The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Loveland Rural Fire Protection District was held at Station No. 2 on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 3:00 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
- Mark Miller, Loveland Fire Rescue Authority
- Renee Wheeler, Loveland Fire Rescue Authority
- Greg Ward, Loveland Fire Rescue Authority
- Ned Sparks, Loveland Fire Rescue Authority
- Jason Starck, Loveland Fire Rescue Authority
- Shawn Neal, Big Thompson Canyon Volunteer Fire Department
- Bob Boggio, Rural Citizen

President Legits called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the August 3, 2016 regular meeting were presented. Upon motion by Anderson, seconded by Swanty, and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved.

White presented the August 2016 bills. Upon motion by Anderson, seconded by Swanty, and unanimously carried, the following bills were approved:

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White presented the financial statement. He reviewed the tax revenues from August 2016. The property tax revenues continue to meet budgeted revenues and specific ownership tax revenues exceed budgeted revenues with $28,635 received in August 2016.

White provided the Board with a report on the August 24, 2016 Certification of Valuation by Larimer County Assessor of the Rural District. White provided the Board with a copy of the Certification and a copy of the Loveland Rural Fire Protection District Ten Year Budget dated September 1, 2016. White stated that this Ten Year Budget reflected the decrease in assessed valuation of approximated $6 million in 2016 which will be reflected in property tax collection for 2017. White reminded the Board that this is a preliminary estimate and may change by the time of the final assessment on December 1, 2016.

White reported that upon receipt of the Certification, he had contacted the Larimer County Assessor’s Office in an attempt to determine why the assessed valuation had been reduced in light of increased construction of taxable real property as noted in the Certification. The Assessor’s Office generally stated that there were three reductions in valuations as follows:

- Vacant Land $3,715,260
- Industrial $5,746,500
- Oil & Gas $16,130,427

These are actual value reductions and not assessed value reductions. However, all of the above categories assessed valuation is 29% of actual value. This is an approximate reduction of $7,420,000 in assessed valuation which anticipates a loss of property taxes in 2017 of approximately $65,000 based on an 8.708 mill levy. The Rural District anticipated an approximate increase of $87,000 in property taxes for 2017. The combined reduction being approximately $152,000. This reduction is reflected in the September 1, 2016 Ten Year Budget.

White noted that he and LFRA Staff will continue to review this reduction and report back to the Board during its review of the 2017 Budget. White did note that the Assessor’s Office predicted a significant increase in real property valuations for the 2017 assessment.

Chief Miller presented the Chief’s Report. Miller presented a Power Point on the LFRA 2017 Budget which was adopted by the LFRA Board on August 31, 2016. The 2017 Budget includes one supplemental increase to fund the elimination of the part-time firefighter program in the sum of $132,499. Miller noted that there was a 13% increase over the 2016 Budget for a total Budget of $14.2 million.

Miller noted that 88% of the 13% increase is in personnel costs with a majority of that being for the increase in health benefit costs for the City’s Health Benefit program. Miller noted that the City had no significant increase in health benefit cost premiums in the past number of years and now was in the situation of having experienced increasing costs and claims. Miller noted that LFRA is reviewing other health benefit programs that may be available. Those programs would significantly decrease the cost of health benefit costs to LFRA.

Following Miller’s presentation, upon motion by Swanty, seconded by Gustafson, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the 2017 LFRA Budget as presented.

Miller reported on the continued review of acquiring property for Station 7. The Department is meeting with the landowner to determine whether there is consensus for the price of the approximate 2.3 acres of property. If there is consensus on the price, then the Department will move forward with the review of this possible property purchase. Also, the Department has produced response maps for this location which
indicate that the City and Rural benefit substantially equally from the location of the Station and substantial benefit for properties from a reduction in their ISO calculation.

Miller reported on the current situation involving the needed environmental, drainage and access improvements to the Training Center. On September 6, 2016 the Loveland City Council unanimously approved the expenditure of $698,000 to fill in and rehabilitate the drainage pond, install new stormwater and wastewater drainage improvements, and install new access improvements which are necessitated by the City's project to upgrade the Railroad Avenue bridge.

Miller provided the Board with the report on the LFRA Board approving the 2017 fee schedule rates, charges, and fees for services provided by LFRA. Miller and Administrative Services Director Wheeler reported on the review of fees, fees in surrounding restrictions, and noted the changes in the proposed fees. Generally, the fees have increased in the lower tiers to off-set costs to the Department.

Chief Sparks noted that the City and Rural fees will now be substantially similar.

Upon motion by McKenna, seconded by Anderson, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the 2017 Consolidated Schedule of Rates, Charges and Fees for services provided by LFRA for properties within the Rural District.

Miller noted that the Monthly Report has been distributed. There were no questions concerning the Report.

Chief Sparks presented the Community Safety Division Report. The Division is currently reviewing its public education process as part of Fire Prevention Week.

Sparks noted that Peter Kiewit Company did not inquire nor obtain any permits for its construction activities on west Highway 34 and County Road 29 for its Highway 34 reconstruction project. The Division is working with Kiewit to correct this situation.

Chief Ward presented the Operation Division Report. He briefed the Board on the following incidents:

- August 1 joint response with Front Range to a structure fire
- August 15 4 to 5 acre wildfire on Gold Mine Road with a Poudre Fire Authority and LFRA joint response
- August 17th Hertha Ridge fire of approximately 80 acres. The Department provided 3 to 4 apparatus during the incident with Larimer County and Berthoud in response. The Canyon Department also responded to this incident.
- August 22 a haz-mat spill on the southwest corner of Wilson and Highway 34. Approximately 250 gallons of fuel spilled into the storm drainage system. Clean up by the Department and also involved the State Patrol and the Loveland Public Works Department.
- September 3 – 7 the Starwood Fire. The Department has provided a Tender and a Brush Truck on this incident which is now 305 acres in northern Larimer County.

Ward noted that SVI is currently manufacturing the new engine. The Department selected Rosenbauer America to manufacture the three new Tenders. The Tenders will be the same with a 2,000 gallon tank and a 500 gmp pump. The three Tenders have the same capabilities allowing rotation in the system which will hopefully increase the life of these three pieces of apparatus.

Chief Neal gave the Canyon Department Report. He provided expenditure reports for the Canyon Department for July and August, 2016. He noted that the Canyon Department is working on providing more information on these reports in the future.

Neal reported that the new weather stations are operational at Stations 8 and 9. The Department purchased two new computers for Station 8. He also noted that the
Department was providing concessions for the upcoming Good Guys Car Show and the Jeep Raffle is progressing nicely.

Neal noted that there were 24 calls in the last month and the calls overall for 2016 are already at 2015 levels. Certain members of the Canyon participated in Peer support following the double fatality in the Canyon last month. The Canyon activities for the month including flash over training and assisting Colorado Parks and Wildlife in detangling an elk in a telephone guide wire.

White noted that since the Rural District is now a member of the Special District Association that Board members may want to participate in the Annual Conference which is held in September of each year. Director Gustafson noted that he has attended on behalf of the Thompson Valley EMS Board, and that he felt that attendance was beneficial. White stated that if anyone was interested for 2017, please so advise.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Gregory A. White, Secretary/
Assistant Treasurer

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President