REGULAR MEETING

Powder River Fire District June 14th, 2023 7:00 P.M.

Present:

Board Members: Matt Carr and Steve Haines

Fire Chief: Kenneth Richardson

Public: Fred Carr, J.D. Petty, and 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 Steve Haines at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14th, 2023.

<u>Minutes</u>: Matt Carr moved to approve the minutes for the regular board meeting held on May 10^{th} , 2023, as presented. Steve Haines seconded the motion. *Vote: 2 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 June. Matt Carr moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Steve Haines. *Vote: 2 ayes. Motion Carried.*

Fire Chief's Report:

<u>Call Outs</u>: Fire Chief Kenneth Richardson reported that the district had responded to five call outs during the month of May, which consisted of three vegetation fires, one ambulance assist and one hazardous condition call.

<u>Updates and Repairs</u>: Chief Richardson reported that repairs have begun on the building's roof to fix the leaks. The Chief also reported that repairs on Brush 4 may not cost as much as previously reported. Chief Richardson stated that currently the ice machine is running, thanks to Crosby Taylor.

The board and Chief Richardson also discussed a proposed bill that will be presented to the Wyoming Legislature. The proposed bill would offer incentives such as retirement, health insurance, and other incentives for volunteer firefighters that would hopefully increase recruitments for fire departments.

NEW BUSINESS:

<u>Updates</u>: The board and Commissioner Novotny discussed the monies that may be available from State Forestry, the budget meeting with the county, and what the mil levy value might be.

Old Business:

<u>Fire Protection Agreement</u>: Chairman Haines stated that the district has received a proposed mutual aid agreement/contract between the Town of Kaycee and the Powder River Fire District. Chairman Haines proposed having a committee meet on Monday, June 19th at 10:00 a.m. to review the proposal.

Bills:

Matt Carr moved to approve the following audited bills, seconded by Steve Haines. *Vote: 2 ayes. Motion Carried.*

AT&T, Telephone - \$43.03; Cascade Fire Equipment, Operating Supplies - \$174.88; CNA Surety, Bonds - \$200.00; Complete Wireless Technologies, VFA Grant Purchase - \$14,822.87; EFTPS, Payroll Liability - \$755.14; Frandson Safety, Repairs/Maintenance - \$26.25; Homax Oil Sales, Fuel/Oil - \$1,200.98; Kaycee General Store, Repairs/Supplies - \$24.96; Montana-Dakota Utilities, Utilities - \$143.75; North Wyoming Insurance, Insurance - \$11,559.00; Powder River Energy, Utilities - \$267.00; Range, Telephone - \$145.45; Richardson, Kenneth, Wages - \$1,358.25; Rocky Mountain Power, Utilities - \$125.96; Schiermiester, Becky, Administrative Wages - \$1,708.18; Tedesko Repair, Repairs/Maintenance - \$736.73; Town of Kaycee, Utilities - \$91.00; Visa, Repairs/Supplies - \$1,076.17; Wyoming Retirement, Retirement - \$168.75; Wyoming Termite & Pest Control, Repairs/Maintenance - \$550.00.

Adjournment:

With no further business the regular board meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Steve Haines, Chairman

Matt Carr, Secretary

Kevin Lund, Treasurer