



Fountain Lake Fire Protection District

Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting

October 21, 2024



CALL TO ORDER:

6:00 pm

John Brandt called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: QUORUM PRESENT

John Brandt (Secretary/Treasurer)
Joe Turner
Lee Coatney
Rachel Peters

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

OTHER ATTENDEES: Chief Harry Baker, Asst Chief Scott Greene, Captain Scott Foster, Lieutenant Johnny Arnold, and Lyn Price.

PRIOR MONTH MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from the September 16, 2024 meeting were presented by John.

The September Minutes are accepted as presented by consensus.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

John presented the P&L, Balance Sheet, and Statement of Cash Flows reports for the month of September and Year to Date through the month of September.

Bank Accounts:

General - \$140,397.15

Restricted - \$27,496.65

Chambers - \$32,267.74

September's Financial report is accepted as presented by consensus.

Training:

Lee reported that we did some training, but not much. We have been doing mostly maintenance.

Training report was accepted by Consensus

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Harry reported there were a total of 74 incidents during the month of July: 8 fires, 57 rescue & emergency medical service calls, 2 special incident, 2 service calls, 1 good intent, 1 hazardous condition, 1 over pressure, rupture, explosion – no fire, and 2 false alarms.

Chief's report was accepted as presented by consensus.

PUBLICITY REPORT:

John reported on posting about our board meeting as well as posting about highways being closed due to accidents.

Publicity report accepted by consensus.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- Engine 1
 - Chief Davis at Hot Springs Fire Dept is on vacation. When he is back Harry will talk to him and find out what we need in our letter to him for getting the engine they will donate to us.
- Engine 2
 - Harry said that he still needs to get the glow plugs for it. Harry is trying to get prices for them.
- Tanker 1
- Tanker 2
 - Need to purchase another fuel tank for the pump.
- Rescue/Brush 1
- Rescue 2
 - Harry said he just needed to tighten the belts.

- Brush 2 (Forestry)

The pump is leaking when it runs because it needs a new seal. Harry said that Tommy Scott told him he will probably be better off just buying a new pump.

- Station 1

Driveway Apron (John)

John apologized for not getting a notice published for bids to do the french drain. Joe said that McHenry's sold out to a construction group.

Awnings. (Scott)

Scott Greene reported the materials are here and he started cutting plates, but he had injured his wrist and he is waiting for it to heal.

Enclose open area under roof (Johnny Arnold).

Joe said that he talked to someone to come look at what has been done and to give us an estimate on what it would take to complete this project.

- Station 2

We will have someone come look at finishing the work at Station #2.

Maintenance report is accepted by consensus.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Audit – John**

John reported that since the company who was going to do our audit merged with another company, he was told that we are now too small to meet the parameters of doing an audit. John said that he is going to call Piney and others to find out who they use for their audits. Joe said that he will call the firm who does the audits for the Fairgrounds and let me know who I can talk to.

Grants (John)

John reported that last Friday he received an email from FEMA that we did not get our grant for the SCBAs. John has already talked to Lexipol about starting a new grant for the SCBAs next year. There was discussion about we would also need a cascade system which is expensive. Joe said that he will talk to David Wooldridge at Chambers Bank to ask about financing options. Scott Greene said that Dr. Bob told him that he is willing to put up some money to help us finance a truck. Joe said that we might want to look into putting most of the \$107,000 we received for Engine #1 into a CD and use that as collateral for a loan at Chambers Bank. John also reported that we received funds from two Giving Tree grants that total \$7,750 which will allow us to purchase 5 more AEDs. We are still waiting to hear from Firehouse Subs.

- **Land (John)**

Joe said that he talked to someone about land at a different location. It is on W Glazypeau Rd. Johnny Arnold said that he and other firefighters think we need a station on Sleepy Valley more than up Hwy 7. Joe said the property on W Glazypeau is available to the fire department for \$10,000. There is city water there. We discussed that it is a better location than at the water district. Joe thinks it will be a better option for us than the property at the water district. John asked if we might want to do a motion.

Motion: Rachel made a motion that we are interested in the property on W Glazypeau. The motion was amended to state that we will agree to purchase the property for \$10,000 if it is available.

Second: Lee Seconded

Passed: Unanimously

- **Turnouts (Harry)**

Harry reported that part of the turnouts have come in. There are some issues that will be addressed by the Banner representative on Tuesday night.

- **Open Board Position (John)**

John reported that the board interviewed people tonight and the board decided that Mr Kenny Kizer was selected to be recommended to Judge Mahoney to fill the position.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Compressors (Harry)**

Harry reported that the compressor at Station #1 the motor or the switch had burned up and with all the problems we have been having with it and with the compressor at Station #2 having burned up, he decided to replace both compressors. He was able to get two compressors from Lowes for \$1,401. John reported that when Harry called him about the problems with the compressors he viewed it as an emergency because we do not want to have the apparatus having to sit for several minutes to warm up before responding to a call. Rachel asked if the emergency amount of \$1,500 dollars is monthly. John said that was not stipulated when we passed the \$1,500 emergency limit, but it seems reasonable that it is per needed incident and not just \$1,500 per month.

- **Grant Bank Account (John)**

John said that he thinks we should discuss the opening of a special bank account for the grant money we are about to receive for the AFG Recruitment and

Retention grant funds. John said it will be a checking account and our bank told him that we only need \$50 to open a new account. John is asking for the board to give him authorization to open the account and have John L. Brandt, Jr, Rachel Peters, Lee Coatney, and Joe Turner be listed as signatories on the account.

Motion: John made a motion that we setup a new account at BankOZK for our AFG grant funds with John L. Brandt, Jr, Rachel Peters, Leonard Coatney, and Joe Turner as signatories on the account'

Second: Rachel Seconded

Passed: Unanimously

- **Sign for Station #2 (John)**

John reported that he has a quote from Stewart Signs our of Florida and he is waiting for a quote from Seiz Signs in Hot Springs. The quote from Stewart Signs is \$28,000 with another \$7,000 for installation. John was asking since we have some money, might we want to also consider putting a new sign at Station #1 too. Joe recommended that we call Jimmy Parker. He lives in Fountain Lake. Jimmy does outdoor advertising signs and might be able to give us a quote for the signs.

- **Commissioner Election Voting (John)**

John said he did not have this on our agenda, but after talking to Lee earlier he wanted us to discuss how people can vote in our election in December. John said when he talked to Gene Haley about whether people had one vote or multiple votes for property owned in the fire district. Gene said to check our by-laws, but our by-laws do not address that. Gene said the people will need to have paid their assessments, live within the district, and do we want property owners to have only 1 vote or 1 vote for each assessed property. After much discussion, the following motion was presented.

Motion: Lee moved that the board amend its by-laws to set the limit for voting be 1 vote per person for all assessed property in the fire district.

Second: Rachel Seconded

Passed: Unanimously

- **Laptop for Harry (Joe)**

Joe brought up that Harry needs a new computer to use for fire department business. John mentioned that Harry also has some problems with the keyboard

on his personal computer. John recommended that we purchase a computer that will be the Chief's computer and will belong to the fire department.

Motion: Rachel moved that we approve up to \$1,000 dollars to purchase a laptop for the chief to conduct fire department business.

Second: Joe Seconded

Passed: Unanimously

- **Firefighter's meal (John)**

The firefighters decided to have barbecue from Smokin in Style.

Comments and Questions:

ADJOURNED:

7:00 pm

Motion to adjourn: Joe moved that we adjourn

Second: Lee Seconded

Passed: Unanimously

Meeting minutes submitted by:

John Brandt, Secretary/Treasurer