

## **REGULAR MEETING**

Powder River Fire District  
July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
7:00 P.M.

### **Present:**

Board Members: Fred Carr, Steve Haines, and Kevin Lund  
Interim Fire Chief: Kenneth Richardson  
Public: Johnson County Commissioner Novotny  
District Clerk: Becky Schiermiester

### **Public Budget Hearing:**

2020-2021 Budget – Chairman Fred Carr opened the floor for public discussion of the fiscal year end 2021 budget for the Powder River Fire District at 7:00 p.m. Hearing no comments or questions, nor any objections from the public, Steve Haines moved to accept the fiscal year end 2021 budget for the Powder River Fire District as presented, seconded by Kevin Lund. *Vote: 3 ayes. **Approved.***

The regular meeting of the Powder River Fire District Board of Directors was brought to order by Chairman Fred Carr at 7:07 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Minutes: Steve Haines moved to approve the minutes for the regular board meeting held on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020; as well as the minutes for the special board meeting held on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020, as presented. Kevin Lund seconded the motion. *Vote: 3 ayes. **Motion Carried.***

Treasurer's Report: Becky Schiermiester presented the board with an income/expense report, a balance sheet, and an accumulative budget report for fiscal year end 2020, as well as a current budget report. Steve Haines moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Kevin Lund. *Vote: 3 ayes. **Motion Carried.***

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

Call Outs: Interim Fire Chief Kenneth Richardson reported that the district had responded to ten call outs during the past month. They responded to five vegetation fires, two structure fires, and three smoke reports.

New Brush Truck: Ken and the board discussed the corrections that are needed before the new brush truck is put into service.

Major Fires: Ken reported to the board the estimated cost of the recent Reno Fire. Based on the invoices the district has received, the cost is approximately \$250,000.00. The costs will be reimbursed from the State of Wyoming, but the reimbursement will not be received for some time.

Ken also reported that fire suppression, equipment, and personnel will be reimbursed from the State for the Poker Creek Fire.

Repairs and Updates: Ken presented the board with a detailed report of the recent repairs on equipment and vehicles and then entertained questions from the board. Ken also requested



approval for the purchase of six new nozzles and six bale shut offs. With fire season ramping up, the nozzles are a critical piece of equipment. Steve Haines moved to approve the equipment purchase, seconded by Kevin Lund. *Vote: 3 ayes. Motion Carried.*

**Old Business:**

**Appointment of Fire Chief:** . Steve Haines moved to appoint Ken Richardson as Fire Chief, seconded by Kevin Lund. *Vote: 3 ayes. Motion Carried.*

**Updates:** Commissioner Novotny stated that the State of Wyoming had certified the tax assessments at 3.14.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Fire Hall Structural Repairs:** The board was presented with a description of services for repairs on the fire hall and owner acknowledgement from SFA Design Group. Steve Haines moved to approve the owner acknowledgement, seconded by Kevin Lund. *Vote: 3 ayes. Motion Carried.*

**Bills:**

The following bills were audited and approved for payment:

Big Horn Tire, Repairs/Maintenance - \$77.41; Buffalo Bulletin, Fees - \$138.00; Carlat Construction, Lease Equipment (Reimbursed Fire Expense) - \$9,635.00; Cenex Fleetcard, Fuel – \$830.81; Country Inn, Meals (Reimbursed Fire Expense) - \$589.30; Dull Knife Equipment, Lease Equipment (Reimbursed Fire Expense) - \$20,206.00; EFTPS, Payroll Liability - \$3,399.64; Firefighters of Natrona County, Contract Wages Lease Equipment (Reimbursed Fire Expense) - \$3,391.00; Frandson Safety, Inc., Repairs/Maintenance - \$22.00; Goshen County – Yoder Fire Department, Contract Wages Lease Equipment (Reimbursed Fire Expense) - \$27,644.67; Graves Trucking, Lease Equipment (Reimbursed Fire Expense) - \$550.00; Haines, Steve, Reimbursed Expense (Repairs/Maintenance) - \$891.64; Kaycee Sinclair, Fuel/Meals (Reimbursed Fire Expense) - \$1,015.70; L & L Oilfield Service, Lease Equipment (Reimbursed Fire Expense) - \$8,116.00; L.N. Curtis, Repairs/Maintenance - \$1,435.00; Lo-Gear Trucking, Lease Equipment (Reimbursed Fire Expense) - \$4,140.00; Lund Contracting, Lease Equipment (Reimbursed Fire Expense) - \$3,900.00; Montana-Dakota Utilities, Utilities - \$59.93; NAPA, Repairs/Maintenance - \$86.66; North Wyoming Insurance, Insurance - \$9,182.00; Payroll, Wages/Fire Wages (Reimbursed Fire Expense) - \$16,619.18; Powder River Energy Corporation, Utilities - \$256.00; Rocky Mountain Equipment & Rental, Lease Equipment (Reimbursed Fire Expense) - \$4,509.00; Rocky Mountain Power, Utilities - \$48.74; RT Communications, Telephone - \$208.56; Tedesko Repair, Repairs/Maintenance - \$588.84; Tom’s Tire & Repair, Repairs/Maintenance - \$67.20; Town of Bar Nunn, Contract Wages (Reimbursed Fire Expense) - \$5,855.00; Town of Kaycee, Utilities - \$63.75; VersaTel Communications, Repairs/Maintenance - \$40.00; Waterous Company, Repairs/Maintenance - \$705.59; Wells Backhoe Service, Lease Equipment (Reimbursed Fire Expense) - \$10,604.00; Wyoming Department of Employment, Payroll Liability - \$1,363.81; Wyoming Retirement, Retirement - \$255.00; Wyoming Signs, Operating Supplies - \$457.62.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business the regular board meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

  
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Fred Carr, Chairman

  
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Steve Haines, Secretary