

Filer Rural Fire Protection District

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Station #26

BOARD MEMBERS

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| Dennis Lutz, President | Gordon Lancaster, Vice President |
| Blayne Wright, Commissioner | Bud Compher, Fire Chief |
| Lori Schouten, Clerk | Steve Mullen, Assistant Chief |



Minutes of February 13, 2023 meeting of Filer Rural Fire District

Attendance: President, Dennis Lutz; Chief Administrator, Bud Compher; Fire Chief, Steve Mullen; Commissioner, Gordon Lancaster; Assistant Chief, Travis Brewer and Clerk, Lori Schouten were all present. Commissioner, Blayne Wright was absent.

President Dennis Lutz called the meeting to order at approximately 7:03 pm. There was a declaration of a quorum. There were no citizen present for input at this meeting. There was no correspondence for this meeting.

Consent Agenda:

- A. The minutes of our previous meeting were presented in the prior week. All commissioners have acquired and read them. They approved the minutes as presented with no amendments. The clerk gave the treasurer's report. Dennis approved the treasurer's report as presented and seconded by Gordon.
- B. The bills and payroll for the month of January were presented and approved for signatures.
- C. Fire Report:

Assistant Chief, Travis Brewer presented the fire report for January. See the attached fire report.

Chief Steve Mullen reported on our unfinished business.

In Unfinished Business:

- a. New Fire Station
 - i. The guys took the heads off the generator. They asked Gordon to look at it and see if he could see any reason for the leak. They will get the heads checked for warp. They did not find anything conclusive in the oil pan. They are sending an oil sample in to be checked for contaminants.
- b. E1 Electric has all the main wiring completed in the EMS quarters. TruLeap is still running wiring for the computers and security.
- c. Galena Consulting – Anne Wescott. Steve said Kimberly is now on board and will have to complete their resolutions and complete 2 public meetings.
- d. SIFA: We will be sending 11 people to the SIFA conference. Most of them are new firefighters. Steve, Travis and Brittney Homan will be attending the NIFERS portion of the conference. New firefighter, Richard Powell will

- get the certification to train and certify firefighters. He is currently part of the county search and rescue. They would also like to have some swift water training because of our river and water ways.
- e. Steve said that we are waiting for the parts to come in to fix the communications issues in the station. The grant for the improvements has been secured. Steve is in the process of updating our DUNS number and obtaining a UEI number from the Federal Government. He will also update our CAGE number.
 - f. 26108 is still at Hughes.
 - g. The new equipment from OHD has arrived. Travis is working on getting it set up and working.

In New business:

- i. EMS are ready to move into the new quarters. They are really excited about the new facility.
- j. John Martin, Steve, and I met at the fire station and completed the first part of the audit working through the reports.
- k. Steve spoke a little bit about PEER SUPPORT. He wants to be able to take care of our firefighters. It is very important that our first responders receive peer support training. They will have access to the councilors at St. Luke's. He wants to be sure they are familiar with the Suicide Hotline and other types of support for their mental health. Bud said in the past, volunteer fire fighters seemed to fall through the cracks without much support. Steve spoke about some of the retreats and things that we could get grants to attend if our people needed. He wants to be sure that we don't have that high rate of burnout or the high turnover rate that is associated with being a first responder. He said that the day-to-day grind can build up and take a toll on our people.

There was some discussion about the wind turbines that they are trying to get placed on public lands. Travis said there will be 248 new turbines. He will be rebuilding roads for them to transport the parts and pieces to the site. He is afraid that in the coming years, there will be a shortage of gravel and concrete until this project is completed.

He also spoke about several new methane plants that the dairy industry wants to put in.

Dennis adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Schouten, Clerk

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