

Hot Sulphur Springs-Parshall Fire Protection District  
February 13, 2019  
Regular Fire Board Meeting  
Minutes

Present: Brad White; Rod Sale; Chief Tom Baumgarten (arrived later); Aaron Bellefeuille  
Absent: George Davis Present in Audience- Marco DeAndrea; Toni Russell; Notary  
Meeting called to order at 7:05PM

**Appointment of Board Member to fill vacant seat to be filled until 2020 (DiSciullo resignation)**

*Rod Sale made a Motion to appoint Marco DeAndrea to fill the vacancy on the Board. Aaron Bellefeuille seconded. Motion approved.*

Brad White swore in Marco as the new board member.

**Approval of Minutes-**

*Motion to approve minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting Rod Sale. Aaron Bellefeuille seconded. Motion approved.  
Motion to approve December 2018 minutes. Seconded by Aaron Bellefeuille. Motion carried.*

**Treasurer's Report-**

Rod Sale gave the Treasurer's report. After discussion, *Rod Sale made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Aaron Bellefeuille seconded. Motion approved.*

**Chief's Report-**

Toni Russell presented the following highlights as the Chief had not gotten to the meeting yet.

Since the January meeting, there have been 9 calls. There was a MVA, an alarm going off at the Justice Center (stand down), a smoke report here in town, a false alarm, a mutual aid call for a structure fire in Granby, Timber Resources, pile fire, 2 EMS calls, and response to a fall in Parshall.

On Monday nights the new volunteers have been working on their Firefighter I class and are doing very well.

Training in Parshall consisted of rescuing in a smoke-filled area, and the next training will cover SCBA emergencies, using different scenarios and how to deal with them.

The cadet had to have surgery, so though she will be able to sit in on classes, she will not be doing the physical part of training. Sylvia Calhoun, one of the volunteers, had to have surgery on her throat, and so she will be on light duty for the next 4 weeks. Truck 292 (hummer) is getting worked on and looks great.

The cabinets are being taken out of the bay area and new locking cabinets will replace those along with a small work bench. Maintenance has been done on all of the trucks. Truck 289 has an oil leak in the hub.

**Old Business-**

**Strategic Planning-**

Brad reviewed a sample format of the Strategic Planning document that he and Chief Tom has been working on. They will continue to gather statistics and information to present to the public and the Department volunteers. Brad will send out some possible dates for the public information meeting.

**New Business-**

Rod is looking into information on the cost of drilling a well and putting in a solar pump to pump water into the holding tank up on Copper Creek.

Toni would like to offer people a wildfire assessment of their property and help them achieve protection through mitigation for their property. Partnering with this idea, the Department would like to set up a chipping day in our district to take care of trees and brush removal due to mitigation.

New Board member, Marco offered his position as a business owner to conduct fundraising possibilities for the Department.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.**

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brad White, Chairman

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George Davis, Secretary

