

Fire District 16 Minutes Commissioners Work Meeting

Meeting Date- July 28, 2008

Attendance

Commissioners- Sam Wright, Roger Prater, Tim Kenyon
Secretary- Ken Thompson
10 Aeneas Valley Residents

6:00 PM- As chair Sam brought the meeting to order. Sam read the agenda for tonight's meeting. Sam then read the minutes from the June 9th meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was seconded and the minutes were signed by the three commissioners.

Ken

- Had two reimbursement vouchers signed. Tim filled in an approval form, requested by the County Auditors Office, which provided more details about a recent trip to inspect and pick up a donated fire vehicle. This approval form was then signed by the three commissioners.
- Provided a summary of the fire district's income and expenditures through July. \$26,773.73 (income) - \$15,369.14 (expenditures) = \$11,404.59 remaining in the fire district's account.

Expenditures in June and July:

\$69.99	Coleman Oil	Fuel
\$272.03	Superior Auto Parts	Supplies and parts for fire vehicles
\$761.32	Spokane House of Hose	Fire truck fittings
\$122.96	Coleman Oil	Fuel
\$256.14	Reimbursement- Skip	Fuel to inspect & bring donated fire vehicle to Aeneas V.
\$211.17	Reimbursement- Tim	Costs associated with bringing donated fire vehicle to Aeneas V.
\$120.06	Superior Auto Part	Supplies and parts for fire vehicles

Income in June and July:

\$913.91	Grant from DNR for Radios
\$256.00	Check from Board of Vol. Fire fighters for physical exams
\$3,712.74	Tax income
\$428.12	Tax income

Sam

- Discussed proposed changes to the Policy and Procedures Document that addressed 1) an expenditure approval process, 2) credit card usage policy, and 3) fire district communication. Sam proposed that the changes be accepted and Roger seconded the motion.

Roger

- Discussed fuel taxes the fire district could be exempt from paying. Roger then discussed a needed fuel tax exemption form he will fill out and submit to the appropriate vendors.

General Discussions

- A decision to use lettering rather than decals on fire vehicles was made.
- A request for lower wattage radio frequencies for Aeneas Valley will be made to try to get the request approved.
- Progress on road signs for the valley has been delayed until after the active fire season.
- Sam discussed requests from residents outside the fire district to be annexed into the fire district.
- Fire vehicles were recently displayed for public viewing. The display was a successful opportunity for residents to view the fire district vehicles.

Tim

- Discussed equipment recently donated from Tonasket
 - 2 vehicles, (2 ½ ton trucks)
 - 1 ½ ton trailer
 - 2 generators, 10 KW and 30 KW
 - 5 light kits
 - a 400 gallon stainless steel water tank on a trailer
 - Tires to replace those worn down during the Cayuse Mt. fire
 - An aluminum boat to be used for rescue efforts
- A 1992 Ford pickup truck was purchased from Tonasket for \$1,000. The fire district thanks Mike Woelke for his efforts to secure this vehicle.

Mike discussed the Cayuse Mountain fire.

- Aeneas Valley was well protected during the Cayuse Mt. fire. Four to five firefighters with equipment and vehicles were kept available incase of a valley emergency. Thanks to Karen Kenyon for her efforts to confirm fire fighters were continually available to protect Aeneas Valley.
- Aeneas Valley fire fighters successfully fought the fire as it threatened to cross highway 20. These efforts prevented the fire from getting into the Aeneas Valley area. Fire fighters worked an average of 12 hours per day fighting the fire
- The fire fighters also worked to protect the Fathers Ranch which was threatened by the fire.
- Two engines spent 8 days fighting the fire and a tender spent 15 days. About 123,000 gallons of water was carried by the tender. This fire fighting support by Aeneas Valley should bring in about \$21,560 dollars to the fire district.
- Mike is preparing a one page summary of the Cayuse Mt. fire.

Tim

- About 300 gallons of fuel were used on the fire costing about \$1,500.
- The Cayuse Mt. Fire was fought very safely by the large number of fire fighters involved. The rugged terrain and high winds were all addressed to keep fire fighters and equipment safe.

- The No. Highline’s fire district has an ambulance that could be donated to our fire district. Aeneas Valley fire district personnel continue efforts to help secure this donation.
- A work day is scheduled for tomorrow to help with maintenance and needed work on fire vehicles and equipment. Upgrades to bring donated fire vehicles on line are a priority.
- Future plans call for 5- type six fire fighting trucks to protect Aeneas Valley.

Skip

- Structural fire training is fully under way. Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) is being addressed. Skip is fully trained and had developed plans for all valley fire fighters. A SCBA program document was presented to the commissioners by Skip.
- Within 1-2 weeks Skip will have a fully implemented SCBA program for the district.
- Vehicle fires are dangerous to fight because of many airborne toxins and explosive dangers.
- “Jaws of Life” equipment availability is being addressed by Skip.
- Wild land and structural fire training for valley fire fighters is progressing very well.
- Skip outlined plans to keep valley fire vehicles tested and ready to respond to fires
- 15 one inch 3-ring binders are needed for training documents
- A training budget needs to be developed
- Rescue boat training is needed.

General discussions

- Sam asked if there is a vehicle available that could be used to bring fuel to the valley for fire vehicles. Tim responded- Yes and has a vehicle in mind that could be modified for this task.
- The next commissioners work meeting is scheduled for August 11th at 6:00 PM at the elementary school location.

Chairperson

Commissioner

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