

Hot Sulphur Springs-Parshall Fire Protection District
Aug. 14, 2019
Regular Fire Board Meeting
Minutes

Present: Brad White; George Davis; Aaron Bellefeuille; Marco DeAndrea; Chief Tom Baumgarten (Phone In); Rob Firth (Late)

Meeting called to order at 7:05PM

Approval of Minutes-

Motion to approve minutes of the July 10, 2019 meeting Aaron Bellefeuille. Second George Davis. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report-

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. After discussion, *Aaron Bellefeuille made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Marco DeAndrea seconded. Motion approved.*

Chief's Report-

The Department has responded to 6 calls since the last Board meeting. As of August, they have responded to 50 calls. There has been about 5 responders per call. The trainings have been going well. Last night's training was at the Williams Fork Reservoir, working the pumps on the various apparatus and seeing what they can do and how to control them. EMS will be conducting a training doing a mapping course. This will help them find more rural addresses. They have ordered some new wildland equipment and reconditioning some tools. The new volunteers are working on various certifications.

Old Business-

Swearing in of new Board member (Director), Rob Firth. Rob will be filling in the vacancy that was left when Rod Sale resigned.

Adoption of Cancer and Heart Trust Enrollment-

Marco DeAndrea motioned, and Aaron Bellefeuille seconded

A RESOLUTION was read and adopted for the Cancer and Heart Trust

All voted aye. Motion approved.

There is a grant available that may help cover the cost of the heart coverage that the Chief will apply for on behalf of the department.

Strategic Planning Process-

Aaron spent some time with the Department's volunteers to get some feedback concerning the strategic planning process.

Some of the feedback was the following;

Need for infrastructure at the Parshall Station

Need for more volunteers, especially from the west side (Parshall) of the District (idea to achieve this is a volunteer information booth at the HSS Days Pancake Breakfast and hosting an Open House in Parshall and creating activities at that station to generate interest) Marco stated he could possibly host some events to benefit the Parshall station and possible volunteer recruitment.

Need for ice rescue gear and updated wildland and firefighting gear

A side by side (4-person utility vehicle) would be a good addition to the department

Rob Firth asked Chief Tom if there was anyone designated to write grants for the Department. It is a time-consuming thing and he questioned if it might be worth hiring someone to do it. *He will investigate what that cost would look like and who*
Tom & Rob

Director White filled new member Rob Firth in on the Freeport McMoran status before starting Executive session.

Aaron Bellefeuille made a motion to go into **Executive Session** under Section 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., to confer with District counsel for the purposes of receiving legal advice related to Petition for Exclusion and potential related legal claims and issues. George Davis Seconded, all voted AYE motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION- David Greer, General counsel for the Hot Sulphur Springs Parshall Fire Protection District Aug 14, 2019 at 8:11pm CRS Section 26-6-402 4B CRS for purposes of receiving legal advice relating to potential legal claims and issues. I now instruct that the recording device be turned off and at the end of the executive session, I will make a similar certification to affirm that the board will have limited conversation in executive session to the matter in the agenda. I advise that the recording device be turned off.

EXECUTIVE SESSION END-David Greer, General counsel for the Hot Sulphur Springs Parshall FPD. August 14, 2019 at 8:51pm certified that the BOD has now exited executive session and the board has limited its discussion during executive session in the matters I certified earlier that were listed on the agenda. The board is now back into open session and the tape recorder may be turned back on.

New Business-

For the record: Director White: "As the board Chair, and the Chief at the time all this went down, I will be recusing myself from any decision making relating to the Exclusion hearing."

Consider legal counsel-

Rob Firth motioned and George Davis seconded to consider the engagement of the legal counsel of Nathan, Drumm, and Major. All voted aye; Brad White abstained. Motion carried.

Consider the engagement of a Board Legal Hearing Adviser to assist in considering the petition for exclusion conducted related hearing.

Marco DeAndrea motioned; Rob Firth seconded to engage the services of Bill Williamson associates. All voted aye. Brad White abstained. Motion carried.

SDA Conference in September in Keystone.

Need to appoint a primary and secondary contact for attorneys. A list of Board members will be given to the attorneys in order of contact.

A **RESOLUTION** authorizing online posting of public meetings was read regarding the new law allowing meeting agendas to be posted online effective August 2019

Rob Firth made the motion to adopt the resolution; George Davis seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried

Need to appoint a Vice Chair and a Treasurer-

Aaron Bellefeuille nominated himself to be the Treasurer. George Davis seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried

Rob Firth nominated himself to be Vice Chair. George Davis seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Brad White, seconded by Marco DeAndrea. All vote aye. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.

Attested by:
Brad White, Chairman

George Davis, Secretary