

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE LOVELAND RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Loveland Rural Fire Protection District was held at Station 1 on Wednesday, September 5th, 2012 at 5:30 P.M.

The following members were present:

Dave Legits, Barry Gustafson, Mike McKenna, Leroy Anderson and Jeff Swanty

Also present were:

Greg White, Secretary, Loveland Rural Fire Protection District
Randy Mirowski, Loveland Fire and Rescue Department
Merlin Green, Loveland Fire and Rescue Department
Ned Sparks, Loveland Fire and Rescue Department
Renee Wheeler, Loveland Fire and Rescue Department
Bill Lundquist, Big Thompson Canyon Volunteer Fire Department
Gary Hevelone, Citizen

President Legits called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the August 1st, 2012 regular meeting were presented. Upon motion by Anderson, seconded by Gustafson, and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved.

White presented the August 2012 bills. Upon motion by Gustafson, seconded by Swanty, and unanimously carried, the following bills were approved:

Loveland Rescue Fire Authority (1) September	\$	127,647.00
City of Loveland		
Electricity (2)	58.71	
Electricity (2)	13.34	72.05
Poudre Valley REA		
Electricity (2)		28.62
Qwest		
Miscellaneous (5)		100.00
Qwest		
Miscellaneous (5)		500.00
Colorado Neurological Institute		
Miscellaneous (5)		75.00
Hiratsuka & Associates, LLP		
Audit (10)		7,000.00
Hughes Associates Inc.		
Fire Prevention (14)		9,017.00
Gregory A. White		
Legal Fees (11a)		3,340.00
Gregory A. White		
Administrative Fee (11b)		1,000.00
Board Secretary Fee (7a)		316.67
Donna Holst		
Bookkeeper Fee (7c)		468.33

Dave Legits		
Board Meeting (7b)		50.00
Barry Gustafson		
Board Meeting (7b)		50.00
Mike McKenna		
Board Meeting (7b)		50.00
Jeff Swanty		
Board Meeting (7b)		50.00
Leroy Anderson		
Board Meeting (7b)		50.00
TOTAL		\$ 149,814.67

White presented the Financial Report. He noted that income and expenditures were within budgeted parameters.

President Legits requested that White address the ballot issue for the November 6, 2012 mill levy election. White presented the draft of the ballot issue, explained the language required by the TABOR Amendment, and requested any comments or changes to the ballot issue. White stated that the ballot issue is required to be certified to the Larimer County Elections Office on or before September 7, 2012. After discussion, upon motion by Gustafson, seconded by Swanty, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following language for the ballot issue for the mill levy increase for the November 6, 2012 election:

LOVELAND RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE ____:

SHALL THE LOVELAND RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$676,000 ANNUALLY (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR INCREASE), AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED THEREAFTER, BY AN ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY OF NOT MORE THAN 2.90 MILLS, (FOR A TOTAL MILL LEVY OF 8.708 MILLS) COMMENCING IN TAX YEAR 2012 FOR COLLECTION IN 2013 AND CONTINUING THROUGH 2022 WITH SUCH REVENUES TO BE USED TO CONTINUE THE FIRE DISTRICT'S CURRENT OPERATIONS, INCLUDING, FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT, FACILITIES, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE; AND SHALL SUCH TAX PROCEEDS BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE FIRE DISTRICT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE AND SPENDING CHANGE IN EACH YEAR, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING OR REVENUE LIMITATION CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

YES

NO

White presented a draft of a Factual Summary. White informed the Board that the Fair Campaign Practices Act allows the Rural District to expend public funds to produce and dispense factual information regarding the mill levy election. The factual information shall not urge the passage or defeat of the ballot issue and must contain both pro and con statements with regard to the ballot issue.

In response to a question by the Board, White also stated that it was his opinion that the Rural District could dispense the factual summary to all registered voters, but not pick and choose as to which voters the Rural District would target. Also,

the factual summary may be used by any person, including District Board members, in providing information to interested citizens. White requested comments on the factual summary. There was discussion among the Board concerning the benefits statement concerning the likelihood of an increase in insurance rates if the ballot issue does not pass, the need to move the benefit statement concerning commercial property tax rates over residential to the Con comments, the need to rearrange the placement of the chart of current mill levy rates for other northern Colorado fire districts, the need to provide an opening paragraph for the cost per property of the mill levy increase, and the addition of a benefit statement concerning the maintenance of current levels of services to the citizens.

Director McKenna questioned the accuracy of Question No. 4 regarding the reduction of services to the Rural District if the mill levy does not pass. There was discussion among the Board, Mirowski and White with regard to the motion adopted by the Fire Authority Board which directed the Department to examine possible reduction in services including elimination of emergency medical response and reduction in personnel and equipment to fire calls in the Rural District. Mirowski emphasized that the Fire Authority Board had not made a decision with regard to this but directed the Department to review possible operational changes which may be considered by the Fire Authority Board if the Rural District is unable to pay its financial obligation pursuant to the Fire Authority IGA.

White suggested alternative language with regard to Question No. 4 in line with the discussion by the Board and explanation by the Fire Chief. Upon motion by McKenna, seconded by Anderson, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized White to redraft the Factual Summary taking into consideration the comments made by the Board, and make arrangements to distribute the Factual Summary to all electors of the District, by household.

President Legits asked Gary Hevelone if he had any comments concerning the ballot issue. Mr. Hevelone commended the District and the Department for its response to wildland incidents this summer. He also stated that he found the mill levy comparisons in the Factual Summary to be compelling with regard to voting for the ballot issue. Mr. Hevelone commented on the fact that Rural citizens pay sales tax to the City, and that, if possible, the Rural District and the Fire Authority should consider charging for confined space and trench rescues, high risk rescues and auto accidents, as these incidents are caused by activities of a few individuals which should not be subsidized by all Rural tax payers. The Board thanked Mr. Hevelone for his comments.

Chief Mirowski gave the Chief's Report. He commented that the City Council at its mid-year check-in on its 2012 goals continued the goal of emphasizing public safety issues including fire. The on-going relocation and construction of Station No. 2 is part of this goal.

Mirowski commented that the Department is reviewing with Hughes & Associates, the fire prevention consultant for the Rural District, two applications for oil and gas well drilling in the Rural District. These drilling operations are within the Miracle property which has been annexed to the Town of Johnstown. Hughes & Associates and the Department are nearing completion of the review process for these proposed drilling operations.

Mirowski asked if any Board members had any concerns or comments with the Issue Paper presented to the Fire Authority Board concerning potential reduction in Rural Response. There were no comments or concerns raised by the Board.

Renee Wheeler gave the Public Safety Administrative Director's Report. She gave a report on the budget process for the Fire Authority. The 2013 Fire Authority Budget will be presented to the Fire Authority Board at its September 13, 2012

meeting. The IGA requires that both the Rural Board and the City Council all approve the Fire Authority Budget. The City Council will review the Fire Authority Budget on October 2, and 16, 2012, with the Rural District reviewing this on October 3, 2012. White stated that review of the Fire Authority Budget is not the review of the Rural District Budget which will be done at the November Board meeting.

Chief Green gave the Community Safety Division Report. He noted that the Family Emergency Expo is set for September 15, 2012 at JAX. Progress is made with regard to relocation and construction of Station No. 2. A design team is being assembled for this project. The goal is to have Station No. 2 opened on or before September 1, 2014.

Chief Sparks gave the Operation Division Report. During the past month, there have been three structure fires, numerous serious MVA incidents, and two wildland incidents being the Bear Track fire and the Narrows fire. The Department has hired one new firefighter, six new part-time firefighters, and is in the process of bringing on seven new reserves.

Sparks noted that the remodeling of Station No. 6 remains on schedule.

Canyon Chief Bill Lundquist gave the Canyon Chief's report. The last month has been very busy with five significant incidents including a fatal tractor accident on Storm Mountain, an ATV accident in Galuchie Meadows which required helicopter rescue, a serious motorcycle accident west of Drake, and the Bear Track and Narrows fire wildland incidents which were responded to by the Department. The Canyon Department has received a presentation from LFR on positive pressure attack training. Lundquist reported that the Department is moving forward to solve concerns with the alpha-numeric paging system. It appears that a new transmitter on property located in the Storm Mountain area is necessary. Lundquist will provide White with information so that this project can move forward.

White presented the 2011 Audit. He noted that the Audit contained a clean opinion from the Auditors with regard to the District finances and management. He requested the Board contact him with any issues or questions concerning the Audit.

Chief Mirowski presented a powerpoint presentation on the 2011 Strategic Plan. Following that presentation, he presented each Board member and White with their own copy of the 2012 Strategic Plan.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Gregory A. White, Secretary/Assistant Treasurer

ATTEST:

President