

EPLFD Meeting Minutes March 13, 2021 - 9:00am
48 East Lake Lane, Coolin, ID 83821
Meeting by Zoom

Commissioners Present: Tom Clevenger, Ann McKinstry
Others in attendance: Chief Tom Renzi, Sec. Candace Mumm, residents Steve and Julie Rice and Keith Hanson.

1. Welcome, declaration of quorum by Chair Clevenger
2. Approval of minutes from Feb 13th. Chair Clevenger moved, Comm. McKinstry seconded, passed 2-0 .
3. Approval of minutes from March 5th meeting, Chair Clevenger moved, Comm. McKinstry seconded, passed 2-0 .
4. Funding-Bonds vs. Levy Report- Comm. McKinstry reported on her meeting with a North Bannock Fire Commissioner, Allen Curtis, who advised before deciding that you need a bond or a special levy, you need a budget with a mill rate set. Without the plan of what is next for the department, the question of how do you know what funding you need remains. Comm. McKinstry advised the work that the planning group, with Dave Tewel leading, is important for short and long-term decision making. Suggests we might need to look at more small district budgets, especially the newer districts, to help make decisions. Those are public records and EPLFD can research more than it has already obtained. Comm. Clevenger noted the survey will help gauge how quickly the plans might be implemented.
5. Treasurer's report (Comm. Clevenger)-Current balance \$14,732.16-no expenditures
6. Contract for services (Comm. McKinstry)
 - a. Summary of Attorney Bill Punkoney Presentation March 5, 2021- Comm. McKinstry took the draft auto aid document and modified for NNFD and WPLFD, and added appendices based on comments from both districts. Sent to attorney Punkoney on Monday March 9th. She plans to talk with his office next week. She filled out his attorney new matter form. Final documents will be sent to Sec. Mumm for filing.
7. Newsletter/District survey update -Chair Clevenger moved to send newsletter out as soon as possible (by email) and work with volunteer, Krista Renzi, to get the snail mail list out. Ann seconded. passed 2-0. Sec. Mumm will send the snail mail list to a mailhouse to send out. The entire newsletter won't be posted on Facebook because of the survey

link intended for the district only, but other content could be used.
Comm. Clevenger will call Krista.

8. Chair Clevenger led a brief discussion about Facebook/public information to be cautious about discussion of policies/procedures/people/finances/taxes and plans of EPLFD to check in with a Commissioner before publishing, especially if a vote has not been taken yet.
9. Fire Chief's Report (Chief Renzi)-
 - a. Six EPLFD volunteers went to CPR certification in Idaho and AED (defibrillator) training at the Priest Lake Ambulance Station. Instructor discussed the benefits of the public learning CPR and the need for an instructor, which Chief Renzi may be asked to lead.
 - b. Fire Fighter turnouts-everyone's been fitted in Spokane for the gear. Takes about six more weeks to get them. Will try to have media coverage about the \$27,000 donation from the Gary Sinise Foundation.
 - c. House burn opportunity through Fire Dist. 4 in Spokane County coming up to observe a hands-on training of a structure burn in Colbert. Invited volunteers, should have at least 5 from EPLFD.
 - d. Additional grant opportunities- \$50K grant for building construction submitted by Chief Renzi, but still needs census data from 2020. We qualified from old data, but need to wait for current numbers before learning if we got it.
 - e. David Van Ness tuition- money going to NNFd for tuition to become a FF 1, 120 hours of instruction. Would plan to be with us for two years, Approximately \$1,000 cost.
10. Logo Update- Comm. McKinstry presented the final donated work with four different colorized versions.
11. Evacuation Plan is to include emergency numbers only in this newsletter. Chief Renzi reported Comm. Seaman is fleshing it out with more detail after reviewing other plans. Additional work could be included in the next newsletter.
12. Insurance update (Commissioner Seaman)- Deferred to next meeting
13. Radio update / long term plan- Chief Renzi and Assist. Chief Tewel met with Raycom. Settled on 2 types of updated radios about \$1,300 each, which is discounted. Chief would like to get four of them fairly soon. They should work when the County changes frequencies. May need to get a mobile radio as well.

13. Legislative update (Candace Mumm) SB 1108 which would limit Fire District revenues is still on the Idaho legislative calendar, but getting a lot of negative feedback from areas around the state.

14. Volunteer Application form (Chief Renzi)- EPLFD Chiefs worked up an application form for current and future volunteers, who will need to fill out the form, including Commissioners and staff. Comm. Clevenger summarized the Chiefs will finalize and Commissioners will approve final form.

15. Southern Lots near CCBFD - Comm. Clevenger- Four lots are now up to five based on the County viewer that are next to CCBFD. CCBFD Chief is working on drafting a letter to the owners come from one commissioner in both districts to help the owners request an annexation into CCBFD, which is now possible because of the creation of EPLFD. These lots are closer to the CCBFD station. Commissioner Clevenger plans on co-signing on that letter to inform the lot owners. Action would need by the owners in order to change their district.

16. County Building permits & plans - Comm. Clevenger talked to a building representative at the County. Any new requests for permits are to automatically show up as being in the boundary of our newly created district. Chief Renzi reviewed plans last year, but new ones were not sent to us recently. This should now be fixed.

17. New Business- Chief Renzi reports

--- Planning work group consisting of Dave Tewel, John Wane, Chief Renzi, and Nick Oltean is focusing on land possibly available at the Community site on Cape Horn Road near the Pinto Point area, but it might need to be leased from IDL. Discussed looking at other alternatives and consider response times, expansion, growth of the area, , proximity to potential fire boat and volunteers.

---Fundraisers—neighbors are informed of Priest-a-palooza music fundraiser. Plans are progressing on food and music.

---Pasco Fire is getting new SCBA gear and EPLFD will be getting their old ones, apx 10. Also to get halogens, axes, and possibly other donations.

17. Adjourn – Next meeting April 10, 2021 9:00am

Comm. Clevenger moved to adjourn at 10:41, Comm. McKinstry seconded. Passed 2-0.

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