

Plattsmouth Rural Fire Protection District
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
February 4, 2015

Calling the meeting to order – Acknowledgement of Open Meetings Law

President John Holdridge called the meeting to order at 7:23 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.

Visitors present were Erin Clymer representing Ball Insurance Agency which is our insurance broker, Kevin Potter representing Murray State Bank which is our insurance agency, and Steve Riese representing the City of Plattsmouth.

Public Forum – Reception of Delegates

No member of the public addressed the board.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the January 7th regular monthly meeting: Motion by Mr. Vinduska and second by Mr. Winters to waive reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as submitted by the recording secretary to the Board members in advance of the meeting. 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; Sharp's Cleaning - \$30.00; NPPD - \$107.83; Black Hills Energy - \$679.31. Total expenditures: \$835.14.

PBS: Deposits: \$ 5,816.12	Balance: \$20,604.83
CCSB: Deposits: \$ 2,210.29	Balance: \$15,849.51

Motion by Mr. Winters and second by Mr. Parshall 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/Committee Reports

Inter-local Agreement Negotiation Committee Report: No action is taken on this issue since negotiations are suspended indefinitely at this time to allow for all options to be explored by the Board.

Inter-local Agreement Budget Committee Report: No Report

Insurance Coverage for PRFD:

Present for the meeting was Erin Clymer from Ball Insurance Agency. She presented a document that showed that the City named the rural fire district as an additional protected on their worker's compensation coverage. This was contrary to the vote of the Board at the special meeting on December 17, 2014. Considerable discussion took place with Ms. Clymer regarding the wishes of the District Board to ensure the advice of our legal counsel was followed by providing proper coverage for property, liability, inland marine, and worker's compensation coverage.

Considerable time was spent going back over the reasons for our severing our insurance coverage from the City and going with our own separate coverage. Mr. Riese repeated questions raised by City of Plattsburgh representative during the December 17th meeting. Our need to be proactive on providing coverage for our firefighters, equipment, building, and vehicles is our paramount concern. As explained, this action was taken after considerable research and planning that began after the City denied providing insurance coverage for a rural only firefighter, at the District's expense, starting back in August of 2012. Committee representatives also sought consultation with our legal counsel regarding the need for separate coverage.

Ms. Clymer stated she would go forward and bind our worker's compensation coverage to include the additional coverage as presented several months ago and voted on in December.

Plattsburgh 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 Committee:

No Report

Website Development Committee:

Work continues on this project and it remains a work in progress.

Future Planning Committee Meeting:

Mr. Winters is looking into the procedures for the creation of an EMS Tax District within the boundaries of the Rural Fire District to fund either our own EMS operation, cover the costs to merge with other existing EMS operations, or seek a vendor to provide this service. Mr. Parshall and Mr. Winters will have a more detailed report at the next meeting.

New Business:

Fire Chief Report:

Calls for Service: There were a total of 14 calls on the month, 3 Rural and 11City.

Roster: Lost one member this past month. The new roster reflects the change.

Mics:

- 861 is out of service and still in the shop due to a generator issue.
- Chief has assigned committees for department business for the coming year. A list was passed around during the meeting.
- From Firefighter Shrimpton, the south radio repeater may need to be moved from its present location. The committee is looking at alternative locations.
- The roof drain above Bay 7 is not draining properly
- Firefighter 1 class member are now ready to test for certification. The class did their practicals in Syracuse. Thanks to the Syracuse Volunteer Fire Department and Chief Bruce Neemann for hosting the event.
- Looking at Tire Socks for the fire trucks in place of snow chains.
- Cass County Bank donated a vending machine for the fire station. It has been stocked and is in service.

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

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, Mr. Portis obligated Mr. Wood to attend at least 4 Rural Fire District Board meetings per year.

Plattsmouth Volunteer Firefighter's Association: The Recognition Dinner was a great success. President Holdridge was very complimentary of the dinner and expressed his thanks to the PVFFA for being invited to represent the District.

Executive Session: None Needed

Board Member Comments

Mr. Winters briefly discussed current legislation before the State Senators, including LB – 325.

Next Meeting

The next regular District Meeting will be held March 4, 2015 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 9:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ken Winters, Recording Secretary