

WCFD Board Meeting

Date: Jan 24,2024

Location: 11329 Railroad St, Arcola IN 46704

This meeting is a meeting of the West Central Fire District in public for the purpose of conducting the fire district's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting.

Attendees

Chuck Dwyer Lance
Dafforn Garry
Teeguarden Mike
Meyers Chandler
Branning
Other- Chief Gale Stelzer, Chris Perez

Approx _____public in attendance

1. Call to Order/Welcome/ Pledge of Allegiance 6pm
2. Approval of minutes from WCFD board meeting date
 1. Highlights of minutes from Dec 28th are read aloud.

Approved by: all

3. Chief's Report- Gale Stelzer

- a) Medic 85 will be out of service for undetermined amount of time beginning Jan 29th,2024 for undetermined amount of time- repairs. Review of Board packet. (Individual sheets available by request, contact: cperez@wcfcd.us)

Total YTD per call type	Base 80	Base 180
Paramedic	11	28
Non- paramedic	20	25
Fire	7	11
Fire/EMS	16	17
Total calls per station	54	81

- b) B80 run data
 - 1) 5 runs N of US 30, 3 mutual aid with Washington.
- c) Full time personnel requirements
- d) Run times over 4 minutes prompt an ask of "Why"? This report has an input error (11 Min). At current there is no alerting system at B80. The Mach alert install has been postponed while some kinks are worked out. Chief Steltzer explains what happens should one station sleep through a run. With the Mach system all stations have:
 - 1) Tone for- Fire only, Tone for- EMS only, All call tone - everyone
 - 2) The occurrence of a recent fire, B80 response and 6-minute containment is excellent.
- e) Health contract with Sansio
The base price increase is due to increased run volume, was \$220 is now \$275. The rate is locked in for 5 years for 1,350 runs, no additional fees if exceed 1,350; the best price was negotiated. Saniso is half the price of ESO. (TRAA uses them.) Certain reports are worth having available with varying degrees of utility. Fire

based, standard EMS, scheduling, none is a one stop shop. Chief Stelzer will continue to scout for a program that offers fire reports.

f) Radio Grant

Chris Forbing- thanks for the grant work. Our 10% is \$180,407.64, does NOT include the cost of the radio grant that WCFD owes at the 1st draw of funds (June or July) \$33,662.

Apex radios (not the same as FWFD) – 6,000

g) Zone Map

These are simpler than before. 1-5 is B180. Double digits are B80 (14-N) up to Dupont. Attention to WCFD 21- 23- Washington is the primary response.

h) SWFD Zones

Explanation that SW 380-381 is renamed for WCFD. There is a meeting with the chief of NWFD, they may give us all 60-64 zones. WCFD has Bass to Hillegas Rd.

i) Response Times

j) WCFD in green zone 1 will go into effect once the Mach system is active- hopefully within a month.

k) Engine purchased with Aboite

Payment due Jan 31, 2024, the Aboite trustee will send the check. Taxpayers' savings of \$42,800. Balance is due when the truck is complete. Expected Oct. 2025 and was ordered April 2023.

l) Uniforms

There are 28 people to outfit with Class A uniforms. 1st Clothing bill approx. \$35,000. \$50,000 has been budgeted for uniforms. Some of the crew from Aboite have Class A's, they simply need to switch patches. Cost of Class A complete set is \$3,500. Must place orders now to receive by June. Flying Cross is the brand WCFD uses- for that reason Bateman's is the only option for purchasing. The chief is to stay in budget and get the crew complete Class A's.

m) Tanker

Mr. Branning is asked for an update- his response is no knowledge of new information. Discussion reveals it is a matter of: \$2,000 to the grant writer

Chief Stelzer and an authorized Arcola person need to call Dominic to give him the necessary permissions to be an authorized person to continue working on the grant. Mr. Branning is informed that he is indeed an authorized person, additionally, that Janice is the name of an original person on the grant. Mr. Branning states he will figure out who is on the original paperwork and get with Chief Stelzer. The suggestion of particular ease to accomplish the goal of authorized people giving necessary permissions is a conference call. Mr. Branning commits to follow through with finding an authorized person.

n) Firewatch

Chief Stelzer thinks the department should bill the facility (customer) for the payment to come to the district and then the district will then pay out the amount owed. What is happening currently is that people are paid directly from the facility, not to exceed \$60/hr. Points discussed include finding out what FWFD charges, so WCFD can be the same. Price point to avoid being a default "sprinkler system. Law requires provision for fire watch. Legalities, workman's comp coverage. The fee is not for income, it is to maintain the budget (labor.)

4. 2023 Annual Report Review- Chris Perez

(Report available by request, contact: cperez@wcfcd.us)

There was \$10,000 in the account and a report is required because we are a government entity. The Annual report shows what we started and ended with. \$16,000 in checks. No transfers in or out. No capital assets. Many blanks are due to the field being required on the report. The budget report includes this week's payroll (not PERF.) After a month we are approx. 5-6% of our budget (in line).

Explanation of various name/line items. i.e. Lad TEC is for scheduling; Microsoft Office is the office program and subscription based.

5. January 2024 financial report – Chris Perez

A snapshot of month-to-month cash flow analysis: longevity pay is not paid until later in the year; putting off costs not due now will help us to be sure we make it to June.

Claims/disbursements

Accounting software is the other component of \$11,000. Work comp was a little more than what was budgeted, approx. \$3,000. The crew uses gas cards through Lassus for fuel for the trucks. Ms. Perez is looking into a federal gas exemption reimbursement. WCFD has PHP health insurance and Principal dental/vision. Mr. Dafforn says that this is a good cost, FWFD has this also. Medic 85 is under warranty and will have 0 cost to fix.

6. Board Position Votes for Chair, Vice Chair

Keep the same positions. Garry Teegarden as Chair, Chuck Dwyer as Vice Chair.

Motion to approve by: Lance Dafforn, 2nd Chuck Dwyer

7. Meeting Dates

Move meetings to Wednesday evenings to better accommodate members' schedules, with some exceptions.

Come April, if all is going smoothly, move meeting to once per quarter. Continue to alternate between Arcola and Aboite for the first 4 months. A member of the public volunteers that the Lion's club calendar is posted on the wall behind the board, who then checks for conflicts. The following dates are selected for meetings, more can be added should the need arise. The bi-laws state a minimum of 1 meeting per quarter.

Feb. 28, Mar. 27, April 23, July 31, Oct 29.

Motion to approve by: Lance Dafforn, 2nd Chuck Dwyer, All Approve

8. Resolution on Bass Rd property

The resolution is read aloud by the secretary. Discussion follows. Mr. Dafforn points to the amount not specified, clarifies that money is put down. Mr. Teegarden says yes, money can be put down. Chief Stelzer – it is the (expected cost) the average of 2 appraisals.

The money spent for the appraisals is non refundable; the money for holding the property is. The Building and Land committee is to be involved, the last known from them is that nothing suitable is available. The realtor confirmed 2450 homes are being built along Bass Rd. This is an estimate of up to 15,000 people. We wanted 3 stations, 1 that is North of 30, and still looking for land. In the meantime:

Bass Rd

B80 - keep until we can build N of 30. Have all 3 unless and until we are able to build N of 30 B180

We have to look at people who need service now. Currently, there is a lack of information on the factors affecting what will occur with US 30, we should not build N of 30. The resolution is to be able to have funds to hold property (because otherwise it will be sold) while investigating not only alternatives of what's available but to help for when we are able to build N of 30. When the resolution is signed, the Building and Land committee will return to the task of looking for property.

Motion to approve by: Chuck Dwyer 2nd: Lance Dafforn All approve

9. Public Comment

1 person spoke. The person asked where is WCFD in Aboite, can it be put on the website? The board answered yes.

10. Adjourn 7:35pm

Motion to approve by: Chuck Dwyer 2nd: Mike Meyers