WEST PRIEST LAKE FIRE DISTRICT
Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting
April 14, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:59 PM by Roy Peckham

ATTENDING: Roy Peckham, Cass Stejer , Brent Guyer, Josh Gilbert, Jeff Stockdale, Mark Muelheim, & Ken Hagman & Frankie Dunn.

AGENDA REVIEW: Cass moved and Brent seconded to approve agenda as amended adding discussion regarding HB343. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Cass moved Roy seconded to approve the minutes from the March 10 meeting. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Banking update – STCU credit cards have been received. Discussion regarding utilities, expenses, ACH, policies, dates of payments.

Asst Chief Status/Return of FD property – Discussion regarding possible department issue. Communication has now been sent out 3 times that Tim has been relieved of his duties and volunteer status. Cass suggested another letter be drafted and signed by the commissioners vs. chief. Cass will draft to be very concise. (Letter was sent certified mail on 4/25)

Maintenance Records/Asset Management – Jeff gave update on Limble implementation. The issue is that there are no real records. Roy did have some questions regarding subsets and values of equipment. Jeff discussed tagging features in Limble.

Jeff contacted Jason Eveland who has previously worked on equipment to inquire about catching up on needed maintenance. His rates are $75-90/hour. Secondary topic is that Jason is attempting to set up some sort of volunteer area in the Gleason McAbee area. Jeff would like to propose a dollar amount be set for ex-2123 (1998 Sea Grave) and Jason work in exchange for that vehicle. Discussion about valuation and how to transfer. Jeff/Cass will do some research and Roy will look at statutes. Maintenance schedules will move forward – pre-maintenance inspections will be done to provide baseline estimates for work needed.

New Engine update – In service. Still needs a couple maintenance items & licensing.

Volunteer application update – Has been completed and needs approval. SOP working draft has been sent out as well to commissioners in separate document defining roles, responsibilities, specific chain of command. Discussion regarding formalizing an after action review. Desire to see this as an agenda item on the monthly fire trainings vs. commissioner meetings.

Construction analysis of each building – Jeff/Cass attended the GRSD meeting regarding well update. Ken discussed addition of well and reality of installing a larger pump that would pump 150GPM. Additional expense of a larger pump would be at the cost of WPLFD.

Jeff will come up with a take off & estimate of the project at the Kalispell station.

There was some general discussion regarding budget vs. actual and amount of spending the in the current FY.

NEW BUSINESS

HB343 – Brent wanted to make everyone aware of legislative changes for compensation. Current commissioners have never asked for compensation; however, this bill will reduce to $50 per day.

EV Fire Blanket – Mark provided information regarding the need for an EV blanket – sizes, pricing. Median price is approximately in the $1800 range. Mark has been working with the 3 other fire districts to purchase at a better rate for all 4 districts. Cass motioned to approve purchase up to $2000 for EV blanket. Roy 2nd. Motion passed.

Commissioner terms – Cass motioned to formally accept Roy's resignation as commissioner as vacancy had been posted and ran. Brent 2nd.

Brent motioned to appoint Cass to the South sub district. Cass 2nd. Motion passed.

Notice of vacancy for the North sub district will be ran and position will be appointed at June 9 monthly meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Quarterly meeting, May 8 at 3:00pm. Monthly meeting, June 9 at 3:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Cass motioned to adjourn at 5:07

Respectfully submitted,

Frankie Dunn