

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, July 1st, 2015 at 4:30 P.M.

The following members were present:

Dave Legits, Mike McKenna, and Jeff Swanty.

Also present were:

Greg White, Secretary, Loveland Rural Fire Protection District
Mark Miller, Loveland Fire and Rescue Department
Ned Sparks, Loveland Fire and Rescue Department
Greg Ward, Loveland Fire and Rescue Department
Renee Wheeler, Loveland Fire and Rescue Department
Jason Starck, Loveland Fire and Rescue Department
Bill Lundquist, Big Thompson Canyon Volunteer Fire Department
Bob Boggio, Rural Citizen

President Legits called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the June 3rd, 2015 regular meeting were presented. Director McKenna asked clarification with regard to ISO classification whether it was a five minute or five mile response standard. Five miles was recorded in the Minutes. Chief Miller confirmed that five miles was the appropriate standard. Director Swanty requested that an additional sentence be added to the Minutes concerning the discussion of the requested exclusion of the 2534 property from the Rural District into the Johnstown Fire Protection District that it was the consensus of the Board that the Board strongly opposes any exclusion of property and revenue sharing for this area. Upon motion by McKenna, seconded by Swanty, and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved subject to the inclusion of the statement concerning the 2534 property.

White presented the June 2015 bills. Upon motion by Swanty, seconded by McKenna, the following bills were approved:

City of Loveland (1)		\$ 163,928.00
Poudre Valley REA		
Canyon Facilities (2)	31.29	
Canyon Facilities (2)	29.47	60.76
City of Loveland		
Canyon Facilities (2)		59.32
City of Loveland		
Canyon Facilities (2)		62.76
CenturyLink		
Canyon Facilities (2)		125.00
CenturyLink		
Canyon Facilities (2)		400.00
GoDaddy		
Miscellaneous (5)		18.17
Giambrocco Food Service, Inc.		
Miscellaneous (5)		500.00
City of Loveland		
Canyon Department (7)		999.20
Big Thompson Canyon Volunteer Fire Department		
Canyon Department (7)		14,040.24

Gregory A. White	
Legal Fees (12a)	2,450.00
Gregory A. White	
Administrative Fee (12b)	1,000.00
Board Secretary Fee (8a)	320.00
Haynie & Associates	
Bookkeeper Fee (8c)	350.00
Dave Legits	
Board Meeting (8b)	100.00
Mike McKenna	
Board Meeting (8b)	100.00
Barry Gustafson	
Board Meeting (8b)	100.00
Leroy Anderson	
Board Meeting (8b)	100.00
Jeff Swanty	
Board Meeting (8b)	100.00
TOTAL	\$ 184,813.45

White presented the Financial Report. He noted that expenditures and revenues were within budgetary parameters.

Chief Miller presented the Chief's Report. He noted that the Monthly Report had been distributed and asked if there were any questions or comments. There were no questions or comments.

The July 4th Breakfast will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Station No. 2 on July 4th, 2015. Currently, two hundred have rsvp'd and are scheduled to participate. He thanked the Rural Board support of this event.

Miller reported that he had been contacted by Ron Bateman, the Fire Chief of the Front Range Fire Authority concerning the issue of exclusions of property from the Rural District into the Johnstown Fire District and/or a discussion of cost sharing for revenue sharing from that area. Miller previously indicated to Chief Bateman that the Rural District had no interest in discussing this matter. Miller reported that Chief Bateman was informing the Johnstown Fire Protection District Board that the Rural District strongly opposed any discussion concerning this matter. Also, Chief Bateman's report stated that the Johnstown Fire Protection District's ISO was higher than the upcoming ISO rating for this area, and the Johnstown Fire Protection District mill levy was greater than the Rural District mill levy. In Chief Bateman's opinion, these two factors were detrimental to any attempt by the Johnstown Fire Protection District to force exclusion of property from the 2534 area.

Miller presented the Board with information concerning the new aircraft operated by the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control. These two aircrafts are multi-mission aircraft (MMA). The aircraft are outfitted with state-of-the-art sensors and operated by the Division. The planes are based at the Centennial Airport and can be over most areas in Colorado in less than an hour from notification. These aircrafts are available to all jurisdictions for use in providing real time information to jurisdictions on wildfires and other emergency responses. The program is free to the local jurisdictions and participation is encouraged. In Chief Miller's opinion, this is a major step by the State to provide additional assistance to local jurisdictions in the wildland fire and search and rescue response.

Chief Miller briefed the Board on a conversation with former Rural District President, Gary Gerrard, concerning the possibility of major development in the 2534 area. Scheels has announced the construction and operation of a major retail facility in 2534. Gerrard has requested to brief the Board in an upcoming meeting concerning the potential impact to real property tax revenues from this proposed new development to

the Rural District. Secretary White stated that the developing entity intends to build in 2534 and will make a decision in the near future as to the probability of this matter moving forward. In fact, if it moves forward, construction on the Scheels facility will begin in the near future. It is the recommendation of both Chief Miller and Secretary White that the Board table any further discussion of the upcoming mill levy election until such time as it is determined whether or not this project will move forward. If it moves forward, it will have a major impact on availability of revenues to the Rural District. It was the consensus of the Board that the Board postpone any discussion on the mill levy election until a determination is made as to the viability of this project.

Miller reported that Phil Thrasher retired from the Department. He was with the Department for fourteen years and six years with the City prior to the Fire Department. Miller reported that this retirement has resulted in promotions within the Department including the promotion of Ben Anderson to Lieutenant.

Wheeler gave the Public Safety Administrator report. Wheeler reported that she is currently working on the 2016 Budget.

Sparks gave the Community Safety Division Report. The CSO has restructured the Department after examining its operation including review of other local jurisdictions' operation of their fire prevention activities. The position of Deputy Fire Marshal was eliminated and a new position of Public Affairs Officer was created. The savings in expense for this change will result in the hiring of a part-time Fire Inspector.

Chief Sparks reported that the Lincoln Hotel has completed its fire alarm and suppression systems. Both Chief Miller and Chief Sparks commended the owner of the Lincoln Hotel for his actions in this matter and stated that based upon Miller's actions with the Department, he has become an advocate for updating fire alarm and suppression systems in commercial areas.

Chief Sparks stated that the Division remains extremely busy due to development and construction within the Fire Authority Service Area.

Chief Ward gave the Operations Division report. He briefed the Board on last month's major incidents. The Department responded to the Berthoud tornado, including search, rescue and building evaluation. He commented on the cooperation between all responding agencies for this incident. The previous Windsor tornado and 2013 flood incidents have given all responding jurisdictions a greater appreciation and ability to work together during major disaster incidents. A recent apartment fire included the rescue of a victim of a burning apartment unit. The victim was removed from the unit and transferred by ambulance to the Greely Medical Facility. He did not know the current condition of the victim. The Department responded to a house fire on east 402. The structure was fully involved by the time of arrival. In spite of the amount of involvement, the responders were able to save the structure, although the interior including contents was a total loss. Front Range, Windsor and Loveland responded to this incident. Due to the lack of fire hydrants, this was a tender operation. The Department responded to a house fire at 43rd and Wilson. A bbq ignited a fire on the outside of the structure which migrated into the floor joists of the structure. The response team was able to extinguish the fire and save the rest of the structure. Berthoud, PFA and Windsor also responded to this incident. He briefed the Board on the recent boat fire at Boyd Lake. A small boat caught fire and was drifting towards gasoline storage tanks at the marina. A marina employee used another small boat to divert the burning boat away from the gas tanks, but in the process, this boat became ignited from the contact with the burning boat. The Department responded and had to use foam and dry chemicals to extinguish the two boats and a portion of the dock. Due to use of these two materials, this became a hazmat operation.

Canyon Chief Lundquist gave the Canyon Chief's report. During the last month, there were several motor vehicle responses, a fatal ATV response, and propane leak. Jenica Butts, who previously was a firefighter with the Canyon, has returned and is now the acting Lieutenant for the Department.

During June, the Canyon Department re-elected the current officers of the Department. Canyon Bylaws require that the Rural Board ratify these officers. Upon motion by McKenna, seconded by Swanty, and unanimously carried, the Board ratified the following officers of the Big Thompson Canyon Volunteer Fire Department:

Chief (Battalion Chief) – Bill Lundquist
Assistant Chief (Captain) – Tim Brady
Treasurer – Jack Patterson
Secretary - Karen Debenham

President Legits gave a status report on the construction at Station No. 9. Due to volunteer help, 90% of the stucco base has been completed. He is currently working on log corners and log installation to provide architectural designs to the Station.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Gregory A. White, Secretary/Assistant Treasurer