



Loveland Rural
Fire Protection
District

Fire & Rescue Authority Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 14, 2012

Members Present:

Board Chair Jeff Swanty
Rural Board Secretary Greg White
Asst. City Attorney Teresa Ablao
City Councilor John Fogle
Public Safety Admin. Dir. Renee Wheeler
Division Chief Ned Sparks

City Manager Bill Cahill
Rural Board President Dave Legits
Fire Chief Randy Mirowski
Division Chief Merlin Green
BSC Roylene Sterkel

Absent Members:

Mayor Cecil Gutierrez

Visitors:

Ashlee Taylor
Bridie Smock & Family
Dr. Tom Kasenberg & Family
Battalion Chief Tim Smith

Call to Order:

Chairman Swanty called the Fire & Rescue Authority Board meeting to order on the above date at 1:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Board participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Secretary Sterkel conducted roll call.

Awards and Presentations:

Chief Mirowski presented the Fire Chief's Life Saving award to Ashlee Taylor, Bridie Smock and Dr. Tom Kasenberg for their efforts on an incident at the Chilson Center on

May 23rd. Ashlee gave the Board an overview of what happened during the incident. Dr. Kasenberg praised the staff at the Chilson Center for their quick response and knowledge of what needed to be done.

Miscellaneous Information:

Chief Mirowski gave an update on the High Park Fire. The three current objectives he mentioned were to not lose anymore structures, keep the fire on the north side from crossing the Poudre River and keep the fire north of Buckhorn Road. He said that LFRA has staff stationed at Masonville on standby for any hot spots that might show up in the area.

Chairman Swanty commended the Battalion and Division Chiefs for their hard work and time away from their families to attend to the fire event.

Consent Agenda:

City Manager Cahill moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Fogle seconded the motion and it carried.

Regular Agenda: Items were talked about in a different order than Agenda

3. Discuss the Proposed Strategic Plan –

Chief Mirowski shared a Power Point presentation and overview on the proposed Strategic Plan. He said that a lot of fire departments write a strategic plan and then it sits on the shelf and doesn't get used and/or updated through time. Our Plan will be used and updated as necessary and he intends to make sure every member and significant city officials and rural district board members have their own copy with their name on it. He said that our Plan will be our guiding document for the future, and as such that it won't matter if a new Chief and/or other staffing changes occur, it will help guide the organization in the agreed upon manner in the future.

Chief Mirowski asked if there were any questions, concerns or recommended changes from the Board. City Manager Cahill said that he likes the Plan and would like to see Strategic Plans put in place city-wide. Rural Board President Legits said he thinks the Plan is very good.

Chairman Swanty said that the Board will vote on the Plan at their July Board meeting.

5. Discuss LRFPD Mill Levy Election Outcome –

Rural Board President Legits read a letter from the Loveland Rural Fire Protection District reaffirming their commitment to meeting the Rural District's financial obligations pursuant to the terms and conditions of the IGA and the future financial

needs projected in Model 1. (copy attached)

Rural Board Secretary reviewed the results from the mill levy election indicating that there were 1,377 “yes” votes and 1,668 “no” votes. He said that they hope to bring the mil levy back to the voters in November, 2013. There is a special Rural Board meeting scheduled for June 18th to start that process.

The Board discussed different things that they felt needed to be changed or enhanced for that election process. Items mentioned were:

- The sunset provision
- Educating the public
- Letting the rural residents know what will be lost if the vote fails
- Need outside people (not fire department related) to campaign
- The request may need to be modified
- The design of the ballot may need to be changed
- Hire professionals to help with the process

City Manager Cahill felt like there was no organized opposition against the mil levy.. Chairman Swanty said he felt like we were too passive on the May election and need to be very aggressive on the next one.

4. Discussion of Proposed Revision to the Basic Services Model –

Chief Mirowski said that after the election a modified Basic Services Plan for Phase I (2013) was presented to the Rural Board. The objectives of the model revisions were to proceed with minimum staffing and reduce the first year costs.

Fire station 6 is moving forward with the remodel and should be completed by November or December. The discussions about moving station 2 are on-going. Councilman Fogle asked if station 10 can be built without a Rural Mil Levy being passed and the answer is no. Chief Mirowski said that it will cost between 2.5 and 3 million to build and equip station 10 and CEF's are not enough. He will bring a presentation before the Board next month indicating current service levels and costs.

Some discussion took place about moving the CSD Lt. position back a year. Chief Mirowski indicated that he thinks it's very important to create a partnership with the community and one way to do that is to have our people visiting businesses and letting business owners know that we are here to help them and support their needs. Chief Green said that the big fires in Estes and Heritage Ford were both caused by simple safety issues that might have been found if fire safety inspections had been done.

Chairman Swanty said the Rural Board fully supports Model 1 of the Basic Services Plan and we should move forward without any cuts or changes. Secretary White said that the Rural has reserves through 2013, but will need to have a different plan of action after that. The board gave verbal approval for moving ahead with all of the Phase I expansion plans originally set in Model 1, with the understanding that the Rural district will be

utilizing their reserves for the District's portion of the 18% of the revenue allocation formula.

6. Review Briefing Papers and Correspondence – Chief's Report

- Chief Mirowski touched on six highlighted items in his monthly report as summarized in the packet agenda:

Fire Station Six Update
Fire Station Two Update
IGA with Thompson Valley EMS
Wildland Incident Management
Resource Allocation and Deployment in the Rural District
July Fire Authority Meeting to be Held at the CTC

8. Board Member New Business/Feedback –

None

With no further business at hand, Chairman Swanty moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Sterkel