

**DMFPD Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2014**

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

Present were Barry Cole, Mark Matthews, Karen McKee, Skip Moreau, Joe Watts, and over 20 members of the community.

Skip made a motion to appoint Tom Englehart as Sergeant of Arms for this meeting and Joe 2nd the motion. Motion carries.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Minutes were emailed to all board members. Skip made a motion to accept the minutes and Karen 2nd the motion. Motion carries.

Special hearing for inclusion of Poindexters: The hearing was open for discussion and it was explained to the public that Poindexters' submitted a petition for inclusion into DMFPD for the business located at 24366 US Hwy 50 to receive fire protection services. The Poindexters' are putting storage units and large bays that we may utilize for housing fire engines from Cotopaxi Station. Karen made a motion to approve petition for inclusion of the Poindexters' and Mark 2nd the motion. Motion carries.

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund

Checks #2409-2437

Beginning Balance Nov		\$93,095.11
Fremont County Tax Deposit-Oct	\$3,352.31	
Bank Interest	\$0.76	
Total Income Nov	\$3,353.07	
Net Income & Balance for Nov		\$96,448.18
Expenses		\$19,612.12
Ending Checkbook Balance		\$76,836.06
Total Funds		\$194,232.94

Karen made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Skip 2nd the motion. Motion approved.

Bills to be paid: Beginning Dec. 1st balance: \$76,836.06 County Tax deposit-Nov.: \$7,160.52

Dec. total expenses: \$18,025.32 Ending checkbook balance: \$90,149.00

Karen mentioned that a transfer in the amount of \$24,177.74 was made due to the transition of the medical account being moved to the district checking account. The donation money was kept in the medical account by Vickie. The final transfer was made into the Communication Reserve Account (\$1000) bringing that account total to \$12,503.43. There were several large bills this month: workmen's compensation (\$1,664.47); past due GSA bill (\$835.62) for firefighter equipment and clothing; reimbursement made to Deer Mountain VFD for Winter Fire Academy and JME bill (\$875.27); and VFIS liability insurance premium (\$3,389.00). Skip had a problem with reimbursing Barry the \$134 for the sawyer's class instructor lodging and meals for 5 days. Skip mentioned that there was no purchase order or authorization requested from the Chief and feels that no profit should be made by volunteers. Barry clarified that he filled out a per diem

form and was not a volunteer firefighter at the time. After further discussion it was agreed by the board that the \$134 payment would be approved. Furthermore, Karen mentioned that Barry decided to wait for the 65% advance payment for the King fire until the state pays the district. Karen made a motion to approve bills to be paid and Skip 2nd the motion. Motion carries.

Todd has not received further information in regards to payment for Snag Canyon fire from the state and no new updates on the grants at this time.

Karen received the County's final certification of values on December 4 and she sent the fire district's certification of these values to the County Commissioner on December 5. There was a minor change in the certification of values from August 19 to December 5 giving us a \$5 increase in our revenues.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Barry took the time to thank everyone for showing up tonight and getting involved with the fire district. He provided an overview of what the district board does for the community. Basically the board manages the district's revenues that come from the taxpayers', money made from ambulance services, and money from national fires. In addition, the board oversees management and operations for Station 1 and CFR. DMFPD covers 120 Square miles with the new addition of Indian Springs area. He reiterated the need for everyone present at these meetings to behave professionally and cordially towards one another. The board meetings are run by parliamentary procedure and we need to adhere to it. We will not tolerate threats, cussing, or yelling from anyone and it will be enforced at all meetings.

ADMINISTRATION HOURS:

Barry-25 Mark-5 Karen-46 Skip-45 Joe-4

STATION REPORTS

Station 1: Training: 35 Maintenance: 50 Administration: 40

Total calls for station 1 were 5: 3 medical, 1 structure fire with Cotopaxi in Indian Springs, 1 MVA- required extrication and flight for life.

Todd mentioned that he received a letter from Brad the president of Indian Springs Land Owner's Association thanking the fire department. The letter on behalf of the residents expressed their deep appreciation to the fire department's response and swift efforts on the November 22nd house fire. Tallahassee and Howard also responded to the fire in Indian Springs.

CFR: Training: 12 Maintenance: 6 Administration: 10

Total calls for Cotopaxi Fire & Rescue were 1: fire in Indian Springs.

Ric Galvan introduced himself as the new Assistant Chief for Cotopaxi with his term set to begin January 1, 2015. Ric requested 8 helmet lights at the cost of \$959.92 and a new white helmet for himself at approximate cost of \$374.59. After some discussion, it was decided that Ric and Skip (purchase agent for CFR) need to request several bids for lights, possibly look into lights that mount on the bunker gear, and new helmet bids to get the best possible price. Skip made a motion to approve Ric's current bill submitted for above items with the understanding that he first get with purchase agent (Skip) to go through the inventory of lights available and see if they are in good condition and safe to use. After that, Ric can get together with Todd to check on placing a bulk order for helmet lights for both Station 1 and CFR at a reduced price. Joe 2nd the motion. Motion carries.

Barry took a moment to congratulate and welcome Ric as new Assistant Chief for Cotopaxi and to thank him for his work as Incident Command (IC) for the Indian Springs fire.

SECTION REPORTS

INSURANCE:

Mark stated that workmen's compensation only went up by 9% as oppose to the 10-15% he was originally quoted. He also requested the ISO rating from Todd so that he could take care of email requests from insurance agents. Deer mountain volunteer fire department has an ISO rating of 9.

Tom Englehart's personal radio broke and he would like for the board to replace at the approximate cost of \$176. The board asked Tom if he would be willing to trade the radio for a new one from the district and he had no problem doing that. Skip made a motion to provide new radio for Tom and he turns in broken radio to the district and Joe 2nd the motion. Motion carries.

Ann asked whether it was possible to have partial workmen's compensation coverage for part-time residents who only volunteer part-time: No partial coverage per Mark; it's only full year coverage per insurance guidelines. Ann will have an updated roster available in January.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Skip mentioned that the repeaters are linked in, but there is still some interference from Cotopaxi which may require a change in tones. He explained that the FCC license is only a permission to operate and by no means do we have ownership of the frequencies. Furthermore, Skip would like to research whether Indian Springs still has the tower and repeater that he and Chris Ferguson installed years ago. This would provide Indian Springs with better coverage. It was agreed that Ric, Skip, and Pete will look into this matter and come back to the board with more information.

MEDICAL:

Vickie requested a purchase approval for a 7' full body air splint- \$1300, arm and leg splint- cost under \$800, and an automatic blood pressure machine- \$300 from either Bound Tree or Moore Medical. Skip made a motion to approve up to \$3000 for the 4 items requested by Vickie for medical and Joe 2nd the motion. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pete offered to help with posting district notices on the bulletin board located at the entrance to Indian Springs as our 3rd site. This would replace Cody Park Church leaving the posting sites as: Station 1, Cotopaxi Post Office, and the bulletin board in Indian Springs. We will need to sign a resolution at next month's board meeting designating the 3 sites for posting of scheduled and special meetings for the district. Karen made a motion to use the 3 sites mentioned above on the resolution and Skip 2nd the motion. Motion carries

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution #12172014-01: 2015 DMFPD board meetings will take place on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, except for December, which will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Karen made a motion to pass resolution #12172014-01 and Joe 2nd the motion. Motion

carries.

Karen will take care of the transparency notices and contact updates with DOLA, County Commissioner's office, and all other places that requires us to update by January 15, 2015 deadline.

Barry received a letter addressed to the fire district from Indian Springs Land Owner's Association president. They are in the process of revamping their efforts to replace the inadequate and dilapidated Indian Springs Land Owner's Association /Firehouse building that houses vehicles, equipment, and water. They would like to request financial assistance from Deer Mountain Fire Protection District. Barry recommended that Pete get together with Cotopaxi to figure out what their equipment needs are to adequately support Indian Springs and come back to the board with a plan. The board at that point can decide what is financially feasible for the district.

Todd Bell reported election results for Station 1 and explained that due to established qualifications, he was elected as Chief and John Birkenfeld as Assistant Chief with no captains and lieutenants at this time. He further mentioned that Station 1 bylaws are being updated and many changes will be made. This may qualify other firefighters for officer positions with the possibility of having another election in April 2015.

Barry stated that the job of the board is to approve Todd's appointment and take the election results as a recommendation; leaving the board ultimately responsible for appointment of the Chief for both Station 1 and Cotopaxi. Barry made a motion to not appoint Todd as Chief for Station 1 and Mark 2nd the motion.

The discussion between Todd, board members, and the public in regards to above motion began with Barry explaining how the DMFPD board appoints the Chief, who serves as the fire station manager. He made the analogy that DMFPD and Station 1 are structured the same as any corporation with a board of directors. Todd works for the district and the board takes the election results from each individual station into consideration, but ultimately the decision is up to the board. There were several members of the community that voiced their disapproval and were unhappy with the decision made by the DMFPD board. There were also several community members who expressed their approval and were happy with the decision made by the board.

Barry went ahead and shared the reasons for the loss of confidence in Todd's ability as Chief of Station 1. Mark and Barry read the District bylaws and Title 32 revised statute II as interpreted by DMFPD's attorney as to the board's right in appointing the chief. Motion on table- Barry made a motion to not reappoint Todd as Chief of Station 1 and Mark 2nd the motion. Glenn Baker requested that it be made by roll call. Barry said, "All in favor of not reinstating Todd as Chief of Deer Mountain Volunteer Fire Station 1": Joe-Aye, Skip-Nay, Karen-Aye, Mark-Aye, and Barry-Aye. Motion carries. Barry made a motion that we adopt Resolution #12172014-02: Removal of Todd Bell as Chief of Station 1 and Mark 2nd the motion. With Skip abstaining the motion carries. Furthermore, in order for DMFPD to continue servicing the district, Barry made a motion to adopt Resolution #12172014-03: DMFPD appoints Joe Watts as Station 1 Chief and Mark 2nd the motion. Joe-Abstain, Skip-Abstain, Mark-Aye Karen-Aye, and Barry-Aye. Motion carries. Fire protection and medical services will continue without disruption and we welcome any volunteers to sign up.

OPEN FORUM:

Gary is willing to help with transporting the black tank from the airport to Station 1; Skip will get confirmation about getting the other 2 tanks and will contact Gary with final information.

Becky reported that DMCO and Glenn Vista convinced the County into placing recycling containers at the Y. She further explained the importance of only placing recyclable items and no trash; otherwise we will lose that privilege. It is up to the community to report anyone breaking the rules.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next meeting will be held at Deer Mountain Station 1 on January 21, 2015. Meeting will start at 1800 hours.

Barry made a motion to adjourn meeting and Mark 2nd the motion. Meeting is adjourned at 2042 hours.

Maria Matthews

Secretary