

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 410 East 5th Street, Loveland, Colorado on Wednesday, June 6th, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Also present were:

Greg White, Secretary, Loveland Rural Fire Protection District
 Chief Randy Mirowski, Loveland Fire and Rescue Department
 Ned Sparks, Loveland Fire and Rescue Department
 Renee Wheeler, Loveland Fire and Rescue Department
 Tim Smith, Loveland Fire and Rescue Department
 Dave Friedrichson, Loveland Fire and Rescue Department
 Zack Sullivan, Loveland Fire and Rescue Department
 Bill Lundquist, Big Thompson Canyon Volunteer Fire Department
 James Weber, Big Thompson Canyon Volunteer Fire Department

President Legits called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the May 2nd, 2012 regular meeting were presented. Upon motion by McKenna, seconded by Swanty, and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved.

White presented the May 2012 bills. Upon motion by McKenna, seconded by Swanty, and unanimously carried, the following bills were approved.

Loveland Fire Rescue Authority (1)	\$	153,375.00
City of Loveland		
Electricity (2)	53.59	
Electricity (2)	13.73	67.32
Poudre Valley REA		
Electricity (2)		33.34
Qwest		
Miscellaneous (5)		100.00
Qwest		
Miscellaneous (5)		500.00
Full Circle Creative (5)		
Miscellaneous (5)		95.40
Sierra's Race Against Meningitis (5)		
Miscellaneous (5)		75.00
Infinet Computer Solutions		
Miscellaneous (5)		40.00
Intuit		
Office Supplies and Expenses (9)		93.62
Full Circle Creative		
Contingent (12)		1,597.50
Prairie Mountain Publishing		
Election Expense (13)		17.45
Gregory A. White		
Election Expense (13)		7.65

met with representatives of the ambulance service including Randy Lesher and Dick Lyons to discuss the Agreement.

The Department recently conducted a wildland incident summit involving 35 organizations and 40 people. This was co-hosted with Colorado State Forest Service. This enabled departments and individuals responsible for wildland response to meet in anticipation of the wildland fire season.

Mirowski requested that James Weber comment on the status of the new engine. Weber stated that the final inspection is scheduled for June 18, 2012, and subject to passage of said inspection, the apparatus should be available to be in service in July.

Mirowski stated that he will be discussing emergency service response to any incident involving oil and gas well fracking in front of the City Council at an upcoming Study Session.

Mirowski briefed the Board on a proposal to revise Model 1 in response to the recent defeat of the Rural District's Mill Levy Election. The proposal is to only hire three new positions in 2013 and include the Public Administrative Service Director. There was considerable discussion amongst the Board with regard to this matter. Director Swanty and Director McKenna both strongly felt that the implementation of Model 1 should continue as approved. President Legits expressed some concern that continued implementation might be viewed negatively by some Rural District voters in lieu of the election results. Director Anderson was concerned with the hiring of additional personnel with no assurance of sufficient District revenues in the future to meet the District obligation. After more discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the Fire Authority should move forward with implementation of Model 1.

Mirowski presented a Memo to the District Board with regard to a future presentation to the District Board concerning suppression operations based upon the recent fire in the Rural District at the Homestead Mobile Home Park. The purpose of the presentation is to review sustainability concerns with regard to extended operations in the Rural District. There was discussion amongst all present with regard to the purpose of the presentation. Mirowski stated that it was not intended to discuss implementation of tiers of service to different areas of the Fire Authority but was informational as to the sustainability of current operations of the Department. Following discussion, it was the determination that this presentation should be made at an upcoming Special Meeting of the District Board.

Mirowski updated the Board on the current grants. The SCBA grant has been implemented and new SCBAs are becoming operational. The City has approved the 20% matching funds grant for the radios. The City has received no word on the SAFER grant for a volunteer retention and recruitment coordinator.

Mirowski then updated the Board on the proposal to change the terminology of volunteers to reserve firefighters. Mirowski stated that current volunteers are not traditional volunteers. The motivation to serve is, in most cases, not community service but to receive training and experience towards a paid firefighter position. Changing of the designation of these individuals will offer a line of demarcation between the old volunteers who were basically community volunteers and the new reserve firefighters. Mirowski stated that this would enable discussion to move forward with regard to pension and other benefits of these reserve firefighters. Mirowski and White both stated that this change in terminology would not have any effect on current volunteer firefighter retirement benefits. McKenna stated that he totally agrees with this change in terminology and the reasons stated by Mirowski. Following discussion, the entire Board supported this change in terminology.

Renee Wheeler presented the Public Safety Administrator's Report. She presented budgetary revisions to Model 1 based upon the proposal outlined by Chief Mirowski. She presented both the current Model 1 financial information as compared to the revised Model 1 financial information. The Board resumed its discussion concerning the reasons for considering these changes. As in the previous discussion with Chief Mirowski, it was the consensus of the Board that revising Model 1 would send the wrong message to both the City, the Fire Authority and the public with regard to the Rural's commitment to the Fire Authority and meeting its responsibilities.

Renee stated that the City's Supplemental Budget appropriating necessary funds to meet the grant requirements for the SCBAs and radios has been adopted. White stated that there is an opportunity for the Rural District to participate in the purchase of radios. Renee presented the Board with two scenarios. One being an approximate cost of \$30,000 which would be the Rural District contributing 18% of the amount of the City's match. This would translate to \$145,000 worth of radios plus installation and programming costs. The other option was for the Rural District to replace all of its radios which would be a cost of close to \$60,000. Directors McKenna and Swanty both stated that radios should not be purchased by the Rural District as this was not in keeping with the last three years worth of effort to form the Fire Authority which eventually will probably lead to all apparatus and equipment of both the City and the Rural District being owned by the Fire Authority. White clarified the current provisions of the Fire Authority IGA which provides, for the first five year period, that the City and the Rural District lease their apparatus and equipment to the Fire Authority and be responsible for its replacement. White stated, and Mirowski confirmed, that the City is not requesting any participation by the Rural District with regard to purchase of the radios.

Directors Swanty and McKenna both stated that purchasing the radios would send the wrong message and is a dangerous precedent for future decisions. If the Board starts making decisions based on the possibility of the newly formed Authority failing, the Rural District could be setting the Authority up for failure. Decisions should be made based on the assumption that the Authority is going to succeed. President Legits stated that he felt that this was an opportunity for the Rural District to purchase radio equipment at a very low cost to ensure against the future possibility of needing this radio equipment. Director Anderson concurred with President Legits' position. Following discussion, upon motion by Swanty, seconded by McKenna, it was moved that the Rural District not participate in purchase of any radios. The motion failed with Swanty and McKenna voting for the motion, and Legits and Anderson voting no. There was no further motion considered by the Board.

Chief Sparks presented the Operations Report. The City Council approved the contract for the remodel of Station No. 6. The work will commence on July 16 with a 119 day construction timeframe. Hopefully, the Station No. 6 remodel will be complete before Thanksgiving of 2012.

Sparks commented on the continued Blue Card Training. Numerous departments are taking advantage of this training. The Department is reviewing its fee structure to ensure that the Department is adequately compensated for use of the Department's facilities and personnel. Sparks confirmed that the fees for the training are more for out-of-region departments than surrounding departments.

Sparks reported on the status of the three wildland fires that have occurred in recent days. The Department sent resources to both the Hewlett and the Stuart Hole fire. Sparks noted that the Department's personnel and equipment had just returned from the Stuart Hole fire deployment. Mirowski stated that the Department is remaining conservative in its approach to sending personnel and

equipment out of the service area. The Department's main goal is to maintain response capability for any incidents occurring within its own area.

Sparks reported that the Positive Pressure Training continues with good results. Sparks reported that for the first time, two part-time firefighters have left the Department. The Department has received 15 applications for volunteers with the possibility of 5 to 10 more applications prior to the closing of the application period. The Department anticipates bringing 3 to 6 new reserves on to the Department.

Sparks gave a brief report on the Southwest 42nd Street fire at the Homestead Mobile Home Park. The mobile home was 80% involved at the time of arrival. Sparks briefed the Board on the operations on that scene including the necessity to lay approximately 1,800 feet of 5-inch line to receive adequate water.

Due to the fact that Chief Green was on vacation, Mirowski gave the Community Service Division Report. The Larimer County Commissioners have voted not to ban the sale of legal fireworks within the County. This keeps the status the same within the City and the County as legal fireworks are allowed to be sold and used within the City of Loveland.

The local Emergency Plan has been passed by the City Council. The Department has been active with negotiations with Sonya and Ray Mehaffy for approximately 3 acres of their property located near the corner of Wilson and 29th for relocation of Station No. 2. The Department is extremely pleased with those negotiations including the low purchase price of the property.

Canyon Chief Lundquist gave the Canyon Department report. He reported that there had been little activity in the past month. The fundraiser was successful. The new SCBAs had been made operational in the Department.

White gave the report on the 2012 regular election. The following is a summary of the election:

<u>Candidates for Director</u>	<u>Total Votes Cast</u>
Barry G. Gustafson	2,031
Michael P. McKenna	1,923

<u>Ballot Issue</u>	<u>Total Votes Cast</u>
Yes	1,377
No	1,668
Total Number of Ballots Voted	3,549
Total Number of Ballots Issued to Voters	11,165
Total Number of Unused Ballots	335

White stated that in talking with the judges that the margin between the No and Yes votes was fairly consistent from start to finish based upon receipt date of the ballots. White passed out to the Board the report prepared by Chief Mirowski of the meeting held by the Campaign Committee following the election. This report summarizes positive and negative aspects of the mill levy election campaign and also contains suggestions for the next mill levy election. White noted that Brian Martens had prepared a handout that was part of this report which was based

upon Windsor-Severance' s experience in its mill levy election including a detailed summary of activities which led to the successful passage. As part of that report, Martens emphasized the benefit of having a bond election with the bond underwriters providing political and campaign consultation as part of its underwriting agreement.

White presented a proposal from Bridget Cassidy to review the information in the poll book for the Rural District. She would be able to identify the age, gender, voting history and location of those that voted in the election. Upon motion by Swanty, seconded by McKenna, and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the proposal by Cassidy to provide this information to the District.

After discussion of the election, it was the consensus of the District Board that a special meeting be held in July to discuss the election. Upon motion by Swanty, seconded by McKenna, and unanimously carried, the Board set a special meeting for July 18th at 5:30 p.m. at Station No. 1 for the purpose of discussing the election and also having the presentation by Chief Mirowski of the suppression operations previously discussed at this meeting.

Director Swanty requested that a letter be drafted by White and submitted to the Mayor, Loveland City Council, City Manager, and the Fire Authority Board regarding the District' s continued commitment to the Fire Authority and its financial responsibility based upon Model 1. Upon motion by Swanty, seconded by McKenna, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized White to draft and transmit the letter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m..

Gregory A. White, Secretary/
Assistant Treasurer

ATTEST:

_____President