

Plattsmouth Rural Fire Protection District
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
July 2, 2014

Calling the meeting to order – Acknowledgement of Open Meetings Law

President Holdridge called the meeting to order at 7:39 pm. President Holdridge acknowledged the Open Meetings Poster located on the wall of the District meeting room/office and available for review. Notice of the meeting was advertised in the Cass Gram, which is an approved publication of the Rural Fire Board and it was posted at the Post Office and on the front door of the rural fire station along with a copy of the agenda.

Board members present were John Holdridge, Shane Parshall, Lynn Vinduska, and Ken Winters with Doug Stander absent.

Public Forum – Reception of Delegates

No members of the public addressed the Board.

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mr. Vinduska and second by Mr. Parshall to waive the reading of the minutes and approve as submitted by Mr. Winters, Recording Secretary.

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent and not voting: Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

The following bills were presented for review and approval: Black Hills Energy - \$26.33; CassGram - \$18.00; Sharp's Cleaning - \$30.00; NPPD - \$89.19; City of Plattsmouth Invoice #189 - \$287.81; Invoice #190 - \$7,246.35; Invoice #191 - 1,857.80; City Invoices carried over from the month of June - \$9,391.48. Total Disbursements for June 2014: \$18,947.44

Bank Balances: PSB – Deposit: \$8,914.74	Balance: \$ 7,942.18
CCB – Deposit: \$3,663.93	Balance: \$17,753.54

Mr. Vinduska reported that he is still in correspondence with Kansas State Bank regarding funding for the refurbishment of the Forestry water tender, the bank needs additional information, a title to use as collateral, invoices for wheels and tires, and invoices for any further work on the truck.

Motion by Mr. Winters and second by Mr. Vinduska to pay all bills and accept the Treasurer's Report.

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Not Present: Motion carried.

Old Business

Inter-local Agreement Negotiation Committee Report:

No action is taken on this issue since negotiations are suspended indefinitely at this time.

Inter-local Agreement Budget Committee Report:

The Finance Committee had the annual Budget Advisory Committee meeting with the City on June 11th regarding their EMS Budget asking from the City of Plattsmouth. The City advised the Finance Committee that the obligation of the District is projected to increase to \$103,800.00. This is an increase from the previous budget of \$85,112.00 for the 13/14 Budget years. This amounts to a total increase of 18% over the 2013/2014 budget year and an increase of 65.6% over the life of the inter-local agreement.

Property/Liability/Worker's Compensation/Vehicle Insurance Coverage Committee/Worker's Compensation Insurance Coverage for RFD only firefighter:

The committee continues to work with insurance providers in an effort to obtain cost information for insurance coverage. Mr. Vinduska and Mr. Winters are finalizing information in order to seek cost projections for insurance coverage for the District. The committee will have a proposal to submit to the Board as a part of the budget process for the next budget year. The Committee, along with Fire Chief Wilson, has gathered additional information and will submit this to the specialized provider in the coming weeks.

Plattsmouth Rural Fire District Fire Department Constitution, By-Laws and Standard Operating Guidelines:

The Committee is waiting to hear back from the Department on the second reading of the document. Once the second reading has taken place, the department will return the document with all changes made by the department for the Rural Board to act on.

Website Development Committee

Mr. Winters, Mr. Morehouse, and others continue to work on this project. Mr. Morehouse has a preliminary version of the website up and running. We will begin to populate it as we move forward. The website is now able to accept meeting agendas and minutes.

EMS Committee

Mr. Winters and Mr. Parshall are continuing the process of finalizing options for the District to pursue for EMS operations in the District. The Committee had hoped helpful information would come out of the Cass County EMS Advisory Committee, but it does not appear so at this time. The County still continues to not include rural fire boards or village boards in the process.

New Business

Fire Chief's Report:

Roster: One change to the roster this past month, one less member. Total members of the department is currently 44 volunteers.

Calls: 13 total calls, with the response breakdown of 5 District and 8 City calls.

Forestry Tanker: Work progresses on the future 842. Pictures were provided to the truck committee and shared with members of the board.

Motion by Mr. Winters and second by Mr. Vinduska to approve the Chief's Report to include changes in the department roster. 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 absent absent not voting: Motion carried.

Recruitment and Retention Committee: This is a new committee chaired by Bobby Taylor with Matt Copenhaver, Tyler Null, and Zack Lewis, and Mr. Winters from the Rural Board. At least two members will take the same training class that Mr. Winters took at fire school in order to work on gaining members for the fire department. This class will be in Omaha on August 23rd and 24th.

Budget: The proposed fire budget will increase by \$5,500.00. Items to be purchased are: a) 5 sets of PPE (hoods, coats, pants, boots, helmets, and gloves; b) Vehicle stabilization struts; c) Jaws of Life service. The District will be responsible for 25.5% of parts of the fire budget due to the inter-local agreement with the City.

EMS Director's Report:

There was no report from the EMS Director as he was not present at the meeting nor did he send a representative from the EMS Department. The last meeting the EMS Director attended was the October 2012 meeting. In early 2012, City Administrator Erv Portis obligated Mr. Wood to attend at least 4 Rural Fire District Board meetings per year.

I Am Responding: Motion by Mr. Winters and second by Mr. Parshall to purchase the license for the I Am Responding internet based dispatch program. The cost is \$650.00 per year for 5 years. This will allow the 911 Center to contact all fire department members by cell phone text and email when there is a call dispatching the fire department. This is a support notification system to augment the pager system.

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent and not voting: Motion Carried

Plattsmouth Volunteer Firefighter's Association: Chief Wilson earned the Citizen of the Year award from the Plattsmouth Community Foundation this past month. The chief is donating the \$500.00 award for iPads or a monitor for the fire station to be used with the I Am Responding program purchased by the rural board.

Membership in the Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters Association: The Association will be invoicing the District for membership in the association.

Executive Session: Mr. Winters moved and Mr. Parshall second to move to executive session to discuss negotiation strategy regarding the inter-local agreement. 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent and not voting to go into closed session at 9:34 pm.

The District exited closed session at 10:37 pm.

Board Member Comments:

None

Next Meeting

The next regular District Meeting will be held September 3, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn: Motion by Mr. Winters second by Mr. Vinduska to adjourn. Motion carried at 10:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ken Winters, Recording Secretary