

## **REGULAR MEETING**

Powder River Fire District  
December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
7:00 P.M.

### **Present:**

Board Members: Matt Carr, Steve Haines, and Kevin Lund  
Fire Chief: Kenneth Richardson  
Public: Johnson County Commissioner Novotny and J.D. Petty  
District Clerk: Becky Schiermiester

The regular meeting of the Powder River Fire District Board of Directors was brought to order by Secretary Steve Haines at 7:05 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Election of Officers:** Steve Haines opened the floor for nominations for the three positions of the board. Matt Carr moved to nominate Steve Haines as chairman, Steve Haines seconded the motion. *Vote: 2 ayes. Motion Carried.*

Steve Haines moved to nominate Matt Carr as secretary, Matt Carr seconded the motion. *Vote: 2 ayes. Motion Carried.*

Matt Carr moved to nominate Kevin Lund as treasurer, Steve Haines seconded the motion. *Vote: 2 ayes. Motion Carried.*

Becky Schiermiester was instructed to make the necessary arrangements to add Matt Carr to the signature cards, as well as removing Fred Carr from the same accounts.

**Minutes:** Matt Carr moved to approve the minutes for the regular board meeting held on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as presented. Steve Haines seconded the motion. *Vote: 2 ayes. Motion Carried.*

**Treasurer's Report:** Becky Schiermiester presented the board with an income/expense report, a balance sheet, and a progressive budget report for December. Chief Richardson and the board discussed the percentage of the budget that has already been expensed and brainstorming ideas to start setting aside reserves to replace outdated and aging equipment/radios next fiscal year. Matt Carr moved to accept the treasurer's reports, seconded by Steve Haines. *Vote: 2 ayes. Motion Carried.*

### **Fire Chief's Report:**

**Call Outs:** Fire Chief Kenneth Richardson reported that the district had four incidents during the past month. The district responded to one vehicle fire, one false alarm call, one motor vehicle assist (ambulance assist), and one training.

**Emergency Communications Board Meeting:** Chief Richardson reported that he attended the emergency communications meeting. The chief stated that monies to repair/replace repeaters will need to be budgeted for in the next fiscal year budget.

**VFA Grant:** Chief Richardson reported that the VFA grant that he applied for was approved. The money will be used to purchase new radios and pagers.

The board and the chief discussed other grants that maybe accepting applications.

**Old Business:**

Wyoming Rural Fire Meeting: Chief Richardson stated that he was unable to attend the Wyoming Rural Fire meeting.

**New Business:**

Updates: The board and Commissioner Novotny discussed current interest rates that are available once the districts c.d.'s come up for renewal.

**Bills:**

Steve Haines moved to approve the following audited bills, seconded by Matt Carr.

*Vote: 2 ayes. **Motion Carried.***

Abbott, Hayden, Wages - \$253.96; EFTPS, Payroll Liability - \$888.72; Frandson Safety, Repairs/Maintenance - \$23.10; Homax Oil Sales, Fuel - \$123.38; Kaycee General Store, Operating Supplies - \$60.21; Montana-Dakota Utilities, Utilities - \$895.80; Powder River Energy, Utilities - \$272.00; Range, Telephone/Repairs - \$483.89; Rocky Mountain Power, Utilities - \$110.42; Richardson, Kenneth, Wages - \$1,343.25; Sain, Alexander, Wages - \$461.75; Schiermiester, Becky, Administrative Wages - \$1,708.18; Tedesko Repair, Repairs - \$304.49; Town of Kaycee, Utilities - \$43.75; TriCounty Gas, Utilities - \$676.15; VISA, Office & Operating Supplies - \$330.94; Wyoming Retirement, Retirement - \$150.00; Wyoming Termite & Pest Control, Maintenance - \$550.00.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business the regular board meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

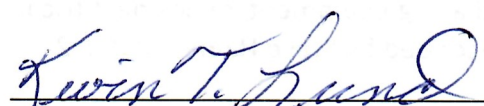
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Steve Haines, Chairman



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Matt Carr, Secretary



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Kevin Lund, Treasurer