

Fire District 16 Minutes

Meeting Date- May 21, 2007

Attendance

Commissioners- Sam Wright, Tim Kenyon, Roger Prater

Fire Chief- Jim Wheeler

Secretary/Treasurer- Ken Thompson

Yvonne Kennedy

6:00 PM As chair, Sam brought the meeting to order.

The meeting of May 14 was cancelled earlier by Sam.

General discussions-

- Sam reviewed the meeting agenda.
- The newspaper article about controlled burn notifications was printed in the Gazette but not in the Chronicle. The Chronicle may print it on a later date.
- The meeting with Barbara Engstrom to discuss land grants was completed.
- The Aeneas Valley Community Fire Association met on May 7th.
- Sam read the minutes of the Fire District meeting held on May 7th. The scheduled meeting dates in the minutes for the Fire District were changed to June 4th and June 18th. The minutes were then approved. Sam will review newspaper announcements about Fire District meeting dates.
- Using the Canan Ranch for Fire District meetings was discussed but no decision was made.

Fire Chief- Jim Wheeler

- There were two fires in Aeneas Valley during the past week at the end of Cape Labelle road. DNR responded to one of the fires. The Fire District didn't respond because it was not notified. Jim didn't hear about the fires until later. There is a problem with how things are getting dispatched to the new Fire District. Jim is working on resolving these dispatch problems.
- There are no maps available to dispatchers that identify the Fire District. This is an issue that needs attention in the County offices.
- County dispatch has offered to allow the Commissioners to sit in and witness how the dispatch system works.
- Jim is still waiting for contracts for grants.
- Jim has eight pagers; however there are still issues that need to be addressed with the pagers.
- Mobile radios work in the valley, however handheld radio communication is sporadic. The Fire District may need to build its own repeater in the future.
- The pump Jim ordered is here. It needs to be installed on the tender and plumbed.

- The radios have been programmed and are back. They need to be installed in the trucks.
- The tanks are ready to be put in place. There was a discussion about where to place them.
- Another truck may be available to the Fire District. It is a Ford F-350 7.3 liter diesel crew cab 4X4 with about 50,000 thousand miles. It is located in Fort Lewis. It is a Firefighter Property Program (FPP) truck with maintenance records available. Jim recommends that the Fire District get the truck.
- There was a discussion about the Fire District budget and fuel costs to go and get the truck.
- A vote was taken and all three commissioners voted to get the truck.
- It will be insured when it is up and running in the Fire District.
- The donated equipment in Republic is ready to pick up. It will require two people, a truck, and perhaps a car trailer to transport everything. Tim and Sam may go get the equipment next week.
- Yvonne Kennedy is scheduled to attend firefighter training the week of June 25-28.

Aeneas Valley Community Fire Association-

- Tim and Yvonne discussed Aeneas Valley Community Fire Association activities. Their next meeting will be Monday June 4th. The potluck will be held on June 9th. A potential yard sale was discussed.

Equipment Contract-

- Tim brought a contract titled "Contract Agreement for Equipment Delivered on Scene" for to review, discussion and signature if approved. Sam and Roger reviewed the contract and asked several questions. The contract was approved and signed by Commissioner Sam Wright, Commissioner Roger Prater, and Secretary/Treasurer Ken Thompson. When the insurance agent also signs the contract it will be given to Ken to file.

General Discussions-

- Jim asked about having a calendar that identifies when commitments and other actions for the Fire District are needed. The group thought Sam's timeline posters would work to record and update this information as needed.
- Jim is working on an Automatic External Defibrillator and a laptop for the Fire District.

Action Items-

- Sam and Tim will pickup the Republic equipment on a date to be determined later.

7:22 PM- Sam moved to adjourn the meeting. Roger seconded the motion.