

Hot Sulphur Springs Parshall FPD
September 9, 2020
Regular Board of directors meeting*

*Due to COVID-19 Protocols, this meeting was conducted via Zoom video conferencing

Present: Rob Firth, Marco DeAndrea; Meredith Howe; Aaron Bellefeuille; Tom Baumgarten; Emily Trainor

Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm

Approval of Minutes: *Meredith Howe made a motion to approve both June and July, Marco DeAndrea seconded, motion carried.*

Treasurer's Report: *No one had any questions regarding the financials. Aaron Bellefeuille made a motion to approve June, July and August. Meredith Howe seconded; motion carried*

Chiefs Report: The crew responded to the Williams Fork Fire and spent 72 hours on this fire awaiting a command change to the forest service. They kept the fire from jumping the river and the road. Strong work was done by the crew. The fire did become a type 1 incident and it was downgraded down to a type 3 IMT as of this meeting. It was a mutual aid response from everyone in the county and it worked out well. We did discover some deficiencies in some of our equipment. Our crew was doing structural protection, setting up sprinklers. Chief Baumgarten was assigned as a task force leader. Our crew did an amazing job on this fire and the education they gained was immeasurable.

Chairman Firth wanted Chief to pass on the gratitude and appreciation to the crew on a job well done.

We are doing a firefighter academy in house like the department did the last time. The only thing we can't conduct on premises is the live fire portion of Firefighter 1 (structural certification), we can do that at either Granby or East Grand's towers.

A few EMS calls were run, and a couple of them were serious and the crew did great on those as well.

Chief had meet with the land surveyor on the piece of property that Walt is donating to the department in Parshall. Chief will continue working on the outright exemption of the property.

Chief applied for a grant through the state for Covid-19 related funds. HSSP was awarded 5k towards the cost. The station will be acquiring no touch soap and hand sanitizer units for the department to do our part in stopping the transmission of the pandemic. We have a supply of N-95 masks and will continue to order these as needed. Chairman Firth was happy and offered continued support as a big believer in grants.

Old Business – Chairman Firth asked about the impact of maybe having water supply up at Aspen Canyon/Valentine would have been beneficial during the Williams Fork fire. Chief stated that the river was available for this fire, but perhaps in the future and in winters it would be helpful as discussed in years past.

New Business - Emily Trainor was sworn in as a new board member of the HSSP fire board.

Chairman Firth asked Chief to call the attorneys getting some information as to the Henderson issues. This way the board, especially the new board member was up to speed on the issue. THE BOCC has yet to be put it on any agendas thus far. If an executive session is needed, it will be done next month.

A grant involving radios was discussed. It was stated that it would be beneficial to have it on the budget for next year. Chief stated that KFPD applied for an AFG grand for the BK radios. One of the deficiencies discovered on this fire was the fact that we did not have field programmable radios and that is an issue.

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That grant will not apply to us, as KFPD was already awarded the grant but had secured special pricing. Chief will put the radio cost into next years budget as well as apply for a grant in 2021 to help cover the cost. Chairman Firth thought that if we needed them now, they could discuss this for the current fiscal year. Discussion was had with the board regarding the radios, the board decided if it was possible, we could get them in this year's budget. All the departments in the county are going to the BK's. The board agreed that the sooner the better on the purchase of the radios while the special pricing was valid.

A discussion was had about board attendance due to doing having to cancel two meetings without a quorum. Chairman Firth asked that the board keep up with attendance at the monthly meetings. If it was going to be a problem, to keep an eye out for future board members. The attendance as a board member is important to keep our firefighters and Chief Baumgarten's focus on building a progressive department.

Adjournment at 8:43pm

Chairman, Robert Firth

Vice Chair, Marco DeAndrea