REGULAR MEETING

Powder River Fire District January 13th, 2021 7:00 P.M.

Present:

Board Members: Fred Carr, Steve Haines, and Kevin Lund

Interim Fire Chief: Matt Carr
District Clerk: Becky Schiermiester

Public: Johnson County Commissioner William Novotny

The regular meeting of the Powder River Fire District Board of Directors was brought to order by Chairman Fred Carr at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13th, 2021.

<u>Minutes</u>: Steve Haines moved to approve the minutes for the regular board meeting held on December 9th, 2020 seconded by Kevin Lund. *Vote: 3 ayes. Motion Carried.*

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Becky Schiermiester presented the board with an income/expense report, a balance sheet, and a progressive budget report for January. Steve Haines moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Kevin Lund. *Vote: 3 ayes. Motion Carried.*

Fire Chief's Report:

<u>Call Outs</u>: Matt Carr reported that the fire district had responded to eight car wrecks/ambulance assists, one wild fire, one hazmat incident, one mutual aid call, and one standby. Matt also stated that the district had responded to 89 calls in 2020.

<u>Repairs and Updates</u>: Matt and the board discussed radio programming issues and the costs of having them programed or cost of purchasing software to program the radios. Steve Haines moved to approve the purchase of six new radios, seconded by Kevin Lund. *Vote: 3 ayes. Motion Carried.*

Matt reported that the repairs at the Linch fire hall are almost complete and that Express Overhead Door Service will be submitting a quote to repair the bay doors.

Matt presented the board with information of some Tenders that are currently for sale. There was also discussion about upgrading a few of the fire trucks.

<u>Mapping Software</u>: Matt, the board, and Commissioner Novotny discussed the possibility of funding being available through Homeland Security that may be used to purchase "water finding/mapping" software.

Old Business:

Revisions to Bylaws and Manual's: Due to the late hour, Fred Carr moved to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, January 19th, at 2:00 p.m. to review and accept/or revise the Policy & Procedure Manual, District Bylaws, Fire Department Constitution and Bylaws, Fire Department Policy & Procedure Manual, and a District Standard Operating Guidelines. The motion was seconded by Kevin Lund. *Vote: 3 ayes. Motion Carried.*

<u>SLIB Grant</u>: The board reviewed, and Fred Carr signed the SLIB Grant Agreement between the State and the Powder River Fire District. The grant will help offset the cost of repairing the building's foundation issues. Fred also reported that Keenan Hendon, Project Manager for Wyoming-State Lands and Investments, had reviewed the engineer's proposal and verified that the plan looked feasible.

NEW BUSINESS:

<u>Interim Fire Chief</u>: Steve Haines moved to appoint Matt Carr as interim fire chief with a salary of \$1,500.00 per month, seconded by Kevin Lund. *Vote: 2 ayes (with Fred Carr abstaining).* **Motion Carried.**

Bills:

The following bills were audited and approved for payment:

Black, Joyce, Cleaning Wages - \$96.97; Cenex Fleetcard, Fuel – \$67.81; EFTPS, Payroll Liability - \$605.92; Frandson Safety, Inc., Repairs/Maintenance - \$22.00; High Country Insulation, Repairs/Maintenance - \$8,400.00; Johnson County Clerk, Contract - \$755.52; Kaycee General Store, Operating Supplies/Repairs/Maintenance - \$20.83; Montana-Dakota Utilities, Utilities - \$676.64; Powder River Energy, Utilities - \$203.00; Range, Telephone - \$184.23; Rocky Mountain Power, Utilities - \$107.94; Schiermiester, Becky, Admin. Wages - \$1,168.07; Town of Kaycee, Utilities - \$39.75; TriCounty Gas, Utilities - \$353.91; VISA, Meal/Office Supply- \$104.24; Wyoming Department of Employment, Payroll Liability - \$1,198.21; Wyoming Retirement, Retirement - \$318.75.

Adjournment:

With no further business the regular board meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Fred Carr, Chairman

Steve Haines, Secretary