

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, February 6th, 2013 at 5:30 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
 Chief Randy Mirowski, Loveland Fire and Rescue Department
 Merlin Green, Loveland Fire and Rescue Department
 Ned Sparks, Loveland Fire and Rescue Department
 Renee Wheeler, Loveland Fire and Rescue Department
 Michael Cervoski, Loveland Fire and Rescue Department
 Bill Lundquist, Big Thompson Canyon Volunteer Fire Department
 Tim Brady, Big Thompson Canyon Volunteer Fire Department

President Legits called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the January 2nd, 2013 regular meeting were presented. Director McKenna stated that he did not believe that he had voted for the 2013 Supplemental Budget Appropriation for the CDS Plans Reviewer. White stated that based on his notes, which was confirmed by Director Gustafson, that the 2013 Supplemental Budget Appropriation was passed unanimously. Director McKenna stated that he had intended to vote no on the 2013 Supplemental Budget Appropriation. There was a general discussion among all present with regard to the budgeting process, need to allow the Fire Chief latitude in Department expenses subject to the total appropriated amount in the 2013 Budget, the state law need for supplemental appropriations, and the need to stay within budgeted amounts. Upon motion by Gustafson, seconded by Swanty, and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved as submitted.

White presented the January 2013 bills. Upon motion by Gustafson, seconded by Swanty, and unanimously carried, the following bills were approved:

Loveland Fire Rescue Authority (1)	\$	64,976.00
City of Loveland		
Canyon Facilities (2)	72.09	
Canyon Facilities (2)	15.86	87.95
Poudre Valley REA		
Canyon Facilities (2)		23.56
Schrader Propane		
Canyon Facilities (2)		984.50
Qwest		
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Canyon Facilities (2)		255.13
Gregory A. White		
Legal Fees (12a)		1,710.00

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Administrative Fee (12b)	1,000.00
Board Secretary Fee (8a)	320.00
Donna Holst	
Bookkeeper Fee (8c)	468.33
Dave Legits	
Board Meeting (8b)	50.00
Barry Gustafson	
Board Meeting (8b)	50.00
Mike McKenna	
Board Meeting (8b)	50.00
Leroy Anderson	
Board Meeting (8b)	50.00
Jeff Swanty	
Board Meeting (8b)	50.00
	TOTAL \$ 70,175.47

White presented the financial report. He noted that the financial report consisted of the income and expenses stated as of January 27, 2013 and the December 31, 2012 budget comparison. He noted that the budget comparison was not the final report on 2012 as the City had not yet closed its books for 2012 and the December report would need to be modified following closure of the City's books for 2012. White also noted that the Home State Bank indicated a balance of December 27, 2012, and was approximately \$1,220 different than the expenses listed of \$60,668.40 on the report. This is due to the fact that several expense checks approved by the Board at its January meeting had not cleared the bank account. Director Swanty expressed concern that the report is not accurate and needs to show all expenses of the District, bank balances, including any checks or obligations which have not cleared the bank account. White stated that the new financial reporting, which will be given to the Board at its March regular meeting will provide that information.

Public Safety Director Renee Wheeler gave her report. She presented information on the VFIS Accidental Death and Disability policy. The Department has reviewed a proposal from VFIS to change the terms of the policy. The main change is the reduction of the death benefit from \$100,000 to \$50,000. Also, there are some supplementary coverages added to the proposed policy. The affect of the change in coverages would result in a savings of approximately \$8,000 per year on premiums. All Loveland and Canyon Volunteer firefighters, Rural Board of Directors, and Special Operations Personnel are covered by the policy. Wheeler stated that the policy is supplemental coverage as Workers Comp and some federal programs provide primary coverage for the covered personnel.

White and Wheeler stated that they had met with the Canyon Department to determine whether or not there was any concern on their part by the change in the terms of the policy. White reported and Lundquist confirmed that the Canyon Department had no concerns about the change in the terms of the policy. Upon motion by McKenna, seconded by Anderson, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the change in the terms of the VFIS Accidental Death and Disability policy.

Chief Mirowski presented the Chief's Report. He presented awards to Director Gustafson and Secretary White from the Department due to their absence from the recent Awards Ceremony. Mirowski reported that as of February 12, 2013, all companies will be three person companies in the Department. This is a result of four years of work to upgrade the number of personnel in the Department. On behalf of the Department, Mirowski thanked the Rural Board for its support and actions to enable the increase of personnel in the Department to occur. Director McKenna stated that he also felt this was a milestone in the improvement of the Department.

Mirowski presented a letter from Mayor Cecil Gutierrez to President Legits which thanked the Rural Board for its decision to provide funding for a new command vehicle for the Department.

Mirowski reported that at the recent City Council Retreat public safety, infrastructure, and economic development were the top three areas of interest of the Loveland City Council. However, the public safety component is mainly that of improvements in the Loveland Police Department and not Loveland Fire and Rescue.

Mirowski reported that the Heavy Rescue Squad was approved by the City Council. This vehicle is being purchased through CEF Funding. The City Council also approved the last two supplemental budget appropriations for the CDS Plan Reviewer and the Command Vehicle.

Mirowski reviewed the upcoming Fire Authority Agenda with the Board.

Mirowski reported on the status of Senate Bill 13-025 – Collective Bargaining for Firefighters. This bill has passed out of the Senate on a 19 to 14 vote and has been referred to the House. Mirowski stated that he personally was opposed to this bill as its affect on local control and that the local firefighters union also does not support this bill.

There was discussion among the Board as how to contact legislators with regard to the Rural District's opposition to this bill. White suggested that the more appropriate response was to contact Governor Hickenlooper if the bill passed out of the Colorado Legislature as local elected representatives were not in favor of the bill.

Mirowski provided the Board with an update on the 2012 Call Statistics of the Department. Seventy-seven percent (77%) of the calls were City, and 23% were Rural. This is a change in the trend of the reduction in the percentage of Rural calls over the past number of years. Mirowski stated he did not know whether or not this represented a change that would be the same in upcoming years or was just an anomaly for 2012.

Mirowski asked whether his Vision Tour presentation should be on the March 6, 2013 Board Agenda along with inviting FRAC to have its meeting at the same time as the Rural Board. It was the consensus of the Board that the Vision Tour presentation and FRAC be part of the March 6, 2013 regular Board meeting.

Chief Green gave the Community Safety Division Report. The recently approved Community Safety Division Plan Reviewer position has been posted. It is Green's estimation that it will not be until a latter part of 2013 that an appropriate person can be hired and trained to provide the necessary expertise to the Department.

Green reported on Senate Bill 13-051 which requires the Department to inspect marijuana facilities. This bill has passed the Senate. The chiefs and fire marshalls throughout the State are not in favor of this bill as fire personnel are not the appropriate persons to conduct these types of inspections that have criminal justice implications.

The Department is moving forward with the design of Station No. 2. With regard to the review of the land use approvals for rezoning of the Station property, the neighborhood meeting is set for February 25, 2013, Planning Commission review on March 25, 2013 and City Council review on April 9, 2013 and April 23, 2013. The Staff and architects have toured other facilities to provide input for the design of the new station.

Chief Sparks gave the Operations Division Report. There was one major incident involving a compost pile behind Belmire Landscaping on South Highway 287 that occurred during a high wind event and tied up a considerable amount of personnel. The Department has completed the six new hires as discussed by the Chief and brought on three new part-time personnel. There was a discussion amongst the Board and Staff with regard to the sustainability of the current personnel model, particularly with regard to the number of possible persons within a hiring pool if only part-time and volunteer personnel were part of the pool. Mirowski and Sparks both commented that

the Department was reviewing the current operational model as that was a concern of the Department.

Sparks reported that Command Staff had met with all firefighters to receive direction and comment on Department matters. Also, a survey of the Staff has been done with close to 50% response. Chief Cervoski stated that the Department was reviewing those comments.

Mirowski reported that Blue Card National Management Conference will be held in February at The Ranch with the Department being the host department.

Canyon Chief Lundquist gave the Canyon Department report. There were no significant calls in the past month. The Department is hosting a Basic Wildland Training Class. Two new probationary firefighters are being put through the Academy. The Department has been concentrating this month on wildland training. The Department is in the process of discussing an Auto Aid agreement with the Estes Valley Fire Protection District. Lundquist reported that Assistant Chief Brady is in the process of going through the Blue Card Training.

McKenna stated that the Rural District will, in the future, need additional revenue to meet future obligations. The current funding formula in the Fire Authority IGA does not take into account consideration of city sales tax paid by Rural residents. McKenna stated it was his opinion that the Rural Board and the Fire Authority Board need to discuss the possibility of additional revenue sources to the Rural District and possible changes in the funding formula.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Gregory A. White, Secretary/
Assistant Treasurer

ATTEST:

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