

Hot Sulphur Springs-Parshall Fire Protection District  
May 8, 2019  
Regular Fire Board Meeting  
Minutes

Present: Brad White; Rod Sale; Chief Tom Baumgarten; Aaron Bellefeuille; Marco DeAndrea  
Absent: George Davis Present in Audience- Mr & Mrs Gall; Sylvia Calhoun; Toni Russell  
Meeting called to order at 7:05PM

**Approval of Minutes-** George had advised Brad that his name was left out as present on minutes, so it was added on.  
*Motion to approve minutes Aaron Bellefeuille. Rod Sale seconded. Motion approved.*

**Treasurer's Report-**

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

**Chief's Report-** Work continues with the wildland trucks. A tank for 292 was ordered and a new bed for 290. LN Curtis came by with newer gear. PPE is coming up for replacement. Plan is to get on a gear replacement schedule. 4 sets this year/ replace 10 over the next 3 years. EMS calls and an MVA up 3. S130/190 field day and PACK test completed. D/O training coming up at the new water tank in Copper Creek. New toolbox/cabinets up in Parshall. The Blue Ridge RX burn started.

**New Business-** Chief Baumgarten presented the Colorado Firefighters Cancer/Heart trust fund information to the board. He stated that we invest in it to protect our volunteer firefighters. There was discussion regarding the fund. *Marco DeAndrea made a motion to table the discussion so the board could get better informed about the fund. Aaron Bellefeuille seconded. Motion approved.*

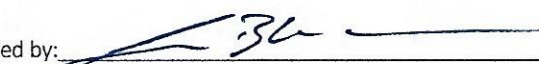
*Marco DeAndrea made a motion to go into executive session. Brad White seconded, motion carried.* Public was then asked to leave the meeting room and did so.


**EXECUTIVE SESSION-** David Greer, General counsel for the Hot Sulphur Springs Parshall Fire Protection District  
May 08, 2019 at 737pm CRS Section 26-6-402 4B for purposes of receiving legal advice regarding Freeport McMoran discussion. He then advised that the recording device be turned off.

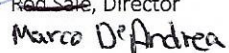
**EXECUTIVE SESSION END-**David Greer, General counsel for the Hot Sulphur Springs Parshall FPD. May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 8:25pm certified that the BOD has left the executive session and is back in open session. He also certified for the record that the board limit any discussion enumerated earlier on the recording and the recording device not be turned off.

**Old Business-** George was to type of some of the ideas that came from the 2 public workshops. Chief suggested that we put the planning on hold due to the mill issues. Brad took the opposite approach. Toni stated that they planned to do ASIP in May and this was important to do first. The firefighters wrote a letter regarding Brad White serving on the board while now Chief at Grand Fire. They have serious issues and the volunteers have no trust in Brad being involved with the department. Sylvia Calhoun stated that she felt it best he steps off the board. Time availability was also a huge concern. Brad stated that he would be more than happy to meet with the firefighters off the record. He also stated he had no plans to stay on once he felt the department was on track. Marco asked if Brad was going to step down when the strategic planning was over. Brad did not have a time frame but didn't see it going over a year. Rod agreed that Brad being on the board did have a hint of conflict of interest as his bread and butter was at Grand Fire. He then said stated that Brad had a lot to do with the inclusion in the beginning, suggested that he remain until that issue was handled. Rod feels the strategic planning should be done with the Chief, Firefighters and some public input but was not his main priority. Toni has a community survey ready to put on the webpage and on social media for district members to access and complete. Brad indicated he had one already. Aaron feels the strategic planning is a good idea and they get some of the steps completed and move forward due to time constraints. He felt that we could get to a milestone and then relax a bit. No time frame was given by Brad. Toni asked if the board wanted the survey posted to the website/social media. Brad said that will be fine, stated the survey was already posted but did not make clear as to where it was posted. Discussion continued as to how to proceed. Aaron and Rod will attend the training on Tuesday to observe and talk with some firefighters. A fire district workshop notice will be posted for May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:05PM**

Attested by:   
Brad White, Chairman

  
Rod Sale, Director

  
Marco DeAndrea