

WCFD Board Meeting

Date : March 27, 2024

**Location: Community Room – Base 80
11329 Railroad Street 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

Garry Teeguarden

Chuck Dwyer

Lance Dafforn

Mike Meyers arrived 6:05p

Chandler Branning

Other- Chief Gale Stelzer, Chris Perez

1. **Call to Order/Welcome/ Pledge of Allegiance** 6:01p

2. **Approval of minutes from WCFD board meeting Feb 28th 2024**

1. Read aloud

- Amendments added see note at bottom
- Location correction to Arcola

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

3. **Chief's Report – Chief Gale Stelzer**

The full report is available on request to the WCFD Office administrator.

Highlights of the chief's report include: Mach alert has been pushed back to the last week of April. Credit for the delays go to the county, not Motorola. TRAA level 0 runs (4) times , mutual aid assist to SWFD (5) runs, NWFD (4) runs. WCFD level 0 (3) times- our crews still took the runs.

WCFD needs the title to tanker 84 to put it's sale toward the grant for the current tanker on order. All paperwork has been completed, just waiting for the Award Administrator to get everything completed to switch the grant over to West Central. We have looked at several manufacturers for tankers and we are in the range of \$497k - \$640k. A no name brand is still \$497,000. Discussion on a "bare bones" Pierce demo unit, 3000g tanker w commercial 2-man cab approx. \$507k .

Due Sept 2024. The grant is time sensitive; use must be within 2 years of award. Once awarded there can be a 6 mo. extension. Asking for \$147,000 for the tanker.
Motion to approve by: Chuck Dwyer 2nd Lance Dafforn

4. March Financial Report – Chris Perez

The full report is available on request to the WCFD Office administrator.

Financial report presented . We are below budget. A few clarifying questions asked by the board and answered by Ms. Perez.

Motion to approve by: Garry Teegarden 2nd Lance Dafforn

5. Resolution on Land Purchase

The Resolution is available on request to the WCFD Office administrator.

Several steps are needed before even knowing the question of “how much?”, and what numbers are feasible. Each step is being guided by an attorney , who was chosen b/c of his municipal experience and specialty. The approval is for \$10,000, an Ernest payment.

Motion to approve by: Lance Dafforn 2nd Mike Meyers and Chuck Dwyer simultaneously.

6. Arcola Equipment- Chandler Branning

Everything is believed to be taken care of, the last 2 items on Gale’s list was submitted to the lawyer.

7. Board Compensation- Garry Teegarden

After checking around, it is recommended that we follow SWFD , except for gas mileage. \$100 per meeting- regardless of 1 hour or 5. Cannot exceed \$100 per day.

Motion to approve by: Mike Meyers 2nd Chandler Branning

8. Public Comment

Mr. Branning inquired about the campers- they on the back burner while some more pressing tasks are completed.

2 people signed up to speak- a Q and A between the board and audience.

Amendment to the Feb 2024 draft minutes voted on at the beginning of the meeting : Engine 81 to replace “Old” engine, RIT bag to replace “old” bag, B80 does NOT need the grass rig.

Motion to approve by: Mike Meyers 2nd Chuck Dwyer

9. **Adjournment** 7:01

Note- as meeting adjourned, the R~~T~~ bag from Engine 81 was con~~J~~irmed located.

Motion to approve by Garry Teegarden 2nd Mike Meyers