

EPLFD Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2021
48 East Lake Trout Lane, Coolin, Idaho and by Zoom

Commissioners Present: Tom Clevenger, Jenny Seaman, and Ann McKinstry (Virtual)

Absent: Candace Mumm (Out of Town)

Attendees: Dave Tewel, David Van Nest, Tom Renzi, Krista Renzi (Virtual)

1-3. Chair Clevenger welcomed attendees, declared quorum and moved to approve the minutes with corrections: In favor of - Are in favor of the insurance coverage of Priest-a-Palooza by Scott Jones. Comm. McKinstry seconded. Passed 3-0.

4. Fundraiser - Priest-a-Palooza Update: Funds that came in: Boot funds and checks from general donations and T-shirts. Treasurer should writes check to Greg and not pay with cash. Donations checked by Assistant Chief Tewel and Chief Renzie. Boots and t-shirts need to be legered separately. Comm. Clevenger went in and recounted. Shirt sales \$3,398 cash + \$3025 check = \$6414. T-shirts \$6400 \$250 in cash paid out profit \$300. Netted \$550 profit on t-shirts. 5 t-shirts left to be sold. At least 250 though the day. People had a good time. Thank you for everyone's work put into it.

5. Treasurer's Report: Chair Clevenger reported \$21,589.16 in treasury. \$10,000 in loans due at the end of 2022. Liability Insurance outstanding bill (Waiting to receive) of \$1400. June1-Jul11 \$6529 net income.

6. Contract for Services: Comm- McKinstry reported WPLFD said to contact Comm. Bob Howard. Doc sent to Chief Renzi and Assistant Chief Tewel to look at MOU and give comm. McKinstry comments. Auto aid from WPLFD not interested, but bound by county agreements to respond if needed. Waiting for next point of contact with NNFD. MOU Vague enough to not have to have equipment. Need to contact Bonner County Emergency Management for clarification. Wondering if other departments would agree to be toned out if EPLFD gets a call without apparatus. Can offer man power to meet at calls with personal vehicles.

7. Fire Chief's report: Chief Renzi- Three helmets left to put names on.

a. Training update: Coolin canceled 4th July training. Training before that was a going away party instead of training at CCBFD. NNFD had CPR, but didn't go because already had training recently. Chief Teal still needs firefighter 1 training, local instructors quit & nothing nearby coming up.

b. Pasco SCBA donations: Hope to Pick up 1st week of August, hopefully bottles too.

c. Engine:

- i. Getting title transfer from Mosses Lake, may not need asset form.
 - ii. Lawyer to get back to chief next week regarding form.
 - iii. Storage – 3 companies contacted about shed (sized: 12'X12'X30') for engine (sized 9' 4" tall 9'6" wide (with mirrors) 28'2" length). Will keep shed for other storage after station is built. Save \$500 if build ourself. Prices vary for delivery and building of \$4000-\$6000. Assistant Chief Tewel is checking with friend at Ziggys.
- e. Staff/volunteer applications: 3 staff have not turned in apps; Comm. Seaman, Secretary Mumm, Comm. McKinstry. Need to print Van Nest app.

9. Insurance Update: Comm. Clevenger to give insurance documents to Secretary Mumm for permanent filling.

10. Evacuation Plan- Comm. Seaman shared evacuation map from PLSP. Would like to get more copies (maybe 6) and put in key public places around east side of lake. Added Newport and Sandpoint hospital numbers to emergency plan.

11. Five southern border lots- No new news. Dallas is taking charge like he said he would.

12. Newsletter/District Survey- Comm. McKinstry reported 53 responses to how quickly cabin owners want to have full fire service: 40 to move fast, 2 medium, 11 slow. 75% are requesting to move forward fast. 200 emailed & 25 direct mailing. 225 lots to notify based on contact list. 100 parcels in district do not provide revenue. Some parcels were double lot sizes and some are drain fields of 323 total lots. 25% response rate is so-so. Some cabins said they did not receive newsletters in email; were given newsletters after survey was over. Comm. McKinstry double checked their emails and they are correct. Closed survey monkey account to avoid being billed. Comm. McKinstry paid \$38 for May-June to see all responses.

13. 2021 County Valuation- No Report

14. Budget Review for 2022- Couple meetings to review and choose a format. Proposed draft. \$126,000,000 for next year evaluation. Set at Highest Levy Rate to set a Cap. Proposed expenses. Capital going forward. Met with Chief Renzi and Assistant Chief Tewel to analyze. Also brought up 15+ year Bond.

15. Bond Discussion- Comm. Clevenger talked to Steve Rice with Lewiston area FD. Found out 3 weeks ago bond rate was 2.5% and cost to initiate bond was roughly

\$48,000 including lawyer costs. Loan process may come in at a cheaper annual rate. Longer the bond the more interest, but lower annual costs. Chief Renzi said the Bonner County Chiefs Association has lease to own with Panhandle Area Counsel Inc (Non-Profit; only take fee to cover expenses; located in Hayden, ID). Fixed rate lease program; 15-20 year lease. Two different loans; one for apparatus and one for building. 20% down. Hoping to get \$500,000 donation. Chief Renzi was contacted by a commissioner for Timberlake Fire about Mountain West Bank, located in Sandpoint. Ask Mountain West Bank about Government Municipality loans (tax exempt loans). Mountain West Bank should call back next week. Looking at prices for used apparatuses to start with. Used fire boat for \$1000 from Sam Owen next year. Minimum apparatus needed is Fire Boat and Brush Truck to get started. Need more research on bond, lease, or loan, then finalize thoughts within 30 days; done by Comm. Clevenger, Chief Renzi, and Secretary Mumm. Need budget meeting and short commissioners meeting about budget only.

16. Building Location & Plans- Best location is on Park Property behind mailboxes just past Indian Creek Park Rd on East Shore Rd. May be able to lease land from park. Need someone to speak to Idaho Governor's Office. Can get loan before decide on location. Still working on. Comm. Clevenger is meeting with the Pinto Point Home Owners Association.

New Business- Captain Van Nest – Life flight helicopter landing communication concerns; PLSP doesn't know when life flight will be landing; need to know to clear parking lot for landing.

-Chief Renzi- Wants to purchase 10 radios total (5 previously approved by commissioners). Formally asking commissioners for permission for 5 more radios. Will get reimbursed \$5000 from IDL grant. Quote for \$6200. The 10 total radios would use \$8000 out of \$21,000 budget. Have 12 volunteers that attend trainings. Would improve training of radio use, allow for response with other departments. First (pre-approved) 5 radios will get programmed and sent out ASAP. Proposal to be made next meeting to ask for the additional 5-7 radios. Comm. McKinstry to contact STCU about Debit Card purchase amount maximum.

- Asked Captain Van Nest to take lead on grants with help of Chief Renzi and Assistant Chief Tewel.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm. Wednesday.

Next meeting August 14th at 9am at Indian Creek Campground.