

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, October 2nd, 2013 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
Greg Ward, Loveland Fire and Rescue Department
Jason Stark, Loveland Fire and Rescue Department
Bill Lundquist, Big Thompson Canyon Volunteer Fire Department
Bob Boggio, Rural Citizen

President Legits called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the September 4th, 2013 regular meeting were presented. Upon motion by Anderson, seconded by McKenna, and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved as submitted.

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

Loveland Fire Rescue Authority (1)	\$	152,287.00
City of Loveland		
Canyon Facilities (2)	46.26	
Canyon Facilities (2)	26.12	72.38
Poudre Valley REA		
Canyon Facilities (2)	30.96	
Canyon Facilities (2)	19.11	50.07
Schrader Propane		
Canyon Facilities (2)	120.00	
Canyon Facilities (2)	88.00	208.00
Qwest		
Canyon Facilities (2)		115.00
Qwest		
Canyon Facilities (2)		300.00
Big Thompson Canyon Volunteer Fire Department		
Canyon Department (7)		10,779.19
Gregory A. White		
Legal Fees (12a)		3,294.20
Gregory A. White		
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

Mike McKenna	
Board Meeting (8b)	50.00
Barry Gustafson	
Board Meeting (8b)	50.00
Leroy Anderson	
Board Meeting (8b)	50.00

TOTAL \$ 169,094.17

White presented the financial report. White stated that three proposals were filed pursuant to the RFP sent by the District for accounting services. White apologized for lack of time to review the proposals, but stated that he would review them and send the information to the Board prior to the November Board meeting. White stated that it was his opinion that the transfer for accounting should occur effective January 1, 2014.

Chief Mirowski gave the Chief's Report. He noted that the Heavy Rescue Truck had been delivered and complimented SVI on its work on the vehicle. He invited the Board to view the vehicle after the meeting.

Mirowski asked if there were any questions concerning the lengthy Chief's Report which detailed activities during the flood. There were no questions from the Board.

Mirowski reported that on September 27, 2013 he had turned over incident command of the flood emergency to Assistant City Manager Rod Wensing. The flood emergency has moved from life safety and rescue efforts to recovery.

Mirowski reported that the Fire Authority Board Meeting of September was cancelled due to the flood and that the September Agenda items will be on the Fire Authority Board Agenda of October 10th, 2013. Mirowski reviewed the Fire Authority Agenda including the 2014 Budget approval, Consolidated Pension Fund information, and a supplementary budget request with regard to increased personnel costs due to the flood emergency.

Mirowski stated that the 2014 Fire Authority Budget, if adopted, will be on the October 15, 2013 City council Agenda, and on the Rural Board Agenda on November 6, 2013.

Mirowski presented the update for Station No. 2. The City hopes to open bids on construction in the near future with the opening date still set for September-October 2014.

Chief Mirowski and Chief Ward updated the Board on the 2013 Flood Emergency. On September 15, 2013, the Department started assessing access through private property to the Canyon area for the Department, Larimer County Sheriff's Office, and Thompson Valley EMS. The Department has identified several accesses into the Storm Mountain and Big Thompson Canyon area for possible access in case of emergency. However, Ward noted that these accesses are limited and are not available to heavy apparatus.

Pursuant to a mutual aid request by Estes Valley Fire Protection District, the Department dispatched the aerial ladder truck plus the Type 6 Engine to the Waltonia area of Drake in order to rescue six persons on the other side of the Big Thompson River. This rescue was successful. However, by the time the rescue was completed, flood waters had cut off access east on Highway 34. The Department, under the leadership of Chief Tim Smith, was able to move the apparatus to Estes Park where the Department assisted the Estes Valley Fire Department in rescue efforts for the next two days.

The Department conducted a river search from the Weld County line to the Narrows utilizing Department personnel, outside search teams brought in by Incident Command

and Poudre Fire Authority. The Department also conducted a haz-mat search in the same area for propane tanks, barrels, and tanks along with the EPA.

On Saturday, September 14, 2013, there was a structure fire on Saddle Notch Road. The Department responded to a mutual aid request from Larimer County. The Type 6 Engine was dispatched from Station No. 3 with a 35 minute response. Also, the airport truck responded along with two Army National Guard vehicles. Due to this coordinated response, the Department was able to successfully save the structure.

Chief Mirowski and Chief Ward commended the Canyon Volunteer Fire Department for their activities during the flood, noting the individual responses by Canyon members to extreme circumstances and their dedication, professionalism, and courage during the flood emergency.

Chief Sparks gave the Community Safety Division report. The Safety Expo scheduled for September 14th, was cancelled due to the flooding. Scott Pringle of the Division was awarded commendation for his work on the Lauren Project. October 14th through the 18th is Fire Prevention Week which coincides with the presentation to the Loveland City Council on residential sprinklers. Chief Mirowski noted that the International Residential Code has had requirements for sprinklers since 2006. However, the Department's plan to include residential sprinklers as part of the International Residential Code is using incentives and education to accomplish this goal. Mirowski noted that he anticipates a number of years before completion of this project.

Chief Ward presented the Operations Division report. He noted that there was a recent incident at Tharp Cabinets where there was a duct system fire that the Department was able to respond to and address without severe damage to the building.

Ward gave a report on the flood emergency including a discussion of water rescues made by the Department, a further statement of commendation for actions of the Canyon Department during the flood emergency, acknowledgement of the work of the National Guard during the flood emergency, and the regional assistance provided by Berthoud Fire, Johnstown Fire, Poudre Fire Authority, and Laramie County, Wyoming Fire Department who also responded during the flood emergency. Mirowski and Ward stated, once again, the incredible effort of the Canyon Department during the flood emergency.

Director Swanty noted that the Department was present at Glade Road during the flood emergency which was appreciated by residents.

Canyon Chief Lundquist gave the Canyon Department report. He briefed the Board again on the rescue on the afternoon of September 12, 2013, at mile marker 74.5 in the Waltonia area in which the Canyon Department and LFR rescued six people across the river.

He also gave a brief description of activities in the Canyon during the flood emergency. On September 12, there were 26 people, mostly elderly, in the Canyon Community building, with 10 more in Station No. 8. During that time, the Big Thompson River rose to the apron of Station No. 8 sometime in the morning of September 13. Station No. 8 was isolated at that time. The Drake, Storm Mountain, and Cedar Cove areas were also all isolated with individual Canyon Department members leading rescue and extrication efforts in those areas. With regard to his personal experience at Station No. 8, there was a necessity to evacuate several medical patients. Those medical patients were the first evacuated from Station No. 8 with five additional helicopter trips which evacuated all of the persons at the Community Building and Station No. 8 with Lundquist being on the last helicopter.

Lundquist noted that along with all Canyon Volunteers that the following individuals should be commended for their actions:

- Canyon Assistant Chief Tim Brady was responsible for organizing and leading 75 people out of the Cedar Cove area.
- Mark Svoboda was responsible for erecting and maintaining an evacuation shelter on Thursday and Friday.
- Shawn Neal was responsible and coordinating and handling the Storm Mountain evacuation of approximately 300 people from Storm Mountain.
- Jack Patterson was responsible for coordination of evacuation activities in the Drake area.
- Karen Debenham, on Storm Mountain, created an email spreadsheet with regard to the evacuation that was passed on to the helicopters which enabled an accurate description of the evacuees and count from that area. He noted that Karen was later evacuated from Storm Mountain due to exhaustion from her efforts during this incident.

Lundquist noted that approximately 400 people were evacuated from the Canyon and Storm Mountain.

Chief Lundquist commented that he and all members of the Canyon Department were impressed by the professionalism and proficiency of the National Guard in conducting the helicopter evacuations.

He reported that there were no significant firefighter injuries in the incident, that Larimer County Sheriff's Office was responsible and responsive in the Canyon during the incident, and no Canyon Volunteer Firefighter homes were lost. Unfortunately, there were two fatalities in the Cedar Cove area.

Lundquist noted that the only known loss of the Canyon Department was Station No. 7 which was destroyed by the flood.

President Legits noted that approximately 75 people remain on Storm Mountain and intend to remain there for the near future. There is no shortage of supplies as persons are able to access supplies down Bob Cat Ridge. However, that road is only accessible with 4-wheel drive vehicles.

White stated that he had filed an insurance claim with CIRSA for Station No. 7. In meeting with the CIRSA representative, Mike Wagner, he was told that insurance covered replacement cost for Station No. 7 and that relocation could occur in another area than the former location of Station No. 7. White also reported the he had been contacted by FEMA with regard to the potential of filing with FEMA for reimbursement for District losses. At the present time, those losses are minimal. White will monitor the total amount of losses, and file if necessary.

Director Anderson inquired as to whether Canyon Volunteers had undergone debriefing, after the flood incident. He noted, that based upon his experience particularly the 1976 Flood, that stress may show up later following the incident and requested that the Canyon Department be alert to potential issues with regard to this matter.

Lundquist stated that the Canyon was continuing to meet monthly and hopefully will be able to have those meetings at Station No. 8 in the near future.

Swanty requested that White review the question of whether or not the Board could be paid by the month or is required to be paid by the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Gregory A. White, Secretary/
Assistant Treasurer

ATTEST:

_____ President