

VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Special Meeting

August 12,2016

1. Call to order at 1700
2. Roll Call – Jodie Humphrey present, Tony Anderson present, Steve Miller Absent, Bill Miketta present.

BUSINESS

- A. **Discussion and possible Action:** Authorization for the fire Chief or his representative to bid on a 2004 La France pumper & Foam Truck. Chief gave a presentation with specifications of the vehicle and comparison vehicles out there that run from 89,000.00 plus to buy. The bid on this truck is low but cannot give the Board any numbers to work with at this time. Our 1984 vehicle will at the least need many repairs in the near future. We could save the district up to \$89,000.00. We can pick up this vehicle for around \$20,000.00.

Scott Wright – the 1984 needs to be replaced. The E1 type one is not a foam (CAFS). The pump is leaking now and probably we will have increased repair costs in the next year. By purchasing another vehicle, we could take miles off of this rig which has about 87,000 miles now. It is also our main Bread winner for Wild Land Billing. A new Vehicle would cost around \$400,000.00.

Duane Noffz – We don't take this rig out of State but only use it locally. There is an issue with the open cab. And most vehicles on the wildland fires is a 20-year limit. We had to turn done a run in Spokane WA due to the year limit.

Chief – Todd Ryker has looked at the vehicle and the repairs would be about \$10,000.00. We don't think there are any other issues with this vehicle. Auctions are just that you cannot determine any price. He also wanted to know the life expectancy of the new rig. Chief – some Smaller Districts have vehicles over 200,000 miles but the recommendation is not over 100,000.

Bill Miketta – how would we budget this item. Chief – it is not a budget item we can use operations funds available to us or use the equipment replacement fund.

Bill Miketta – Asked several questions about mileage, what would happen if we lost the current rig or if we would need to replace the current rig.

Chief confirmed that we have one 89,000 miles and so we are trying to be smart about any purchase and try to save the District money.

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Bill Miketta – Motioned to allow the Chief or his representative to bid on the 2004 LaFrance pumper at the auction. Jodie Humphrey 2nd, Unanimous yes

- B. **Discussion and possible action** – Permission to participate in the auction process up To \$20,000.00 for procurement of the 2004 Pumper.

Tony Anderson – Do we have to stay at this amount since I understand we are up into the \$8000 mark in the bidding. We can make this for more. Chief what would you need to do this?

Chief – we are hoping to pick this up for under \$20,000. But I am not sure. Since the budget is so tight this year I am not sure what I would be willing to spend.

Barb – The Chief is a skilled man and understands the value of the vehicles he’s looking at. He does not need his hands tied up with a number. What if the bid is 20,000.01 and then he loses out on a truck due to the constraints you put on him.

Bill Miketta – I am not real comfortable with not putting a cap on the amount to spend. Kathy – the minute you put a cap on the Chief it will be passed on to all venders that want to bid on this vehicle. Chief – I have no idea where the bid is going to go.

Jodie Humphrey - I have done some bidding on line and each person has in mind their stop number. The chief should be able to use his own discretion to bid.

Josie Humphrey motioned that the board give the Chief full discretion to procure the 2004 pumper under discussion. Bill Miketta 2nd, unanimous yes

Adjournment - 1737

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Board Chair