



**EAST PRIEST LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

&

**BUDGET HEARING
August 18, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.
48 E Trout Lane, Coolin ID 83821
In Person or Join Meeting by Zoom**

MEETING MINUTES

Welcome - (Commissioner Clevenger) The meeting was called to order by Clevenger at 6:34 P.M. with Commissioners: Tom Clevenger, Ann McKinstry, Jennifer Seaman, Chief Tom Renzi, Assistant Chief Dave Tewel (by Zoom) and Secretary Jaime Yob and Candace Mumm (by Zoom).

Declaration of Quorum - (Commissioner Clevenger) quorum present.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of June 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes - (Commissioner Clevenger) All minutes reviewed by Commissioners. Commissioner Clevenger made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner McKinstry seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

2023 Budget Hearing Proposed 2023 budget was handed out to all the commissioners and discussed. Commissioner McKinstry is going to verify a couple valuation totals with the county to make sure they are correct. The district has a capital outlay for a total cost of the QRV being purchased. In the future the commissioners need to make a decision on whether the QRV will be paid for in cash or is a loan or other financing the better way to go so that cash asset is freed up for other needed high dollar purchases. There will be discounts (\$2,310) for paying for portions of the QRV in cash when portions of the QRV are completed. Total cost of QRV \$209,000. The Budget Hearing was opened to the public for comments/questions/concerns. A community member complimented the commissioners and everyone that worked on the budget for everything they are doing for the district and the fast growth they have seen. Budget Hearing closed. Commissioner Clevenger made a motion to approve budget as presented for 2023. Commissioner Seaman seconded. All in favor. Budget approved.

REPORTS

Financial Report - (Secretary) Prior to the meeting all commissioners, chief and assistant chief were provided with June & July Balance sheet, Check Register, Profit & Loss Detail, and July STCU statement & Reconciliation Summaries. Secretary gave a financial report for June & July and answered all questions. To date, there are expenses higher than the donations received using the donation button on the district website. Suggestion made to look at the expense's vs the donations in the future to make sure the commissioners want to continue with having a donation button.

Fire Chief's Report - (Chief Renzi) The district has 144 hours of training for the year which is less than it was this time last year. Four volunteers haven't trained at all. Chief and Assistant Chief talked with Brenden, the owner of General Fire, about a few details on QRV specs so they can start building the body while they wait for the F550 Chassis. There has been no date given from Ford on when it will be in. Brenden will let the Chief know when he finds out more. One possibly two new volunteer firefighters will be joining next June. Chief and Assistant Chief interviewed one young gentleman that will be living in the area and will be working at Elkins all next summer and would like to volunteer and they feel he will make a good fit. County wide Mutual Aid Agreement is still being worked on by the Bonner County Fire Chiefs Association. The county is rewriting the agreement and will have EPLFPD sign once the new agreement is completed. If it doesn't move along soon a suggestion was made to find someone to talk to and find out when the agreement can be completed.

WORKSHOP/DISCUSSION for future agenda items

Fire Boat Research Chief passed out a rough draft of fire boat specs. He tried to get specs from other districts but no one would share theirs so he created his own. Assistant Chief for Coolin Cavanaugh Bay Fire was given a copy to review and make suggestions. He is in charge of Coolin's fire boat. Chief went over all the specs on the sheet. Commissioner made a suggestion of two engines. No reason to not proceed forward. Renzi is going to contact a local boat manufacturer. Should the boat be able to transport people that are being helped? Commissioner McKinstry contacted CDA about their fire boats and they let her know what they liked and didn't like about their boats. They also gave suggestions on good fire boats in the area to go look at. She suggested they tour the boats everyone likes. The chief and all commissioners agreed that is a good plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Station Location Search & Land Update. Special Meeting set for September 8, 2022 6:30 P.M. Special meeting set up for September 8, 2022 at 6:30 P.M at 48 East Lake Trout Lane, Coolin, ID 83821 to discuss land update and station location ideas. Commissioner McKinstry gave an update on meetings that took place the last couple of months. Meetings took place with Josh at IDL, Dan with local IDL and Jim with Endowment Land and getting land through them is going to be very difficult and hard. There has to be a land swap. If they sold land it would need to be auctioned so high chance a higher bidder would come along. A 49-year lease is an option but the rules can change during the 49 years and there is no promise that at the end of the 49 years the lease can be renewed. The future is too unpredictable to go the lease route. Commissioner McKinstry also meet with Denny Christianson (Pinto Point Association President) about a 13 acre piece of land near Pinto Point designated for community service. She created a proposed letter to send to the Pinto Point Association asking if EPLFD could possibly lease a portion of the community service piece. Commissioner McKinstry read the proposed letter at the meeting. Commissioner McKinstry made a motion to have all commissioners sign the proposed letter and submit to the Pinto Point Association to show EPLFPD interest and see if they can explore more. Commissioner Seaman seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

Kudos/Comments/Concerns One of the commissioners has been approached by community members that mentioned they liked the very first Newsletter the district put out a long time ago and they would like to see something similar but an updated version of the status of the district formation, what does the future look like, talk about highlights. All the commissioners are ok with this. They are going to wait to create one until after the next special meeting so the district can share the status of the land search with the community. The commissioners need to figure out if they will do a new survey.

Adjourn Commissioner Clevenger made a motion to end the meeting at 7:40 P.M. Commissioner McKinstry seconded. All in favor. Meeting ended.

Next Meeting Special Meeting September 8, 2022 6:30 P.M. at 48 East Lake Trout Lane, Coolin, ID 83821
Next Regular Meeting October 20, 2022 6:30 P.M. at 48 East Lake Trout Lane, Coolin, ID 83821

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