

DMFPD Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2014

Tom Fellows called the regular meeting of the Deer Mountain Fire Protection District to order at 1800 hours at the Deer Mountain Community Center.

Present were Tom Fellows, Joe Watts, Harlan Heetland, Karen Mckee, and several citizens.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Minutes were emailed to all board members. Harlan made a motion to accept the minutes and Joe 2nd the motion. Motion accepted.

FORUM:

Patti (DEO) explained that we were able to cancel the election due to the fact that 2 candidates withdrew from it as of last Wednesday. This leaves 4 candidates to fill 5 positions. Joe and Barry on a 4 year term, and Karen and Skip on 2 year term. Once the new board members are seated they will appoint the 5th member at that time and candidate must be a registered voter, live in the district whether he/she owns or rents, and must pay taxes to our district. The candidates were given three topics to discuss which included personal history, qualifications to be on the board, and what they were hoping to accomplish.

Tom introduced the four candidates giving the public an opportunity to meet them and each was given a 5 minute time limit. The order in which candidates did their speeches was: Joe, Barry, Karen, and Skip.

There was a new resident to the area that had questions regarding what the board's job is in relation to the area. Tom explained that we are the governing board of the district for Cotopaxi and Station #1, EMT, and dispatch entities.

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund

Checks #2185-2210		
Beginning Balance Mar.	\$52,292.68	
Fremont County Tax Deposit	\$56,691.83	
Bank Interest	\$7.71	
Reimbursement for gloves	\$26.00	
Trf. From First Nat'l Bank Acct. closing	\$4,844.98	
Total Income Mar.	\$61,570.52	
Net Income		\$113,863.20
Expenses		\$ 15,263.19
Checkbook Balance		\$ 98,600.01

Joe made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Karen 2nd the motion. Motion was approved. Karen explained that this month had several expenses that are either on a quarterly or annual basis. For instance, accountant charges, extrication equipment lease, GSA order for wild land PPE, Brush 2 equipment and supplies, Quarterly liability insurance, etc.

April report: Expenses to date- \$37,365.33 Balance- \$81,837.32

Harlan motions to approve bills to be paid and Joe 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Joe, Barry, and Todd further explained how our trucks work for us in terms of fire calls as a result trucks pay for themselves. ROSS is list of vehicles eligible and willing to go on National fires-We currently have one truck. ROSS vehicles cannot be more than 3-4 years old. This was done to clarify information for new resident.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Tom explained that 2 candidates withdrew from the election this year, one was eliminated due to not living in district and as result election was cancelled. The last election was in 2006. The 2008, 2010, and 2012 election years have been all appointed individuals to the board. Tom took over as chairman in 2008 and has served on the board since 2006. Harlan has been on the board for 4 years. Tom was specific on 3 items that incoming boards' members should adhere to:

1. No hidden agendas
2. Be open with taxpayers (explain and show them)
3. No secrets on the board between members (e.g. It's against the law to call other members and try to get them to vote a certain way.)

Rules in regards to new board members after May 6: All board members will be sworn in by Tom at the May board meeting and they will take control at the June 2014 board meeting. Tom explained boards meetings are always held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month except for December due to finances that have to be taken care of. He clarified that board elections take place every 2 years.

Jerry Sibila was nominated as new board member at the March board meeting and resigned from the board this month per Tom.

Resolutions to cancel election:

1. Appointing a DEO (Patti Myers) and authorizing designated election official to cancel election set for May 6, 2014 upon certain conditions pursuant to revised statue of DOLA. Karen Motions to pass Resolution and Harlan 2nd the motion. Resolution passed.
2. Cancellation of election and declaration deeming candidates elected. Harlan motions to approve resolution and Karen 2nd the motion. Resolution passed.

ADMINISTRATION HOURS:

Tom-10 Joe-8 Harlan-2 Karen-27

STATION REPORTS

Station 1: Training: 48 Maintenance: 48 Administration: 42

Todd mentioned that John would like to purchase our old tender 3 truck. His offer is a check for \$300 plus cancelling his bill to the district of \$1495. The \$1495 bill is for work he has done for the department throughout the year and equipment donation. Joe wants John to sign a Release of Liability form before the board can accept his offer.

Todd requested \$500 from board to pay for toner and paper for printer at station #1- Karen wants receipts for all purchases before making any reimbursements to Todd.

Todd requests permission from board members for initial proposal to request BIDS for a new storage building for station #1 which is required for grant application. Joe motions to allow Todd to obtain BIDS by advertising on newspaper and Karen 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Todd wants to convert the Ford Expedition to an all-around station transport vehicle for travel to

academy, food transport to fires, equipment, etc. He is also attending 2 meeting next week in regards to mutual aid. One is a state level and the other is federal.

DISPATCH:

There were 20 burns, 16 runs, and 64 information calls for February. Gay is short dispatchers. She invited the board members to the dispatch meeting at station #1 that will be held on the 2nd Tuesday next month at 10:00 am. She would like to discuss some issues that are of concern to the dispatchers. Tom clarified that only 2 members can attend the dispatch meeting and bring back information to the board; more than 2 board members constitute a quorum.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Skip would like an ambulance on stand-by when he and John install the diapold antenna. He gave 8-10 (800 radios) to Cotopaxi and they in return were to donate 4-5 Kenwood radios. Skip would like the board members to follow-up with Cotopaxi in getting the 4-5 Kenwood radios to him.

Furthermore, Skip said that deer mountain owner would allow us to install a radio repeater that would be solar operated at no charge. This would allow us to tie with Cotopaxi repeater- \$2800/station to install and synchronize plus \$66/month per station for service. He understands that we don't have the money at this point but just an idea for the future. Karen wants a copy of service agreement from WDSL. Tom decided to leave communications discussion in regards to spending that kind of money for new members in June.

DMFPD-EMS:

Todd said mutual aid with Ark River Rescue was all ready to sign but Jim and Steve did not attend meeting; he will get signature from them and send to dispatch in Florence. Board members want copy of mutual aid agreement before it's agreed upon.

Vicky does not have SOP's completed. She will have everything ready for new board members in June.

OLD BUSINESS:

Joe reported that Dave Huf is getting his money.

Tom has 2 background checks. Harlan motions to approve background checks and Joe 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Joe mentioned that Brush 2 is all put together and radio has been mailed for installation. The pump is not ready yet and June is date of delivery.

Compliance with TABOR update: Karen said that according to the 1998 ballot and 2011 mill levy wording our accountant feels that we can keep our excess money. The accountant wanted for us to get it cleared with our attorney. The attorney is OK with the 1998 ballot question but has not responded regarding the 2011 mill levy question. The state and county agree that both elections serve as de-brucing elections and Karen has a written statement from the state. No final answer from Pete our attorney. Karen and all board members unanimously decided to wait on answer from Pete and will discuss at next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

OPEN FORUM:

No open forum.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next meeting will be held at Deer Mountain Station #1 on May 21, 2014. Meeting will start at 1800 hours

Meeting is adjourned at 2000 hours.

Maria Matthews

Secretary