

MINUTES

Present:	Charlie Chase, Bryan Hawkins, Janet Lancaster, Dave Mathews, John Maupin, Richard Wharton, Dorothy Yetter, Austin Prince – Rural Metro, Jason Folkstad – County Fire, Mike Shaw -State Fire Marshal, Commissioner Fowler – Liaison, Sara Rubrecht – Staff, Annette Sorensen - Staff
Absent:	Harry Mackin, Rick McClintock, Jeff Wolf, Dave Larson – ODF, Mike McLaughlin – Fire Defense Board Chief
Public Attendees:	Mike W., Sue Densmore
Recorder	Annette Sorensen

1. Call to Order

Chair Wharton called the meeting to order 3:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Roll call taken by Annette Sorensen

3. Approval of Minutes from 6/23/20

Dorothy Yetter made a motion to approve the minutes from 6/23/20, Dave Mathews seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken. Minutes approved unanimously by roll call vote.

4. Status Update

Public Consulting Group

Chair Wharton shared with the group that the consulting group is very appreciative of the questions submitted and will be using that information in addition to other information to develop a survey. There are two options being explored for disseminating the survey questions. The first option would be to send a mailer to the residents that received the ballot measure regarding the fire district advisory question. The second option would be to ask Rural Metro and County Fire could send the questionnaire to their customers. The County could then identify those that are not covered by either company.

Janet Lancaster liked the idea of using the County's records, sending a written survey in the mail. There should also be an electronic way for people to respond.

Charlie Chase would like to see both options be used and having electronic and written ways to respond.

Chair Wharton suggested using the County's information and having Rural Metro and County Fire advise their customers that the survey will be sent out. Jason Folkstad and Austin Prince both said both of their companies would be willing to help.

Dave Mathews suggested we use as many possibilities as we can to get the word out.

Commissioner Fowler asked who will process these questionnaires. Chair Wharton brought this to the group. Members of the group have offered to help in the process. This information will be brought to the consultants on Monday.

Commissioner Fowler said the Commissioners would love a recommendation from the group on them participating in a public education campaign. A few members of the committee spoke in favor of it and Bryan Hawkins suggested starting with a small focus group. Chair Wharton said we will revisit this topic in the future.

Chair Wharton shared that he is pleased that the consultants have been reaching out the members and they have been receptive the input they are receiving.

Chair Wharton answered Janet's question that the consultants are asking for raw input questions and they will rephrase if necessary, for neutrality and public comprehension.

Janet suggested using the interest from the 1.5 million grant for mailing costs.

5. Matters from Committee Members

None reported

6. Ex Officio Member Update

Austin Prince shared that the current weather conditions are very concerning for potential fires.

Jason Folkstad shared that his meeting with the consults was fine. He spoke with Charley and it was good to speak with someone with is experience and is like-minded in the fire industry. Austin agreed that it was good to talk to someone who understand the issues.

Chair Wharton asked Commissioner Fowler to relay to the other commissioners that there is good feedback about the consultants, and they are communicating with stakeholders at this time

7. BCC Liaison Report

Commissioner Fowler said the consultants have mentioned that getting a map of past calls from both companies that are working in the unincorporated area. He is hoping this is something the companies can make available. They said they appreciated and were impressed the work that this committee has already done. They are also may ask to get customer counts from the two companies.

Commissioner Fowler said if we do have money from the interested of the grant it could be a source for mailer money. He is also concerned that the new legislature may try to take the money back.

Bryan Hawkins suggested that the call for service data could be available from communications from their CAD system. Either they or County GIS may be able to plot this information. Commissioner Fowler said the consultants mentioned that and they may already be working to get the 911 information.

Meeting ended at 3:34 p.m.

WORKSHOP –

Workshop began 3:34 p.m.

- **Principles of Agreement**

The group worked on finishing up on the Principles of Agreement the three other methods not completed yet, the BCC Forming a Fire District, Annexation and Form a Rural Fire Protection District.

Janet will reach out to George Dunkel in Special Districts for clarification on information regarding a district created by the BCC. This will be discussed next week.

Mike Shaw mentioned that he 1.5 million grant is supposed to be used by the end of this year or they will no longer be available. Janet said what is required is a fiscal report and narrative as to the plans for the money. Annette will check on this.

Meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m. Next Meeting will be Thursday July 6, 2020 at 3:00 via Zoom.