

REGULAR MEETING

Powder River Fire District
May 12th, 2021
7:00 P.M.

Present:

Board Members: Fred Carr and Steve Haines
Volunteer Fire Fighter: Ken Richardson
Public: Johnson County Commissioner Novotny
District Clerk: Becky Schiermiester

The regular meeting of the Powder River Fire District Board of Directors was brought to order by Chairman Fred Carr at 7:03 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12th, 2021.

Minutes: Steve Haines moved to approve the minutes for the regular board meeting held on April 14th, 2021, the motion was seconded by Fred Carr. *Vote: 2 ayes. Motion Carried.*

Treasurer's Report: The board was presented with an income/expense report, a balance sheet, and a progressive budget report. Steve Haines moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Fred Carr. *Vote: 2 ayes. Motion Carried.*

Fire Chief's Report:

Call Outs: Ken Richardson reported that the district had responded to one false alarm call from the Red Wall Community Center.

Updates: Ken reported that the radio in brush truck five needs repair. It was the consensus of the board to have the repairs completed as soon as possible.

Old Business:

Water Tender: Steve inquired if the seller of the water tender had agreed to a time and date that the district could inspect and take possession of the new truck. Becky reported that the check was ready to go, but she had not heard any further details.

WWC Engineering: Steve asked if the district had received any further correspondence from WWC Engineering or when we could be excepting the building repairs to be let out for bids. Becky stated that the district has not received any correspondence. Fred Carr stated that he would reach out to the engineering company.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fire Chief Position: The board stated that they will be conducting interviews for the fire chief position before the next board meeting.

Resolution: Fred Carr presented the board with a copy of Johnson County Resolution #656 which allows the Powder River Fire District to enroll their employees into the health, dental, and vision insurance under the counties policy. Premiums, however, will be paid by the district.

FYE 2022 Proposed Budget: Before budget preparation began, the board and Commissioner Novotny discussed the rate increase that the county will access for the communications contract this

coming year. The board began preparation of the 2021/2022 proposed budget for the Powder River Fire District. Due to a question as to how to account for the SLIB grant funding for the building repair project, the board will have a special meeting on May 24th at 7:00 pm to complete the proposed budget. A public hearing will be held Wednesday, July 14th, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., before finalizing the budget.

Bills:

The following bills were audited and approved for payment:

Black, Joyce, Cleaning Wages - \$96.97; Carr, Matt, Wages - \$1,261.25; Cashiers Check (J & S Repairs), Asset (Water Tender) - \$82,000.00; Cenex Fleetcard, Fuel - \$75.07; EFTPS, Payroll Liability - \$822.92; Frandson Safety, Inc., Repairs/Maintenance - \$22.00; Johnson County Clerk, Contract - \$2,567.07; Montana-Dakota Utilities, Utilities - \$330.13; NAPA, Repairs/Maintenance - \$222.89; Powder River Energy, Utilities - \$220.00; Range, Telephone - \$185.59; Rocky Mountain Power, Utilities - \$39.10; Schiermiester, Becky, Admin. Wages - \$766.32; Tedesko Repair, Repairs/Maintenance - \$1,310.46; Town of Kaycee, Utilities - \$39.75; VISA, Bank Charge/Dues/Office Supplies/Repairs - \$1,163.11; Wyoming Retirement, Retirement - \$318.75.

Adjournment:

With no further business the regular board meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



Fred Carr, Chairman



Steve Haines, Secretary