

Rocky Point Fire & EMS

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Board Members

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Minutes of Rocky Point Fire & EMS Board Meeting

February 8th, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am in the bay of the fire department. All five board members, Chief Diann and 7 guests were in attendance.

Supplemental Budget was the first order of business. Sandy presented to the board a supplemental budget for approval. As Sandy explained, the need for the new budget was brought about by the additional Covid grant monies received along with an unexpected grant from the State of Oregon bottle fund of \$7,500.00. We are also expecting payment for our participation in the 2-4-2 fire which will potentially put us over the limits of our current budget. Greg made a motion to accept the supplemental budget, seconded by Steve, and passed unanimously.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented. Steve brought up the fact that he had omitted the discussion and subsequent motion to apply for the FEMA ambulance grant. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Steve, seconded by Sandy, and passed unanimously.

Financial report was presented by Sandy. A motion was made by Steve, seconded by Greg, and a unanimous vote approved the report as presented.

Old business consisted of the review of the financial and purchasing policy changes rewritten by Chief Diann and Sandy. A motion was made by Sandy and seconded by Larry to accept the purchasing policy provided to us from SDAO, and the board voted unanimously to accept. The financial policy will be presented again by Chief Diann at the March board meeting and will include the changes to wording discussed and suggested by the board. Chief Diann reported that a Hazmat Awareness and Ops class is scheduled for March 20th and 21st. Since our department's coverage area includes a large area of Hwy. 140, the class will be mandatory.

New business consisted of discussion and a motion to apply to the State for a variance to allow EMR certified responders to respond with the ambulance on scene. EMR responders can begin transport and meet an EMT in route. This will allow faster response when an EMT is not available in the Rocky Point area. Greg made a motion to apply for the variance, seconded by Sandy, and approved unanimously. Greg discussed with the board that he had been contacted by multiple community members regarding concerns they have about the department not utilizing an outside bookkeeper. He stated his hope was that the new financial policy currently being developed will provide more safeguards and procedures that will ease some of those concerns.

Chief Diann reported that in the past month our department responded to three medical calls, two MVA's and one transport. She reported that a thank you card from the department was sent District 4 for their donation of 15 sets of used turn outs for our use. Additionally, she reported the department gained one new volunteer, that she will be billing for non-insured MVA's, and she will contact EF Recovery to gain further understanding about their policy not to pursue monies billed but not received under a patients/victim's insurance.

Good and Welfare discussions were centered around the department's excellent response to some serious MVAs on Hwy. 140. New volunteer, Bill Shreeve, expressed his appreciation for being part of the department and the help he has received to get recertified since last being a volunteer.

BBQ committee past Chairman Sandy reported that Tammy Whiting has volunteered to head this year's BBQ. Sandy stated she is working with Tammy to get her up to speed and that Sandy will stay on to co-chair the BBQ.

The Volunteers Association reported that new officers will be elected at their February meeting. President Linda Reed expressed her appreciation to volunteer Nathan Briggs for the great job he did cleaning and shining up Engine 2112.

A motion was made by Bruce, and seconded by Sandy to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 am. The next board meeting is scheduled for March 8th.

Submitted by Sec. Steve Jensen