



Draft Business Meeting Minutes, April 8, 2020

BVFF Committee: Molly, Chief Andrews and Karen (recorder) were present. Carsen Smith was not in attendance.

There were no BVFF charges to approve.

The meeting was called to order at 19:02 on video conference using BlueJeans app, with a link posted for public access. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Commissioner Chair Pat Sample, and Commissioners Michelle Adie, Molly Olson, Doug Rupp and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Assistant Chief Ernie Walters, MSA Matt Abers, Division Chief Jarrod Spence, Captain Scott Coulson and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder).

Public Commentary: No public

EXECUTIVE

Fire District 7 has reached a tentative agreement with District 5 regarding the provision of ALS services, using a formula based on the payment formula District 7 currently uses for provision of medic services to District 17. This agreement states that medic services will be provided by District 26 when closest. Chief Andrews drafted an agreement with District 5 using the same formula, for discussion and approval.

The plans for a levy this year will be discussed.

The district has a sufficient supply of Covid supplies and no illness among the personnel.

Information about potential infection of patients transported has been unavailable, but EMTs and medics are taking all precautions with every call.

The availability of wildland firefighters is concerning at this time.

OPERATIONS

The agreement with the city regarding release of interest in the auxiliary building is ongoing.

Budgets for the remodeling projects are still in process.

SUPPORT SERVICES / TRAINING

The network wiring has been delayed but 53 and 55 should be completed this month.

The landscape plan for the training facility is complete, and a meeting with the county is scheduled this week.

Training is generally moved to online format, and most planned classes have been postponed or canceled.

EMS

COVID-19 Response – the county continues to provide updated recommendations as more information is available.

The EMT class is completed, and certification alternatives are in the works since most testing

sites are closed.

Secretary's Report

The Systems Design report and run totals are available for review.

Budget

Currently at 30%

Minutes: Leigh moved to approve the March minutes. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously

Vouchers: Bill moved to approve vouchers 158 through 205 for \$81,670.58, and voucher 2 from the Construction fund for \$4,242.50. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$126,060.20. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Due to the uncertain economic situation, the commissioners discussed various levy options and decided not to run a levy in August, and to table for future discussion the possibility of a November levy.

Action Items

The commissioners approved the proposed ILA for medic transports with District 5, and asked the chief to send the letter drafted with the ILA to the chief and commissioners at District 5. Bill moved to approve sending the letter and ILA, and with a second from Leigh, the motion passed unanimously.

New business

The meeting with District 50 would normally take place in May. AC Walters will discuss with Chief Knisely.

Next meeting May 13 at Station 54, unless required to video conference again.

Adjournment 7:45

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