

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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 No. 1 on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Dave Legits, Barry Gustafson, Andy Anderson, and Jeff Swanty.

Also present were:

Greg White, Secretary, Loveland Rural Fire Protection District
Mark Miller, Loveland Fire Rescue Authority
Mike Cerovski, Loveland Fire Rescue Authority
Bob Boggio, Rural Citizen

President Legits opened the meeting.

The minutes of the May 1, 2019 regular meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Gustafson, seconded by Anderson, and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved.

White presented the May 2019 bills. Upon motion by Gustafson, seconded by Swanty, and unanimously carried, the following bills were approved:

Loveland Fire Rescue Authority (1)	\$ 227,076.50
Gregory A. White	
Legal (13a)	3,800.00
Haynie & Company	
Accounting & Audit (12)	475.00
Gregory A. White	
Administrative (13b)	1,000.00
Gregory A. White	
Board Secretary (9a)	400.00
Dave Legits	
Board Meetings (9b)	100.00
Barry Gustafson	
Board Meetings (9b)	100.00
Jeff Swanty	
Board Meetings (9b)	100.00
TOTAL	\$ 233,051.50

White presented the Financial Report. He noted that revenues and expenses were within budgeted parameters. He stated that he had just received the May tax statement from the Larimer County Treasurer's Office and that specific ownership tax for May was \$25,058 which continues the upper trend of this tax revenue for 2019.

Chief Miller presented the Chief's Report. He requested Chief Cerovski assist him in his report. Cerovski briefed the Board on the decision on May 6, 2019 by the Johnstown Town Council to approve the IGA with Front Range Fire Rescue Fire Protection District (Front Range). He briefed the Board on issues raised by the adoption of this IGA. Cerovski provided the Board with a visual of Johnstown's Service Area in the IGA. The new Johnstown Service Area includes all properties located in the Rural District and Larimer County south of Highway 34 and east of I-25, except for the portion of this area

north of County Road 18E (HWY 402) and west of County Road 3 which includes the 2534 and the Thompson River Ranch properties. Also, the new Johnstown Service Area does not include any properties located within Larimer County and the Rural District north of Highway 34 which includes the Miracle property which was annexed to the Town in 2006. The IGA provides for any annexations and/or developments within the Johnstown Service Area, the Town will require the property owner to petition for exclusion from the Rural District and inclusion into Front Range. The Town also agrees to pursue legal action against the Rural District on behalf of Front Range in the event that either the Rural District denies petitions for exclusion of land within the Johnstown Service Area.

Miller stated that this IGA had been a subject of an executive session with the LFRA Board on May 29, 2016. Miller also noted that Mike West, a Division Chief in Southwest Metro Fire Authority, was the new fire chief for Front Range replacing Chief Bateman who is leaving Front Range on June 30, 2019. Miller suggested that a meeting between the LFRA Board and the Front Range Board should be scheduled after Mr. West becomes Fire Chief to discuss this new IGA and operational and policy issues within this area of Larimer County.

There was general discussion concerning the effect of the new IGA on the Rural District/LFRA. Miller and White noted that the annexation agreements for the Miracle property and 2534/Thompson River Ranch (WRFG Annexation) were similar in nature and provided that the Rural District would be providing fire service in those areas. The Miracle Annexation Agreement did provide that the Town could request inclusion of that property into Front Range in the event that ISO ratings for the Rural District and Front Range became the same for this property.

The Board requested that White work with Emily Powell to provide information to both the Rural Board and the LFRA Board concerning whether Front Range/Johnstown could force exclusion of 2534, Miracle and Thompson River Ranch properties from the Rural District.

Miller briefed the Board on the current discussion for the construction of Station 10 in 2534. Miller has been working with Gary Gerrard, LETA and Larimer County with regard to determine how to move forward with this project. Miller stated he had met with Town Manager LeCerf of Johnstown who indicated that Johnstown desires that LFRA build Station 10 in 2534. Miller stated he would provide information to the Board on possible ownership, construction, leasing, entity sharing, and any other issues concerning potential construction of Station 10 in 2534.

White requested that the Board approve the Joint Defense and Common Interest Agreement between the Rural District and LFRA to allow information and discussions concerning issues arising out of the Johnstown/Front Range IGA between White and Emily Powell. Upon motion by Swanty, seconded by Gustafson, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the execution of this Agreement.

Miller and Cerovski provided the Board with information concerning the 2020 LFRA Budget. Due to reduction in revenue, the City of Loveland has requested that LFRA consider reduction of its proposed 2020 Budget. Cerovski and Miller briefed the Board on steps taken by LFRA to meet the City's request. Miller emphasized the proposed changes to the 2020 Budget were made without a decrease in service levels. The proposed change is a 3.6% decrease from the original LFRA 2020 Budget.

Miller stated that LFRA Staff was interested in providing information to the Rural Board with regard to a possible mill levy election in November of 2020. The current mill levy of 8.708 mills sunsets at the end of 2022. If voter approval is not received, the mill levy will revert to a 5.808 mill levy. The reduction would be approximate loss of \$1,000,000 annually in property tax revenue. In Miller's opinion, the Rural Board should 1) consider extending the current mill levy; 2) consider extending and increasing the mill levy to meet revenue needs for future years; and 3) consider de Gallagherizing the residential property tax rate in the Rural District. There was discussion among all present as to various aspects of this issue. It was the general consensus of the Board that the Rural

District needed to begin collecting data and having discussions to move forward on a mill levy election in November of 2020. The Rural Board requested that White and the LFRA Staff work together to provide information to the Rural Board on this issue.

Miller reported that the Monthly Report will not be available until August. The Department is changing the format of the report and will continue to provide the data portion of the report.

Miller reported that LFRA had sixteen new hires for personnel at Station 7 and rovers. Also, LFRA has one more resignation and one more person will be hired to fill this position.

In the absence of Chief Sparks, there was no Community Services Division Report.

In the absence of Chief Ward, Cerovski presented the Operation Division Report. He noted the following significant incidents for the month of May:

- A six passenger Beechcraft flown by a single person crashed just north of the Fort Collins/Loveland Airport. Unfortunately, the pilot failed to survive the crash.
- Garage fire on the 700 block of North Adams. The fire was caused by a gasoline spill in the garage. The occupant ignited the gasoline. The occupant was transferred to Greeley with significant injuries.
- Equipment fire at 516 West 69th Street.

The Department is in the process of providing gear for all of the new personnel. There will be emphasis on recruitment for the Canyon Battalion.

Cerovski noted the Department participated in a multi-entity drill at The Ranch for emergency response purposes.

Director Swanty requested that the Board move forward to address the retirement of Secretary White at the end of 2019. It was the consensus of the Board that White and LFRA Staff will work towards providing the Board with the alternatives for attorney and administrative services in the near future to enable a smooth transition.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Gregory A. White, Secretary/
Assistant Treasurer

ATTEST:

President