seconds.

Voice vote unanimous.

We come back from executive session.

Judy D. steps down as BOD president.

Dean R. makes a motion that Mark C. become president of the BOD.

Dan F. seconds

Voice vote unanimous

Dan F. makes a motion to order the background check, and reference check on Tom Kelley. Pending review of the two checks then we will request a drug test.

Mark C. seconds

Voice vote unanimous

\Lisa M. Makes a motion to adjourn.

Dean R. seconds.

Voice vote unanimous.

We adjourn at 8:54