

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, September 5, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

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

Also present were:

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

President Legits opened the meeting.

The minutes of the August 1, 2018 regular meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by McKenna, seconded by Anderson, and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved.

White presented the July 2018 bills. Upon motion by Gustafson, seconded by Swanty, and unanimously carried, the following bills were approved:

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| Loveland Fire Rescue Authority (1) | \$ | 225,100.75 |
| Watson Coon Ryan LLC | | |
| Accounting & Audit (12) | | 4,450.00 |
| Gregory A. White | | |
| Legal (13a) | | 1,750.00 |
| Haynie & Company | | |
| Accounting & Audit (12) | | 450.00 |
| Gregory A. White | | |
| Administrative (13b) | | 1,000.00 |
| Gregory A. White | | |
| Board Secretary (9a) | | 400.00 |
| Dave Legits | | |
| Board Meetings (9b) | | 100.00 |
| Mike McKenna | | |
| Board Meetings (9b) | | 100.00 |
| Barry Gustafson | | |
| Board Meetings (9b) | | 100.00 |
| Leroy Anderson | | |
| Board Meetings (9b) | | 100.00 |
| Jeff Swanty | | |
| Board Meetings (9b) | | 100.00 |
| TOTAL | | \$ 233,650.75 |

White presented the Financial Report. He noted that the Financial Report had been corrected to properly account for the Rural District's payment to the Fire Authority pursuant to the Apparatus Replacement Agreement. White also reviewed the revenues for the Rural District which showed that total revenues will be greater than those

budgeted in the 2018 Budget. White also presented the Board with the August 22, 2018 preliminary Certification of Valuation by the Larimer County Assessor. The Certification shows an approximate \$30 million increase in the assessed valuation. Based upon the Rural District's mill levy of 8.708 mills, the Rural District will realize an approximately \$260,000 increase in its real property tax due to the increase in the assessed valuation. White stated this was an 8.7% increase between 2018 and 2019.

Chief Miller gave the Chief's Report. He noted that on October 8, 9, and 11, 2018 from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. the Fire Authority is providing flu shots to all interested parties including Rural Board members.

Miller stated that he was prepared to go through the LFRA Budget presentation for the 2019 Budget. However, he stated that due to no published notice of the 2019 Budget hearing at the last LFRA Board meeting, the Fire Authority Board will consider the approval of the 2019 LFRA Budget at its September 2018 meeting. It was the consensus of the Rural Board to review the presentation of the 2019 LFRA Budget until the October regular Rural Board meeting.

Miller presented the latest concept drawings of Station 7. He noted that these drawings were presented at the Big Thompson School Open House, and the concept drawings were well accepted by all persons present at this Open House.

Chief Cerovski briefed the Rural Board on a number of issues concerning construction of Station 7. LFRA has confirmed that the septic system can be installed on site; that power and internet service will be provided by the City of Loveland; that water will be provided by Thompson Water District. He noted that water service is adequate for Station operations.

Currently, deconstruction of all the buildings on the site is ongoing as is asbestos mitigation. Cerovski noted that the construction of Station 7 is still scheduled to begin in November 2018.

Miller stated that the Department will hold a fire sprinkler demonstration on September 18, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Station 1 parking lot. The purpose of this demonstration is to demonstrate the effectiveness of fire sprinklers to elected officials and downtown business persons. He noted that LFRA will provide a bbq dinner at that time and invites all Rural Board members to attend.

Miller provided an update on the determination by a number of fire districts to place ballot issues on the 2018 Election ballot in order to reduce the potential effects of a reduction in the residential assessed valuation rate pursuant to the Gallagher Amendment in 2019. If the residents rate is reduced as anticipated, it will affect the fire districts' property tax revenues from residential properties. Miller noted that there are 250 fire districts within the state and a substantial number of them are either placing a mill levy increase on the ballot to off-set loss of revenues due to the reduction in the rental assessment rate or ballot issues that will allow a fire district to increase its mill levy to off-set any loss of revenues due to reduction in the residential assessment rate. Several local fire districts, including Berthoud, have placed these types of issues on the ballot.

Miller informed the rural Board that LFRA is working on a new financial administration to become independent of the City. A meeting with the City is scheduled to be held September 17, 2018 which will include Director Swanty and Secretary White representing the Rural District.

Miller further reported that the \$4 million bond proceeds which are currently with the City and are not receiving any interest, will hopefully be moved from the City to LFRA. This is necessary for construction of Station 7 in order to use bond proceeds in a more efficient manner than the City's purchasing system. There was a general discussion concerning the appropriate methods of investing and administering these bond proceeds through the construction process.

In the absence of Chief Sparks, Chief Miller gave the Community Services Division Report. He noted that Christy Coleman will begin shortly as the Administrative Technician replacing Bonnie Wright.

Chief Ward presented the Operation Division Report.

Ward reported on the following significant incidents during the month of August:

- August 16 – the Department dispatched Engine 61 plus crew to the Silver Creek fire near Kremmling. Later the crew was reassigned to the Bull Draw Fire in Nucla.
- August 29 – there was a serious traffic accident on East 402 near I-25 where a truck hit a pickup. This resulted in one fatality being the driver of the pickup. During that incident, the Department used its drone for accident investigation which reduced the amount of time and effort needed to investigate this accident. The Department hopes to continue to use the drone in future incidents.
- August 31 – lightning caused a wildland fire in a portion of Redstone Canyon located within the Rural District. A total of 1.66 acres was involved with two air tanker drops to control the fire.
- August 31 – another lightning caused fire in the Chimney Hollow area of the Rural District. This grew to about 4 acres and was eventually controlled.
- August 31 – structure fire in Silver Leaf Senior Living complex involving a kitchen.
- August 31 – garage fire on South County Road 21. The new water tenders were used which were very effective in this response.
- September 1 – lightning caused wildland fire on Milner Mountain off North Glade Road. This was an approximately 4 acre fire in tough terrain. There were six air tanker drops which was very effective in controlling the fire.

In the absence of Canyon Chief Neal, President Legits gave the Canyon Report. It has been a very quiet month in the Canyon. Most Canyon activities were devoted to training activities.

White provided the Rural Board with the 2017 Audit. He noted there was a clean opinion, and there were no suggested changes or concerns with regard to the financial management of the Rural District expressed in the Audit.

Director Anderson inquired as to the status of the future site for Station 10. Miller reported that the Department has continued to review site location issues including ISO, response area, airport activity, and location of other stations in the area. Also, it is anticipated when the virtual tower is operational at the Loveland/Fort Collins Airport that there will be a need to activate Station 4 to meet airport requirements.

Due to this recent activity, the Department has returned to reviewing possible location of Station 10 in the 2534 Development. Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority (LETA) has indicated interest in partnering with LFRA if this area is chosen for the location of Station 10 as well as Thompson Valley Emergency Medical Services is also interested in participating in this new station.

FRAC is in the process of providing the LFRA Board with a review of possible station locations. Although this report is not finalized, it will recommend the location of Station 10 in the 2534 area.

The Department plans to return to the LFRA Board in the near future to discuss whether or not to locate property within 2534 for Station 10.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Gregory A. White, Secretary/
Assistant Treasurer

ATTEST:

President