

# Conway County Administrative Fire Board

July 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:22 p.m. District 1 was absent.

Denise Carson reported that the EMT class was going well with high test scores. None CCFD firefighters are in the class.

Taylor Dube reported that five cadets were currently enrolled at the Fire Academy.

Minutes from the last meeting were. Financials were not reviewed due to the lateness of their receipt.

Chief Darren Bray announced that a financial meeting was held to discuss concerns with the budget.

District 6 – Cleveland’s annual report was approved after a motion by Misty Sutton and a second by Noel Duncan.

District 7 – Center Ridge’s annual report was held for review.

All expenditures should be submitted to the Chief Bray before approaching the board.

The Plumerville Fire contract is approved and waiting on signature by the County Judge.

A meeting will be held at Menifee on July 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss their contract.

The new chassis for tankers are on hold due to finances. Input from Greg Gordon will be taken into consideration. A final decision will be made next month.

ISO information is being compiled for Service Truck equipment needs. This information should be returned to Chief Bray as quickly as possible.

The board agreed that phone lines should be removed from stations and Natural State Wireless should be used where available.

Charles Gangluff distributed corrected information on current LOPFI members.

Charles Gangluff reported that the meals purchased during the eclipse response will be covered by the county.

A motion was made by Denise Carson with a second by Misty Sutton to require districts expending more than \$500.00 receive prior approval from the Fire Chief. Approved

Funds may no longer be moved between Line Items as it was in the past.

Second Quarter Incentives were collected.

District 2 – Jerusalem requested that Lora Jones be considered for their new administrative assistant. A motion was made by Misty Sutton with a second by Denise Carson to approve this. The motion passed.

John Payne reported that the Arkansas Fire Academy has started to charge for meals for training at their site. This cost should be considered by districts sending firefighters to classes. Everyone should contact their State Representative and let him know that this is a concern.

Bill Sullivan asked if funds were available to send personnel to the EMS Conference. After discussion, the board agreed to allow this if the district had funds available in the training line item.

Discussion was held on the budget. Concerns were raised about where we are at mid-year and the large expenses that will be incurred the rest of the year for ISO, turnouts and SCBA. Everyone should keep these thoughts in mind when requesting an expenditure.

Discussion was held on reimbursing MedTech for care they provide at emergency scenes. A motion was made by Noel Duncan with a second by Misty Sutton to reimburse \$15.00 per IV set used. The motion passed 3-1 with Denise Carson abstaining.

Training currently scheduled includes;

- ICS 300/400 at Hope July 15-19
- Hose Ops and Streams at Center Ridge August 10 & 17
- EMS Conference Hot Springs July 31-August 4

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.