

Plattsmouth Rural Fire Protection District
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
November 05, 2014

Calling the meeting to order – Acknowledgement of Open Meetings Law

President Holdridge called the meeting to order at 7:30 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. Absent: Doug Stander.

Public Forum – Reception of Delegates

County Commissioner Janet McCartney was present and welcomed to the meeting. She addressed the Board to bring them up to date on the progress of the Cass County EMS Operation. Two 4 x 4 pickup trucks have been purchased and delivered to the county. They are being equipped with radios, striping and decals installed, and other equipment. Interviews are being scheduled for the month of November for the hiring of EMS staff.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the October 01, 2014 meeting: Motion by Mr. Vinduska and second by Mr. Parshall to approve the minutes as submitted by the recording secretary to the Board members in advance of the meeting and waive the reading of the minutes. 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent and not voting. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

The following bills were presented for review and approval: CassGram - \$18.00; NPPD - \$130.24; Fireguard for foam - \$71.40; Interstate Power for maintenance 841 - \$705.29; Mullenax Auto parts for 840 - \$43.42; Linder Tire for repairs - \$358.00; Black Hills Energy - \$29.40; Front Range Fire Apparatus for 832 repairs – \$1,605.00; Apache Camper Center for parts for Water Rescue Trailer - \$59.31; O'Rielly Auto Parts for Water Rescue Trailer - \$13.90; and Sharp's Cleaning - \$30.00. Total expenditures: \$3,063.96. (Note: The District received an invoice from Jeff Henry Chevrolet for vehicle maintenance. It was determined this was billed to the District by mistake as it was for one of the EMS vehicles. It will be rebilled to the City)

PBS: Deposits: \$ 8,260.32	Balance: \$30,092.66
CCSB: Deposits: \$ 3,395.05	Balance: \$22,131.07

Motion by Mr. Vinduska and second by Mr. Winters to pay all bills as submitted and accept the Treasurer's Report. 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent and not voting. 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:

No Report

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 and be put into effect for the next year. One issue the committee feels is a concern is that the current coverage for the vehicles is seriously inadequate. There is also concern about the District Board having adequate Directors and Officers Coverage as well as Errors and Omission Coverage.

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.

Cass County EMS

Nothing further to report in addition to Mrs. McCartney's report.

New Tanker

Progress on tanker was reported by Assistant Fire Chief Dudek. The truck is scheduled for completion and delivery by Saturday, November 08, 2014. The training on the truck will begin immediately and placed into service as quickly as possible.

Website Development Committee:

Mr. Winters, Mr. Morehouse, and others continue to work on this project. It remains a work in progress. We will begin to post agendas and meeting minutes on the site soon.

New Business

Fire Chief Report: Report given by Assistant Chief Dudek as Chief Wilson is at the Volunteer and Combination Fire Chief's Conference.

Calls for Service: There were a total of 27 calls on the month, 11 Rural and 16 City.

Roster: The rural roster is now 48 firefighters. Two new applications have been submitted to the Investigation Committee for review. A current roster was submitted to the Board by email for review prior to the meeting.

832: One of the scene lights on the rear of the truck is no longer functioning. Chiefs are seeking options to place these lights back in service.

842: To be delivered Saturday November 8th.

861: There is an issue with the generator and scene lights are no longer functioning similar to 832.

Training: HazMat Awareness Class has been completed and HazMat Operations has begun, with 16 hours of training left. House burn scheduled for November 23rd at 5006 Ranch Road. Another house is available for training but may be turned over to Louisville since it is close to their district for use as a training burn. There is a National Fire Academy Leadership Class to be held at Southeast Rural Fire Station in Lincoln on the 15th and 16th.

Department Election: No change in Command Officers. Deb Knopik has returned to the Department and will serve as Department Secretary.

Station Maintenance: Electrical work was completed on the outside lights above the west doors on the City side. The Rural side needs similar work completed. Chief Dudek provided a business card of the electrician that performed their work.

Motion was made by Mr. Winters to accept the Fire Chief's Report to include the current roster as presented by Chief Wilson. Seconded by Mr. Vinduska. 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent and not voting: Motion carried.

EMS Director's Report.

There was no personal 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, Mr. Portis obligated Mr. Wood to attend at least 4 Rural Fire District Board meetings per year. Regarding the monthly EMS Reports, Mr. Parshall was given a printout of calls by the EMS Department last month but nothing this month.

Mr. Winters did report a discussion with Assistant EMS Director Charlie Wilkins regarding the EMS Department having access to the I Am Responding program for notification of volunteers. Mr. Winters noted that when the system was first approved, the Board had a discussion on allowing the EMS Department access to the system for no cost at this time, except for any excess charges for its use over and above the fire departments use. Mr. Winters made the motion to allow access and use of the I Am Responding system for the EMS Department for only the excess costs above fire department use and administrative rights retained solely by the Fire Department. Mr. Vinduska seconded the motion. Only discussion was to ensure that the operation by the EMS department would be to a separate call group and calls not go to the fire department for just EMS dispatches. 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent and not voting. Motion Carried.

Plattsmouth Volunteer Firefighter's Association. The Association is still looking at the purchase of iPads to be tied to the I Am Responding dispatch program for assistance in responding to calls. They also purchased a refurbished encoder for \$1,600.00 to improve communications.

There was a great showing for the Spaghetti Feed. This was very well supported again by both City and Rural residents.

The Association sponsored a Halloween Night Trick or Treat at the fire station which as well attended as well. The Association wishes to continue to make this a tradition in the future.

Nebraska Federal Excess Property:

Discussion on this item was deferred from our November meeting when more board members would be present. A discussion on the benefits of applying to this would be a chance to acquire equipment and furnishing for the rural fire department. This would be very valuable in the event the rural district would be able to acquire the County Roads Shops west of town to expand rural fire department operations into for the benefit of the rural residents of the County. Motion to submit the application paperwork to the Nebraska Federal Surplus Property made by Mr. Vinduska and second by Mr. Winters. 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent and not voting. Motion Carried. Mr. Winters will complete an application and submit it to President Holdridge for approval and signature.

Executive Session:

None needed at this time.

Board Member Comments

None at this time.

Next Meeting

The next regular District Meeting will be held December 3, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Winters Second by Mr. Parshall: 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent and not voting.
Motion carried at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ken Winters, Recording Secretary