

Filer Rural Fire Protection District



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Station #26

BOARD MEMEBERS

Gordon Lancaster, President
Steve Mullen, Fire Chief

Blayne Wright, Commissioner
Travis Brewer, Assistant Chief

Richard Fillmore, Commissioner
Lori Schouten, Clerk

Minutes of January 13, 2025 meeting of Filer Rural Fire District

Attendance: President, Gordon Lancaster; Fire Chief, Steve Mullen; Commissioner, Richard Fillmore; Commissioner, Blayne Wright; Assistant Chief, Travis Brewer and Clerk, Lori Schouten were all present. Chief Administrator, Bud Compher; firefighters Trent Cline and Jamie Brewer were also present at this meeting. Also in attendance was Grant Writer, Richard Powell.

President Gordon Lancaster called the meeting to order at approximately 7:04 pm. There was a declaration of a quorum. There were no amendments to the agenda. There was no correspondence for this meeting. There were no citizens present for input at this meeting.

Consent Agenda:

- A. The minutes of our previous meeting were read by the clerk. The minutes were approved as read by Richard and seconded by Blayne.
- B. The clerk gave the treasurer's report. The report was approved as presented by Richard and seconded by Blayne.
- C. The bills and payroll for the month of December were presented and approved for signatures.
- D. Fire Report:

Assistant Chief Travis Brewer presented the fire report for December. See attached fire report. We currently have 28 active firefighters.

There was some discussion about a recent stabbing and Steve said the debrief at the station was helpful.

Unfinished Business:

- A. AFG Award 2024 (80% arrival): We are still waiting on boots. Steve will follow up and make sure they were ordered as expected.
- B. Policy and Procedures manual: All edits have been sent to Richard Powell. Steve will email the attorney to follow up with the billing amount. He expects 5 – 8 hours to be billed depending on corrections. (There was some discussion over a compliance form.)
- C. QRU: Richard Fillmore has told the city council that we are disbanding the QRU because of staffing. Steve said that is not exactly true. We are having issues getting people to show up for calls. He has set up a calendar for the firefighters to sign up for certain days. He is concerned about asking for a levy increase to have full-time staff. He is afraid that if we disband, the public will not support any new taxes. Richard Powell began explaining that the license for QRU is not under the fire district. We are

required to have 2 people and one EMT on each call. **There was a lengthy discussion about how to dissolve and relicense under the fire side. EMR statues instead of QRU. Richard Powell speaks of licensing i.e. a bi-lateral transfer to EMR status. More discussion about the number of calls (850 calls yearly) We are paying for med calls out of the fire side now. Travis said all of our guys could get EMR hours and requirements. Discussion about how staff are showing up to take calls and not communicating that they are taking the call. So, when someone else shows up, the rig is already gone. Bud said he would like to see the ones that do not communicate, do not get paid for the call. We should pay the ones who are on the calendar and show up with communication. Steve asked the commissioners to table this matter until we give this calendar a try to see if we can get this working. ***More discussion ... Richard Powell said we need a written contract between the Fire District and the QRU. We are paying med calls out of fire district dollars. We have to have 2 people at any time. *** More discussion ... Travis said possibly creating an EMS Division of Filer Fire District. Gordon would like Steve to get the clarification that we need. Look up the contract with the county. Research moving QRU into the fire district. If we change to EMR, we will be subject to audit on our calls. Reports will not have to be entered into NIFERS, only IGEM. Everything that Steve has spent the last few months entering reports into NIFERS will not matter. The commissioners agreed to table this for next month's meeting. Bud said he would look into the county to find the contract. Then there was more discussion about training for EMT's and EMR's. They are getting the same training. The discussion turned into needing 2 more people for full-time district. Steve would like to educate the public about why we need a levy or bond. It would need to be a permanent solution. Bud said we need all of it to have full-time people. Bonds, levies and grants. Poll the community to see what they would support.

- D. Follow up on personnel issues: Nothing was discussed in this meeting.
- E. ESO: I will mail the check for this service.

As per Travis, Engine #3 is at Freightliner to fix a failure on the adjuster. He is hoping to have them warranty this repair as a safety issue. There is also a water leak that they will not warrant.

- F. Tough Books: Richard Powell said he is still looking into grants for tablets.
- G. 2024-2025 AFG grant has been submitted.

New Business:

- A. Idaho Fire Chief's Conference in Sun Valley: Steve said he would attend this conference.

Steve said that Les Kenworthy is retiring from the Twin Falls Fire Department.

Gordon adjourned this portion of the meeting at approximately 9:10 pm. The commissioners and Chief went into an executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Schouten, Clerk

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