

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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 at 5:30 P.M.

The following members were present:

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

Also present were:

Greg White, Secretary, Loveland Rural Fire Protection District  
 Randy Mirowski, Loveland Fire and Rescue Department  
 Greg Ward, Loveland Fire and Rescue Department  
 Renee Wheeler, Loveland Fire and Rescue Department  
 Bill Lundquist, Big Thompson Canyon Volunteer Fire Department  
 Tim Brady, Big Thompson Canyon Volunteer Fire Department  
 Bob Boggio, Citizen  
 Cam the Ram, Mascot

President Legits called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 regular meeting were presented. Upon motion by Gustafson, seconded by Anderson, and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved.

White presented the August 2014 bills. Upon motion by McKenna, seconded by Gustafson, the following bills were approved:

City of Loveland (1)		<b>\$ 128,177.00</b>
Poudre Valley REA		
Canyon Facilities (2)	36.00	
Canyon Facilities (2)	30.60	<b>66.60</b>
City of Loveland		
Canyon Facilities (2)		<b>75.45</b>
CenturyLink		
Canyon Facilities (2)		<b>100.00</b>
CenturyLink		
Canyon Facilities (2)		<b>400.00</b>
Stan's Auto Service		
Miscellaneous (5)		<b>200.00</b>
Loveland Career Firefighters		
Miscellaneous (5)		<b>500.00</b>
Gregory A. White		
Legal Fees (12a)		<b>2,970.00</b>
Gregory A. White		
Administrative Fee (12b)		<b>1,000.00</b>
Board Secretary Fee (8a)		<b>320.00</b>
Haynie & Associates		
Bookkeeper Fee (8c)		<b>250.00</b>
Dave Legits		
Board Meeting (8b)		<b>100.00</b>
Mike McKenna		
Board Meeting (8b)		<b>100.00</b>

Barry Gustafson	
Board Meeting (8b)	<b>50.00</b>
Leroy Anderson	
Board Meeting (8b)	<b>100.00</b>
Jeff Swanty	
Board Meeting (8b)	<b>50.00</b>
 <b>TOTAL</b>	 <b>\$ 134,459.05</b>

White presented the July 31, 2014 Financial Report. He noted that revenues were above budget and expenditures were within budgeted amounts. Director McKenna requested that White provide the Board with the assessed valuation update on the Johnstown properties that are located within the Rural District.

Administrative Services Wheeler and Chief Ward presented amendments to the Auto Aid and Mutual Aid Agreement with Johnstown. Chief Ward provided a copy of the map amendment which shows the reconfiguration of each entities mutual and auto aid areas. Upon motion by Gustafson, seconded by Swanty, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the map amendment to the Auto Aid and Mutual Aid Agreement with Johnstown.

Chief Mirowski gave the Chief's Report. The Chief updated the Board on the Fire Chief hiring process stating that Don Long, Mark Miller and Mike West were the three finalists announced following interviews with the six semi-finalists. Director McKenna commented on the recent press release of the City of Loveland which indicated that City Manager Cahill would be responsible for hiring the new fire chief. White responded that the press release was incorrect as the decision on who should be the new fire chief will be made by the Fire Authority Board. The new chief will be an employee of the City. The Fire Authority Board has requested that an amendment be prepared by the City and the Rural District which will provide that the new fire chief will report directly to the Fire Authority Board. There was discussion among all present about continued steps to maturation of the Fire Authority.

Chief Mirowski reported that at the next meeting of the Fire Authority Board will, if negotiations have progressed, determine the new fire chief, and the Board will review the 2015 Budget.

Chief Mirowski reported on the progress of the construction of new Station No. 2. Construction of the station is on schedule and within budget. It is anticipated that occupancy of the station will occur, as planned, in mid-October. The City and TVEMS has entered into an Intent to Purchase old Station No. 2 for \$450,000. A draft contract has been prepared and is being reviewed by the City Attorney's office.

Chief Mirowski reported that the Department had petitioned the ISO to delay its upcoming review and had received confirmation from the ISO that the review will occur on January 20, 2015. The Department is working with a consultant to prepare for the review. Mirowski discussed with the Board the review process, the advantages the consultant will bring to the process, current ISO rating of the City and the Rural District, and that even though the Fire Authority is in existence, the ISO still will rate the City and Rural District separately.

Chief Mirowski asked if there were any questions concerning the Chief's Monthly Report. There were no questions from the Board.

Wheeler gave the Public Safety Administrator report. Wheeler stated that on October 18, 2014, from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. there will be the recognition of Chief Mirowski's retirement with the presentations to Chief Mirowski scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Also, on November 1, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Embassy, there will be a Department appreciation event. Invitations will be sent to the Rural Board members.

Wheeler presented the proposed 2015 Fire Authority Budget which had been reviewed in detail by the Rural Board at the August meeting. Wheeler asked if there were any questions or concerns concerning the proposed 2015 Fire Authority Budget. Upon motion by McKenna, seconded by Swanty, and unanimously carried, the Board recommended the adoption of the 2015 Fire Authority Budget as presented to the Fire Authority Board.

In the absence of Chief Sparks, Chief Mirowski gave the Community Safety Division report. There will be a presentation on October 28, 2014, to the City Council of the recommendations by the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will recommend what is called the Fort Collins Model which only accepts detached, single family dwellings from the requirement of residential sprinkler systems. If the Loveland City Council approves this proposal in the next International Building Code adoption cycle, this proposal will be codified. It is anticipated that this will occur in 2016. White stated that this code change would only be effective within the City limits as any fire code for the Rural District would need to be approved by Larimer County Board of Commissioners. At the present time, there has been no indication from the Board of County Commissioners of their interest in this matter. Chief Mirowski stated that with the two major cities in Larimer County, Fort Collins and Loveland, adopting this code change that Larimer County may consider adopting this type of requirement for residential sprinklers.

Chief Ward gave the Operations Division report. Promotion Academies conducted in August were very successful. On September 2, 2014, the Heavy Rescue Company was operational culminating a long process to have this type of service within operational capability of the Department.

Ward reported on incidents in the month of August including a single family residential fire on Conifer Drive and a vehicle fire at the Sugar factory.

Ward reported that he, Chief Mirowski, and Canyon Chief Lundquist continue to meet to review and discuss Fire Authority support of the Canyon Department.

A new apparatus has been bid and upon delivery will be stationed at the Loveland/Fort Collins Airport. The owner of this new apparatus will be the Airport. The cost of the apparatus is the responsibility of the FAA.

Canyon Chief Lundquist gave the Canyon Chief's report. One firefighter is currently in the Firefighter Academy. The Canyon Department continues to move forward with shift training. In August, there was the first wildland fire of the season which was not a major incident.

President Legits reported on construction of Station No. 9. Walls are going up, floors are being poured, and hopefully, the Station can be closed in prior to the winter. President Legits stated that the \$60,000 authorized by the Rural Board for the construction of the Station has been spent, and requested an additional \$10,000. The \$10,000 along with the continued Canyon Department funding will, in President Legits' estimation, probably complete the project. Upon motion by Swanty, seconded by Gustafson, and unanimously carried, the Rural Board authorized an additional \$10,000 for the Station No. 9 project.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Gregory A. White, Secretary/Assistant Treasurer