

EPLFD Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2021
48 East Lake Trout Lane, Coolin, Idaho and by Zoom

Commissioners Present: Tom Clevenger and Jenny Seaman

Absent: Candace Mumm (Out of Town) and Ann McKinstry (Out of Town)

Attendees: Dave Tewel, Greg Miley, Tom Renzi, Krista Renzi (Virtual), Bruce Scott (Virtual)

1-3. Chair Clevenger welcomed attendees, declared quorum and moved to approve the minutes without corrections: Comm. Seaman seconded. Passed 2-0.

4. Treasurer's Report: Chair Clevenger reported \$21,013.47 in treasury. Two donations in the last month totaling \$1100. \$128.38 spent recently.

5. L-2 Budget Filing: Sec Mumm gave report to Comm Clevenger.

6. Contract for Services: Comm- McKinstry reported via E-mail prior to meeting that she spoke with the Chief Stu at Sam Owen Fire District, who has added to the Bonner County Fire Chief meeting in October the agenda item of EPLFD asking to be added to the Bonner County Fire Districts MOU. Comm Clevenger added that once the Mutual Aide agreement is in place other departments can help us and we can help them. Chief Renzi added that Next Thursday Chief's meeting to vote on it.

7. Fire Chief's report: Chief Renzi- 14 on roster; some are support.

a. Training update: All 14 firefighters have made at least 1 training this year. 4 made 7 or more training this year. 9 made 4 or more classes this year. 234 hours out of 17 classes.

b. Pasco SCBA donations: Letter from Pasco Battalion Chief, Garrett, states that they are looking into sending bottles back east to be tested for after life use. If pass, they may sell bottles, masks, etc. May change mind about donating to EPLFD.

c. Engine: Waiting for estimate on repairs. Hard to find parts. Comm Clevenger added that it should be in next week.

d. Staff/volunteer applications: All staff is in. 2 volunteers; John has copy and will send it and Rick put in mailbox and it disappeared so he will mail it Monday.

8. Insurance Update: Comm. Seaman gave Comm Clevenger insurance card for engine. Recently updated policy.

9. Building Location & Plans- Comm- McKinstry reported via E-mail prior to meeting that she spoke with Dave Tewel regarding recent Pinto Point HOA activity around expansion of the current drain field and an HOA request to schedule an engineering survey of the proposed expansion site. Her question still remains, how does this expansion possibly change in scope if the fire station were to be built on the ~ 2 acres that Pinto Point has offered? She is picking up where Tom Clevenger left off on contacting Boise re: possible Indian Creek Campground site. Chief Stu at Sam Owen is to provide her a copy of the 100-year fire station location lease (against highway in Hope), and she will be pursuing next steps on querying County officials for placement of EPLFD station against East Shore Rd. Asst Chief Tewel reported that drain field may have to be expanded. If so, will need tests done and figure out what it would look like. Estimates that it would be 4 times the current footprint for Pinto Point. The two drain fields shouldn't be conflicting, but need to find out all requirements. Trying to meet with parks director about station in park. Comm Clevenger added that it was looked into for information about a land swap with IDL.

10. Apparatus Needs: Chief Renzi has been looking at new vs used prices. Idaho code says 4 persons responding including chief's vehicle, but didn't say that engine had to have 4 seats. Want further verification from state. Looking at Peterbilt Demo, on sale for \$310,000, original \$360,000. Getting quotes for engine and tender prices new with inflation for 2022. A cheap old engine will require lots of maintenance. Thinking we need 4X4 engine, Comm Clevenger agreed. Looked at non-4x4 engines. Looked at tenders. Prices for tenders, used around \$200,000 and new around \$250,000. New engine, Peterbilt around \$350,000. Quick Response Unit price around \$80,000 to build custom. Quick Response Unit recommended by Chief Renzi for small road and tight corners. Comm Clevenger added that a fire boat would act as a portable hydrant. Quick Response and Fire Boat should be top priority to get. Cost of fire Boat range around \$200,00 new to \$75,000 used. Must get engine and tender before boat to support ISO rating. May be able to receive donated freight boat that could be modified with pump for temporary use.

11. Dock Location: Comm Seaman found out that small area near Indian Creek boat launch is a no go. Parks department is trying to acquire that land. Comm Clevenger thinks that a good dock location would be on Pinto Point. Concerns are about depth clearance at normal-low water and icy winters. Chief Renzi asked Comm Seaman to look into what we would need for a dock and one that would not need to be brought in for winter. Comm Seaman shared park boundary maps. Comm Clevenger added that there is a map in the works of the properties in the district for reference use and to place in apparatus. Greg Miley Suggested Onyx app for \$99 per year that shows all property owners in the state.

12. Financing Options for Building and Apparatus: Government Municipality Loan would do bonds for Apparatus 15 years and station for 25-30 years with discounted tax rate.

a. Apparatus Committee:

b. Land Committee:

13. Bonner County Grant: No Update. Last heard trying to move it forward and get EPLFD portable radios.

14. Logo Approval: Comm- McKinstry reported via E-mail prior to meeting that she heard from both Renzi & Tewel regarding approval of the recent changes to the EPLFD logo. Her brother-in-law plans to provide JPEG files for each new image (color), once this is discussed at this meeting on 10/9/21. Chief Renzi shared picture of logo options. Comm Clevenger and Comm Seaman will have chief Renzi send Logo recommendations to Comm McKinstry and Sec Mumm.

15. Bruce Scott Conversation: Mr. Scott was against the high tax rate and the voting process. Expressed lack of communication to the public. He sent email to Comm Clevenger that was forwarded to the board that expressed his concerns.

New Business - Comm- McKinstry reported via E-mail prior to meeting that she'd like the group to consider approving the use of WordPress for our EPLFD website. The cost for the Premium Web Hosting package is \$14/month, Domain is free for one year then \$15/year. She'd also like to ask the group about having a WordPress engineer create the initial sample website. She has a request submitted to them about cost and content and would like approval to spend <= \$500 to get us up and running. Sorry She missed the meeting. Comm Clevenger motioned to approve Comm McKinstry to get website going with WordPress. Comm Seaman Seconded. Passed 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:44AM on Saturday, 10/9/2021.

Next meeting Saturday November 13, 2021, 9:00am at 48 East Lake Trout Lane, Coolin, ID 83821