Laramie County Fire District #3
Board Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2023, at New Station 1

Board Attendance: Dean Anderson, Rowdy Petsch, Jason McLaughlin, Greg Hansen, and Mike Peterson
Firefighters: Lee Peterson (Chief), Trevor Petsch, Jillian McLaughlin
Other: Vickie Schinzel,

President Dean opened the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Minutes:

- The minutes from the regular meeting on June 12 were reviewed. Rowdy moved and Mike 2nd to approve the minutes. Passed

Treasurer Report:

- The Reconciliation Report and the Invoices selected for payment were reviewed.
- Rowdy moved and Jason 2nd to approve the Reconciliation Report and the Invoices to Pay report. Passed.

Old Business:

- Station 1-Old:
  - The Town of Albin returned the MOU tied to the sale of the old station. They proposed the following changes: Change in the Rate for water to be charged, removed the wording of "in perpetuity" and added "as long as LCFD #3 owns the fire station". Rowdy moved and Mike 2nd to accept the MOU with these changes. Passed.
- Station 1-New:
  - Lee discussed the mud issue on the South side. He talked to the town about the ground asphalt to cover the dirt, but the town said they did not have enough to allow the station to use. Lee is still looking for someone to get a landscaping bid. This would be for sod, sprinkler system, trees, topsoil.
  - There was discussion about pouring cement pads on the south and extending those on the north. Rowdy suggested getting bids to do the pads and the curbs for the driveway. Discussed increasing the budget by $100,000 to allow for additional cement.
  - Lee would also like to purchase a 500-gallon fuel tank.
- Station 2:
  - No updates
- Station 3:
  - Trevor reported that Grass 3-9 has been repaired and returned to service.
- Strategic Plan/SOP's: These have been posted to the website but need to be updated.
- Grants:
  - Jillian is planning to apply for a training grant which is due in August.

New Business:

- Propane Contract: Jillian asked about the status of the propane contract. She had talked to Butch's and felt like the district could get a better deal. It was stated that the propane tank is rented from Panhandle and would require the purchase of propane tanks if a switch were to be made.
- Audit: the bill has arrived. The consensus is to look for another CPA firm to do the audit for FY23.
- Application: Received an application from Riley McLaughlin. Rowdy moved and Mike 2nd to accept him as a firefighter. He will have ACL surgery, but he can start his online training while in recovery. He does plan to take the EMT course this fall. Greg will add him to Worker's Comp and WY Retirement.
- Website: This if fully operational as are the corresponding email accounts.
- Budget Approval: Jason moved and Rowdy moved to approve the budget for FY24 with the adjustments made earlier in the meeting. Passed.

- Jillian stated that October 8-14 was Fire Safety Week and suggested having an Open House at the station with kid activities rather than trying to do something at the school as in the past. She will continue to explore this idea.

Chief's Report:

- Lee reported that the fire warden is getting a new vehicle and his old one is being given to LCFD#3. It is a 2013 Chevy 2500. The intent is to use it as support on medical calls.
- Lee is getting quotes to get the Chevy, the new trailer, and the new brush truck signage.
- The Air Guard is giving away a mobile cascade trailer which can be used to fill the SCBA's, but it needs some work. F E Warren
- Lee proposed the purchase of a new Command Vehicle that he located at the same place they purchased the brush truck. It cost $60,000. After much discussion, Rowdy moved and Mike 2nd to purchase this vehicle. Passed.
- New Brush Truck: Lee will get it outfitted with grill guard and toolboxes. Several businesses were recommended that could do the welding for this.
- Fire Strategy: discussed the need to have a plan to do some back burning or setting intentional fires to mitigate the potential hazard when the tall grass dries up. Lee will discuss this at the Chief's Meeting.
- Lee reported that Titus is about ready to be an Engine Boss.

Other:

- Dean adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Minutes submitted:

Rowdy Petsch, Secretary

The payment of bills reviewed, accepted, and attached to these minutes are certified under the penalty of perjury by:

Accepted:

Dean Anderson, President

Greg Hansen, Treasurer