

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

Commissioners Present: Tom Clevenger and Ann McKinstry

Absent but excused: Jenny Seaman

1-3. Chair Clevenger welcomed attendees, declared quorum and moved to approve the minutes. Comm. McKinstry seconded. Passed 2-0.

4. Chair Clevenger reported \$13,660.61 in treasury. \$10,000 in loans due at the end of 2022. Donation checks received were: Russ Mager \$100, Mark Sorenson \$250, Donor requesting to be Anonymous for \$500.

Expenses were \$140 in legal, \$300 to workman's comp, \$60.49 to Papermill Printing for newsletter, \$75 to for crescent stickers on the helmets. Gas debit for \$82.50 for Chief reimbursement. Chief Renzi reported receiving \$1,500 donation at the mailbox from Jim Neal and wife, Bridget which he will give to the treasurer to deposit.

5. Contract for Services- Comm- McKinstry reported she spoke to the North of the Narrows Fire District (NNFD) Chief and a Commissioner. All NNFD commissioners in the beginning of June were given the latest contract draft. They agreed to review it and are to call Comm. McKinstry back. She is calling West Priest Lake Fire District (WPLFD) for a follow-up conversation regarding the draft we sent over that was not approved. She has been looking for the standard MOU WPLFD referenced at its latest meeting as the preferred agreement for fire collaboration with EPLFD. Chief Renzi will look for the general standard MOU at an upcoming Bonner County Chiefs' meeting.

6. Newsletter/District Survey-Comm. McKinstry reported 48 responses to how quickly cabin owners want to have full fire service: 39 to move fast, 2 medium, 7 slow. 80% are requesting to move forward fast. Deadline for comments is June 20.

She is working at getting the comments from Survey Monkey.

7. Fundraiser – Priest-a-Palooza is June 12<sup>th</sup>: Everything is ready to go according to Mike Lyons. Discussed setting up a simple website in the future to facilitate online donations and portable equipment to take credit cards. Comm. McKinstry contacted our credit union, STCU, for guidance. STCU offered a handheld Card reader for the event and will be picked up by Comm. McKinstry. \$7 cost. Maybe PLCOA can help in the future with the website. Comm. McKinstry is working on it. Thank you to Krista Renzi for making signs for the event for parking, etc.

8. Fire Chief's report- Tom Renzi-

a. Training update- One training since our last meeting-It was Fire Science training. Three EPLFD volunteers were able to be at the class.

b. Firefighter turnouts- Great media coverage by Spokane and Sandpoint media of EPLFD volunteers receiving the 12 turnouts paid for by the Gary Sinise Foundation. Secretary Mumm

was able to get all three TV stations there. Articles were in the Spokesman and Sandpoint newspaper.

c. Pasco SCBA donations: July is the month EPLFD is expected to get the donated SCBA's, but we will likely need to buy bottles.

d. Engine- Inspected Moses, the donated fire truck from Coolin Cavanaugh Bay Fire District (CCBFD). Need to get a new serial number because CCBFD has never taken title of it since receiving it from Moses Lake. Our attorney, Bill Punkoney, says it needs to officially transfer to us to receive it as an asset. Questions over if we need a resolution for all assets we receive, or just titled assets. More research is needed

e. Staff/volunteer applications- about half have been received from volunteers.

New items-

--- Discussed a budget plan for the truck, general maintenance—and the need to set dates for a budget meeting before the next general meeting in order to estimate costs for gear/vehicles.

9. Insurance- Comm. Clevenger, McKinstry in favor of cevent overage for Priest-a-Palooza. Chair made a motion to authorize implementing insurance. Comm. McKinstry seconded. Passed 2-0

10. Evacuation Plan- no report

11. Four southern border lots- One owner still needs to be contacted to see if they want to petition to be annexed into the CCBFD which is closer for coverage.

12. Budget Hearing: Comm. Clevenger has done initial research on bonding. Interest rate is expected to be about 2.5%. Expenses could be \$40-\$50,000 to get the bond rolling. Need to consider cost of the building, estimated to be 1.5 million , and cabin owner Tim Welch with construction experience confirmed it wouldn't be much more than that. Discussed rolling up a boat, other equipment in a bond. Need a new engine and a water tender, estimating 600K for engine, \$200K water tender. Budget committee should come up with a bond plan. Building location and plans—Commissioners discussed talking with public officials in the district to come up with an approach.

New Business-

-Chief Renzi-announced a new volunteer, Greg Miley, who offered to be a support person for the district.

-Reviewed the land use action sent from Bonner County. Chair moved to authorize Chief Renzi to send a letter in that we don't oppose the upzoning as it is conditioned by the Pinto Point Homeowners Association rules. Comm. McKinstry seconded. Passed 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm. Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm is the next meeting by Zoom and in person.