WEST PRIEST LAKE FIRE DISTRICT
Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting
February 3, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM by Roy Peckham

ATTENDING: Roy Peckham, Cass Stejer , Brent Guyer, Josh Gilbert, Jeff Stockdale, Mark Mulheim.

AGENDA REVIEW: Brent moved and Cass seconded to approve agenda. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Brent moved Cass seconded to approve the minutes from the January 13 meeting. Motion passed. Cass moved and Brent 2nd to approve the minutes from the January 24 special meeting. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Banking update – Cass will transfer amount from Wells Fargo to STCU and leave $5k in Wells Fargo.

Asst Chief Status/Return of FD property – Roy gave update that Tim made the commitment to return District property.

Maint Records – Brent asked about status. Josh said this is a high priority for him. Jeff would like to volunteer to set up station spreadsheets with asset management records. He will bring a draft to the next meeting.

New Engine update – Cass wired deposit. Purchase agreement have been signed. Mark said it should be close to the end of the week to schedule with Systems Transport. Brent thanked Mark for all of his effort on this project.

Josh would like to see hot water/pressure washer/salt away at each station and would like to set this as a priority for next winter.

Action item – Groomer implement needs moved.

Equipment/Facility Priority List/Capital Improvement Plan – Roy is compiling a list for review and has talked with everyone individually. Station updates – Lamb Creek will be Jeff & Cass, Kalispell will be Jeff & Roy.

Jeff has ISO representative running scenario for ladder truck possibility and how it would affect ratings.

Mark suggested creating 2/5/10 year plans. Brent asked for a preliminary update at the March meeting.

Cass volunteered to go back to Nordman captain if someone can be at Lamb Creek. Josh reviewed roster and noted that Shane & Mark are both available at Lamb Creek. New recruits are Anthony Hall, Scott Engle & Patrick Howland.

Josh asked the board if a power hookup could be installed at Kalispell stations for Mark's trailer. Forest Service would have to give approval.

Cass will be the captain at Nordman, Mark will be the captain in training at Kalispell, and Shane will be the captain at Lamb Creek.

Cass would like to pull the yellow engine at Lamb Creek and run water at next training.

Mark suggested hiring a grant writer and or using Grant Masters. Josh has already started working with them. Josh will work on this with Roy.

Discussion about inventory and what to do with excess items.

Roy made a motion to leave roster at Chief's discretion. Cass 2nd. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

NFPA – Roy recommended purchasing for the resources it provides. Roy motioned to purchase, Brent 2nd. Motion passed.

Roy started hose inventory and shared. More hose will be needed for new engine and can swap out with hose from Lamb Creek.

Jeff gave update on ISO rating/analysis. Single biggest thing we can do is annual pump/hose testing. Details on how to improve are needed. He encourages future decisions about purchases are made with ISO in mind and the district develops metrics internally.

Jeff asked to purchase 2 gas detectors. Cass motioned to approve purchase. Roy 2nd. Motion passed.

Jeff asked to purchase and additional thermal PIIR K55. Cass motioned to purchase. Brent 2nd. Motion passed.

NEXT MEETING: March 10, 2025 at 3pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Roy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:18pm. Brent 2nd.

Respectfully submitted,

Frankie Dunn