

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
ELBERT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
March 12, 2019

The regular meeting of the Elbert Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on March 12, 2019, at Elbert Fire Station No. 1, 24310 Main Street, Elbert, Colorado, at 7:00 pm.

Attendance:

Directors in Attendance:

John Wood
Irene Brown
Scott Field
Sean Mulvihill
Jay Walp

Also in Attendance:

Brandon Homer, Fire Chief
Carolyn Homer, Administrative Assistant

At 7:50 pm, the regular meeting of the Elbert Fire Board was called to order.

Agenda:

The Board considered the proposed agenda. A motion was made by Director Field, and unanimously carried, that the agenda be approved.

Minutes:

The Board considered the minutes from the regular meeting of February 12, 2019. A motion was made by Director Field, and unanimously carried, that the minutes be approved.

Financials:

Ms. Homer presented the Balance Sheet as of March 12, 2019. All accounts have been reconciled for February. Next Ms. Homer presented the February/March Profit and Loss which reflects the January and February property tax payment from Elbert County and February property tax and SOT payment from El Paso County. We should receive December through March SOT from Elbert County in April, after the actual amount is determined from the December computer glitch. The statement also reflects the grant payment from Firehouse Subs which will be used for a new monitor. Expenses include the cost for radio repairs, the costs to travel to Seattle to check out a possible ambulance maker (if we get grant). Also included are the annual vehicle registration fees for the vehicles, the annual Board bond premium, and moving the prepaid insurance paid in December to expense. The costs associated to the annual party are included in meeting expenses, the March cost for the new reporting software and regular utilities costs. Propane is for all three stations, snow shoes for the plow is included in truck repairs and the cost for driveway markers is included in building maintenance expense. The 2019 year-to-date surplus is \$66,171.18.

A motion was made by Director Mulvihill, and unanimously carried, that the financial reports and the bills be approved.

Public Comment: None.

Correspondence: None.

Chief's Report: Chief Homer stated that the department ran 9 calls in February – 1 structure fire and 8 medicals with 3 transports. The Chief told the Board they were invited to a joint Elizabeth/Rattlesnake Board meeting to be held in Elizabeth on the 28th at 7pm to discuss a county wide ambulance (or ambulance authority) and possible changes to mutual aid. If anyone would like to attend they must RSVP by Wednesday.

Chief Homer announced that we have received the grant money from Firehouse Subs and the new monitor should be here next week. The District passed the financial waiver for the EMS grant for the ambulance, so if the District is awarded the grant they will only need to pay 10%, but there are two more rounds before the final determination. In order to cover the cost of the ambulance, if we are awarded the grant, the Chief spoke with the funding company for the two stations and they put together a short and long term funding option. For a two and half year lease at a 3.65% rate for a total of \$250,000 the cost would be about \$89,000 per year. The state would pay \$187,604 of the total cost of \$208,000. The additional money on the lease would be to cover the cost of a cot and additional supplies for about \$28,000. The next round of review is on March 21 and then the final round will be in April and finalists will be notified in mid-May and the award will probably be in June.

The Chief gave an update on the last ECCA meeting where a lengthy discussion took place regarding their authority to mandate the radio type and vendor used in each of the individual Districts. He spent two and a half hours at the county to get government plates for all the trucks. As an FYI, the county has decided to move forward with the special event permit for anything over 100 people and not on private land.

Chief Homer spoke with a head person at Empire and they want the District to settle for 75% of the amount due. They have stated that they will not discuss replacing or fixing the carpet until the bill is paid. The Chief feels that there are two options moving forward; one is to work with the attorney and have him handle it or two pay the settlement of \$1,468.88 and hope they will fix/replace what needs done. The Board suggested that the Chief propose a counter offer of \$1,000 and we will walk away without asking for repairs/replacement. Finally, Chief Homer has spoken with Michael Likens about the making a new website in WordPress. Michael's proposal includes a new site, two hours of training, and three months of phone support for a cost between \$1,200 and \$1,400 and will be completed within a month. Director Mulvihill stated that he has worked with Mountain Vista Solutions if Chief Homer wants to check them

out. The Board asked that Chief Homer confirm that Mr. Likens believes someone can be trained within the two hours to be able to actually do take care of the site and if so, then to move forward with him.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Director Mulvihill, and unanimously approved, the meeting be adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Recording Secretary to the Board

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