

Greer Rural Fire District Commissioners' Meeting

Nov. 19, 2020, 1:00 pm Orofino Fire Station

Attendees: Matt Turner, Susan Turner, Christine Betts, Bill Miller, Connie Miller, Jon Hoyt. On Speaker phone: Linda Beard, Joe Chamberlayne

Minutes were reviewed by email. Corrections: Greer had agreed to pay for the earth moving for the fire station, this point was omitted in the minutes. Also, Christine had volunteered to research insurance coverage options for volunteers, a point not recorded in the minutes.

Old Business

Insurance is covered by Orofino, but not most of the districts. If we have volunteers, we need to find alternatives for covering personal injury. Christine will continue to pursue how other districts cover their volunteers.

Matt will make a drawing of the layout of the proposed fire station.

Treasurer's Report (attached)

Treasurer Christine presented a spreadsheet of status of assets and expenses of the fiscal year to date (Beginning Oct. 1, 2020). She also presented an outline of Standard Operating Procedure for the treasurer for consideration by the Commissioners.

Other points the treasurer brought up were upcoming expenses, such as \$150 per month for diesel fuel for the new truck, and \$55 for stamps for the newsletter. Other expenses, which are not yet quantified, such as P&Z fees, surveying, Auxiliary membership (positional, rather than personal), ISFCA membership, communications equipment and other miscellaneous items are anticipated.

Connie recommended the item for office expenses in the budget be allocated for newsletters, giving Susan Turner, who is publishing the newsletters, a budget of \$225.

Joe asked if there was money budgeted for communications equipment. There is not but grant money is available for reimbursing communications expenditures. A radio could cost \$1000 each. Matt will look into using ham radios and the costs for ham radio equipment, and he will talk with Milton Mildacker, who trains ham radio operators, about it. Some members of the district have already taken a ham radio course with the training expense covered by GRFD.

Fund raisers

Linda passed fund raising planning on to Susan. Various possibilities for donations were mentioned, and the raffle begun at the Hunter's Bake Sale had tickets available at Banner bank and the VFW. Susan said we should plan for 3 events and this opened discussion for possible fund raisers, such as raffles, dinners, fishing derby, golf tournament, etc. The Fire Auxiliary will do fund raising and share proceeds with members. Susan will contact founder, Pam White, about positional membership.

Fire Chief's report

Matt reported that the site is leveled and staked out. A field review by Avista passed. The Avista power lines have a Right of Way across a portion of the fire station site, but this will not interfere with the construction or functioning of the fire station. The building site needs base rock.

The new truck, drained of foam, is parked at Matt's along with the red Deuce on a charger. Mat said he has a manual for the new truck, but since it is in military format, it is bulky and hard to follow. The 4 new tires are pending. The new truck needs a portable shelter. A military surplus shelter is available and there needs a vote to pay for it. Instead, Bill and Matt agreed to pay for it.

New Business

Commissioner Linda moved to accept the nomination of Joe Chamberlayne and the new commissioner for District 2, filling the position for the remainder of the two year term until January 2022. Bill seconded and the vote was unanimous. Joe, on speaker phone, thus became a voting commissioner.

Building site Bill has been on the site and everything is looking good. The site is .3 acre, kept minimal in consideration of the needs of the Owner who is offering the land. Bill is working on the administration process with the county. He met with P&Z Nov 18. There will need to be a zoning waiver from the County Commission for the subdivision waiver, and P&Z is hoping the Commission will not charge a fee for the waiver. P&Z requested a letter from Willie Barron showing mutual cooperation between owner and GRFD. A letter was sent to the Health District stating that sanitary facilities will be minimal (porta-potty) until a future development requires more. Matt and Bill will attend the P&Z meeting Dec 16, 2020 6:00 pm to represent GRFD.

Matt will call Stoddard Electrical to consult on electric needs for the fire station and Bill will call Ben Greene.

Other new business

Bill moved to accept the Standard Operating Procedure for the Treasurer, Linda 2nd, unanimous vote.

Linda moved to pay the Clearwater Tribune ad and to pay Susan for stamps, and to pay Matt for truck expenses, Bill 2nd, unanimous vote.

Linda moved to have Matt apply to Atkinson and Napa for credit for truck expenses and ask for tax exemption (Christine has tax exempt forms), Bill 2nd, unanimous vote.

A Zoom trial will be held Dec 17 for a holiday greeting and to let everyone know how the P&Z meeting went. This will not be an official business meeting.

Meeting adjourned 3:00 pm

Connie Miller, Secretary

Attachments: Treasurer's report

SOP, Treasurer

