

Lead Fire Protection District Meeting

Minutes from 05/25/22 – Meeting was held at 6:02 at the Lead Fire Hall

All motions were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Present Members: O. Enderby (by phone) T. Eggers, K. Rear, R. Everett, S. Stewart

Absent: None

Call to Order: - Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Vice-President Tim Eggers

Quorum was present to conduct business.

Declaration of conflict of Interest: none

Minutes: Motion to approve by Everett and seconded by Rear – passed.

Treasurers Report: The balance in checking is \$178,513.01, The LFPD receive the first half of the Lawrence County property tax in the amount of \$121,240.51. The LFPD paid \$280.01 in interest on the loan that is outstanding for the new tanker/pumper truck. The LFPD did receive the State rent for May for \$1,864.50 and is current. The escrow is at \$130,259.14 and retirement is at \$59,171.51. Motion to approve by Everett and seconded by Rear – passed.

Monthly Fire Department Bills: Bills submitted are \$4,571.68 motion to approve by Stewart and seconded by Everett – passed.

Report Regular Business LVFD Incident: Chief Allen couldn't get the report, but the LVFD has had 80 calls to date. The LVFD had CAFS training last weekend with 10 firefighters in attendance and was given by Dominic Colletti. Dominic is the Chief Training Officer at the Rural Firefighting Academy and has over 2 decades of experience leading courses and seminars on Rural Firefighting. With the manpower that is available this is one of the best systems to be used to knock down and contain a fire and keep our firefighters safe and Dominic showed the firefighter the importance of this product and its use. This foam costs \$125.00 a gallon and comes in 5-gallon large pails. This product is a low use ratio which is beneficial in areas of limited water supply.

Old Business: Rent lease payments are up to date per the treasurer's report. Wildland lease contract expires the end of December and currently shows little or no interest in pursuing or extending a long-term contract with the LFPD. Secretary Price and his subordinates are out of touch with the growth of the Northern Black Hills and surrounding areas. I did sit in on the Republican candidate forum and asked the candidates what they would do to help secure the Wildland Fire Team at the LVFD Station. Most of the candidates had little or no information on this issue other than Ron Moeller and Randy Diebert. That prompted their attendance at

clarified no donation was part of loan

Safety Officer Williams asked about the \$15,000.00 donation that was promised to the department if the department went with F.I.B... No answer was given other than Ron stated said "I'm not going to ask him". Later during this discussion Ron did say he will speak to the donor and that ended that item.

Items from the Public: Commissioner Diebert suggest that if this piece of equipment (side-by-side) is needed because of Wildland Fire vacating the station then under the gold tax severance fund interest that the county has they could fund this. Once again, the department will need justification to the county commissioners for that discretionary fund. Again, this was a lengthy discussion and I have it recorded if anyone wants to listen to its entirety.

Items from Directors: Stewart asked about the lightning rods. They are in the basement and Safety Officer Williams will check with the contractor to pursue that item. Ron took the opportunity to say "don't misunderstand my passion for and wanting to look out for the budget and the monies of the fire district with my appreciation of your hard work and dedication. I know you spend a lot of your time on your own to volunteer. That's your passion and I applaud that. Eggers asked the department do a line itemization of the monies for this year and next year's budget that will come out of the equipment/minor tools budget. Egger's concern is if there is enough money in that line to cover what is being requested by the department and is needed. Eggers doesn't feel the need for the district to dictate the program to the department. Eggers did suggest that if the board had a bid sheet with a break down with the dollar amount, the bid and where the bid came from and what is included with this vehicle it might've been received better by the board.

Safety Officer Williams wanted to inform the tax board on what he has been working on for some time. He has been in contact with the Spearfish Fire department knowing that they're purchasing a new ladder truck. The LVFD department has sealed the deal by giving the city of Spearfish Fire Department our Command 11 truck (\$75,000.00). With the addition of a ladder truck in Lead this will give Lawrence County 3 ladder trucks for the county. This will improve our ISO score by almost a point. This will save homeowners \$ on their hazard insurance policy. Safety Officer Williams wanted to enforce that what the department is doing is in the best interest of our community. This ladder truck is a 1999 with 10,000 miles and 500 hours on it. The insurance is \$600.00 a year for this vehicle. The new tender / pumper will also lower the ISO in the district.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m. Motion by Rear second by Everett motion passed. Respectfully submitted by Steve Stewart, Lead Fire Department District Secretary.

Next meeting June 29th at 6:00 pm.

Date: _____

6/29/2022

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Oz Enderby, President