

Laramie County Fire District #3
Board Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2023, at Station 1

Board Attendance: Rowdy Petsch, Jason McLaughlin, Greg Hansen, and Mike Peterson

Firefighters and Other: Lee Peterson (Chief), Jesse Moorehead, Lee Willert, Trevor Petsch, David Romsa, Lex Johnson, Jeremiah Johnson, Karen Lipksa, Dr. Doug Schmitz, Kelly Krakow, and Vickie Schinzel

Vice President Mike opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Minutes:

- The minutes from the November 13 meeting were reviewed. Rowdy moved and Greg 2nd to approve the minutes. Passed.

Treasurer Report:

- The Reconciliation Report was reviewed. Rowdy moved and Jason 2nd to approve the Reconciliation Report. Passed.
- The Bills to Pay were reviewed. Greg moved and Rowdy 2nd to approve. Passed.

Public Comments:

- **Albin Ambulance:** Jeremiah Johnson represented the Albin Ambulance. He stated that the reason he brought representatives from the Ambulance board and crew, the press and Dr. Doug Schmitz was because they were concerned about the working relationship between them and the Fire District. Dr. Schmitz reviewed his role as Laramie County EMS Director and the importance of training and reporting. Lee stated that Jillian is doing medical training for the Fire Dept. This training occurs every other month. Lee stated that Scott Logan from the State told them they did not need to do a WATRS report if AMR responded to the scene. Dr. Schmitz countered that a report needs to be done by the Fire District as well so it can be reviewed.
- Jeremiah presented several concerns:
 - Working together in general and on scene-who does what?
 - Review of the MOU created in July and is it still valid, especially regarding the Ambulance crew moving into the fire house and the issues of snow removal. Lee expressed that much has changed in terms of equipment and space available.
- Lee asked that the communication about day-to-day issues be channeled through him and not Dean as he will have more information about concerns.
- **Future Training:** It was decided by both boards to meet on February 5th at 6:30 for a joint training. The goal is to do joint trainings on a quarterly basis.
- As there is much to discuss regarding the concerns of the Ambulance Crew, it was asked that they get a list of their concerns to the board so they can be dealt with in a future meeting.

Old Business:

- **Station 1-New:**
 - Concrete: PB Gravel extended the pads and did some grading on the yard. They will finish the rest of the concrete work in the spring.
- **Station 2:**
 - Still needs to be cleaned up.
- **Station 3:**
 - There is no update on repairs on Grass 3-9. Trevor asked about draining the water and it was agreed to go ahead with that.

- Strategic Plan/SOP's: Nothing new.
- Grant Update:
 - AFG Grant for the Air Trailer has been denied.
 - VFA Grant for the Skid: got a check for \$13,758.50 which was \$3,000 short of what was expected. Lee called them and they will be sending the balance.
 - VFA Grant: the new grant will only match up to \$10,000.

New Business:

- Audit Update: Vickie reported that they are nearly done, and we will be sent an initial report soon. She stated that these auditors have been very good to work with.
- Treasurer Transition: Greg stated that Vickie did most of the work this month and it is going well.
- Volunteer Application: an application was received from Lucas Gruble. This was reviewed and Jason moved and Mike 2nd to approve the application.

Chief's Report:

- New Station Update: the electrician is coming back to wire the gas pump and a disconnect on the air trailer and some other misc. items.
- Brush Truck (5500)-Grass 3-3: the skid came last Monday and is installed but needs the electrical work done. The toolboxes are still being worked on.
- Brush Truck (6500)-Grass 3-4: the skid was ordered last month and is 6-7 months out for delivery. Still need to get a winch and grill guard. If the toolboxes turn out ok for Grass 3-3, then will order the same for this truck. Lee will start buying the required supplies so it will meet Federal guidelines and can be used for contract firefighting.
- Support 3-1 (2014 GM Pickup): this vehicle is now in service and has rope rescue equipment and medical gear. Lee would like to get a thermal imaging camera for it.
- Chief's Truck (CC-3): this vehicle is now complete except for the thermal imaging cameral and force entry tools.
- Grass 3-2 (2007 Ford): discussed getting this repainted and Lee has talked to Roger Lemaster about doing this.
- Grass 3-4 and 3-5: the plan is to move these trucks to Station 3 and then sell the 2 Dodge trucks.
- Expedition (Support 3-5): is running ok and can be used for a run-about vehicle and could be used as a "chase" vehicle on contract fires.
- Air Trailer: This is the freebie from FE Warren. It needs some maintenance on the filters and pump and will need to be inspected before it can be put into use. Lee expects this to happen in Jan. or Feb.
- Emergency Reporting: This service was bout out by ESO last year. The new reporting system being used by most of the county is Image Trend. This will be paid for by 6th penny monies as long as that continues. There is a transition time to be bridged and Lee will work on this.
- BK Radios: we do have two portables and are waiting on the 3rd for a grass truck.

Executive Session:

- None

Other:

- Mike adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.


Minutes submitted:

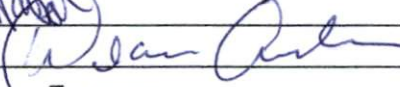


Rowdy Petsch, Secretary

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