

Chickaloon Community Volunteer Fire Department – Status Report and General notes for determining if there is enough interest and participation to proceed

December 2019

- Currently Eric Feige is maintaining the heat and electric at the Equipment building at Drill Lake at his personal expense. MEA is scheduled to discontinue electric service on November 25 2019.
- The Corporation () no longer exists with the State of Alaska, and Eric as a board member can sign over title to any assets held in the defunct corporation. Eric will do so for “the sum of \$One Dollar and Other Valuable Consideration” as soon as a new corporation or entity is set up to hold the assets.
- There is an equipment building on a leased lot at Drill Lake, annual lease of \$1/annum, 25 year lease with 25 year renewal
- There is equipment stored and maintained warm at King Flying Ranch
- There is equipment stored and maintained warm at the Drill Lake site.
- There is a Weatherport stored, no longer being used, with a potential resale value of \$6,000 (estimate)
- It is recommended that a new, (and separate from the Chickaloon Community Council) corporation be set up as the new entity to own and operate the Department. Ideally a 501c3 Nonprofit to take advantage of tax exempt status on real estate and other assets.
- It is recommended that a volunteer board of directors be created to administer the new entity and provide guidance and support to the Department Supervisor. The board should consist of no less than 5 individuals, meet semi-annually (or annually, or as needed and agreed by the directors). A quorum of 3 directors would be needed to take any action. Any vacancies will be appointed by the remaining directors.
- Eric is happy to be one of the 5 board members, which would greatly streamline the setup and forward progress of a new Department.

A general Plan for moving forward:

1. Create a small core of 4-6 individuals committed to implementing a plan.
2. Assuming there is enough interest to proceed, identify and informally appoint five board members.
3. Put out a call for volunteers for fire fighters and at least one supervisor/manager.
4. Concurrent with step Two - develop a more accurate budget, confirm there are enough volunteers to be viable, and formalize a proposal for the Chickaloon Community Council to take to the community for a vote.

5. Assuming a general consensus and enough interest, setup the corporation, determine a board of directors and supervisor, turn over operations to the board, transfer assets, determine when and if to initiate subscription service, survey equipment to confirm working status, develop and institute a training program, develop community fund raisers etc.
6. Send out an email summarizing a) the benefits of a local volunteer fire department - including past successes; b) a 5 year plan, c) a proposed budget detailing estimated costs and revenues, d) progress to date