

NORWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 20th, 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
Audio Recording Available

I. Call to Order: 19:02 hours. Virtual Meeting using Zoom.com

Present: Jim Wells (Pres.), Dave Alexander (Board Member), Trace Griffith (Board Member), Wendy Crank (Board Member), John Metzger (VP/PIO), John Bockrath (District Chief), David Blunt (Asst. Fire Chief), Mark Garcia (Wildland Captain), Sonny Lopez (Dist. Admin.), Candy Meehan (Dist. Bookkeeper), Casey Griffith (WL Assistant Coordinator)

Online:

Absent:

Others in Attendance: Vivian Antonik

II. Minutes from March 2022 Regular Meeting

A. Dave A. motioned to accept the Feb minutes. Wendy C. 2nd. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

A. Presentation and Approval of Disbursement

B. Monthly Budget Approval

a. Sonny & Candy presented.

i. Unpaid bills detail as of March 9, 2022 (2 pgs)

ii. Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual: Jan 1 – March 9, 2022 (14 pgs)

iii. Balance sheet as of March 9, 2022 (1 pg)

iv. Trial Balance as of March 9, 2022 (2 pgs)

v. Payroll Liability Balances: Jan 1 - March 9, 2022 (1 pg)

vi. Profit & Loss: Jan 1- March 9, 2022 (3 pgs)

vii. Open invoices as of March 9, 2022 (1 pg)

b. Candy shared Parish oil had a rate increase, Hartman Brothers caught on fire / blew up and Engine 9's first payment is this month.

c. Dave A. motioned to approve bills. Trace G. 2nd. Motion passed

d. Candy requested board approval to move \$50k into the money market account. Motion was made by Wendy to approve the request, Trace 2nd. Motion passed.

e. Candy informed the board the WL crew is now 1099.

V. Public Walk-in/Comments (Online Zoom) –

A. None

VI. Old Business

A. Mock Crash (John B.) Sherriff Bill Masters reported they received positive response from citizens. Our guest speaker could not attend so John B. spoke to the youth attending, Tod Bittner and Nancy Wells also shared past experiences of the results from drunk driving. Many people shared how happy they were with the program. Telluride Fire reached out to John B. to do one next year. Nucla – Naturita Fire was also involved.

B. New Building Update. This is on hold. Nothing desirable so far. Land acquisition grants are due so this will push things back. We will install a lean-to storage at our Nucla to house an apparatus in the meantime. We are looking for land for market cost.

VII. New Business

A. Board Election (Sonny L.) May 3rd 2022 is the date to be held at the NFPD firehouse. We are borrowing voting booths and ballot boxes from the town of Norwood. The time is

7am to 7pm. Candidates can vote for themselves and the vote is open to all registered voters and land owners in the district. The town had 44 people show up for their election and paid their judges \$160 flat. We expect 50-60 people to vote. John M. made a motion to pay the judges a flat rate of \$160. Trace G. 2nd. Motion Passed.

- B. Mock Crash continued (John B) We made 225 sandwiches. The school did not provide any food support to the event. Walmart stepped up and they charged us only \$49 (instead of \$735).
- C. Severity Update (John B.) We landed the Severity contract. Casey is leaving to pick up the new apparatus. Our WL team went out this morning to Texas for at least two weeks. We do not know how much we will make this first year of Severity.
- D. Training (John B.) has been constant every Wed and Thursday. This upcoming weekend is 9am-5pm IV class. Completed CPR class for the Sherriff office. BLM and Forest service CPR class is coming up. EMR training is coming up in May two weekends all day training.
- E. WFR Training (John B.) Mark and Casey will be going to that training at the end of May.
- F. Congressional Direct Spending Request (Sonny L.) This is through Hickenlooper's office. We are approaching this opportunity by asking Congress to purchase a large amount of land with water shares and electric grid access. This would allow us to build a new facility complete with community center, renewable energy, training facilities, and more. The request would pay for the land and the design of the station and layout. We fall under 4 topics that they are looking for so we are a strong contender. As of this morning Hickenlooper's office reached out to the county to request a letter of support. We received a letter of support from the new Norwood Town Mayor and from our Under-sheriff. The property is just outside of town limits and would be annexed in if we got it. The land consists of 240 acres/100 shares of water. Discussion occurred.
- G. Triad Mental Health (Candy M.) This is an opportunity to add a proven plan so NFPD volunteers, employees, and board members can benefit from the Triad Mental Health programs that offers a broad range of help. This includes Telehealth, Legal, Mental health support plus more. Wendy shared the benefits she has observed over the years being SMC uses it. There is no insurance involved and reporting involved (confidential) when members utilize it. Numerous local and regional agencies already use it.
- H. Star Spangled Saturday (John B.) This year will be in the town park. Last year was our most successful event. Casey will be in charge of the 2022 event. Candy shared that we do hold event insurance. Casey will attempt to land sponsors. This year we will not have the 5k and 10k run. The parade and BBQ and events for kids.
- I. Water Education Day (Candy M.) June 4th. An organization is working on a topographical / geographical map and the event will provide information and provide an opportunity to ask questions concerning water and future use concerns. 5 stakeholders are involved. Discussion occurred. Candy is available for more information concerning this event.

VIII. Wildland Captain's Report

- A. Casey leaves to Kansas tomorrow to pick up the new WL rig. Casey will also potentially roll with the state/feds on Sandborn for an upcoming burn project. This will help with his task book to become an engine boss. Casey talked to Luke Odem to also potentially help out with this need.
- B. Mitigation. This is a good time to wrap up projects. Red flag warnings and winter cast warnings are holding up being able to burn.

IX. Chief Paramedic's Report (John B.)

- A. EMS training continues (EKG, IV, CPR, EMR). We have brought in \$33k on ambulance calls for the first quarter. We brought our prices up to the average which was an 40% increase. Katherine has been doing a great job in her role. Tom is back and Sheila is back. David is our only IV certified at the moment. Soon we will have many more certified IV EMT's.

X. District Chief's Report

- A. RETAC Grant - \$2800. To buy our EMR books and new CPR mannequins.
- B. DFPC Grant - \$10000. To buy gas meters and a thermal imaging camera.
- C. A local lady called for us to burn some of her trailers (which will be used for training)
- D. State burn trailer will be coming in June.
- E. Property approvals. Many calls and visits for John B.
- F. One work comp claim. John B. cut the tip of his finger off on an Attic ladder. Showing Zane what not to do. Zane and Katherine found the finger tip in the ladder and returned it to John.
- G. FF1 Test - May 2, 2022. All volunteers will attend and take this test.
- H. Zoom - Option to continue Zoom meetings or use as needed. Trace made the motion to use Zoom as needed. Dave A. 2nd. All ayes. Motion passed.
- I. Special Meeting was under 3 minutes.

XI. Announcements

- A. Safe and Sober After Prom Party (Wendy) is this Saturday. US Bank is not supporting it this year. A request was made for \$200 and for volunteers to help the event out. *Wendy recluded herself from voting on this matter. Prizes will be given out every 15 minutes including a computer at the end of the event. The Moab community lost a kid 3 years ago. Laser tag, Flashlight tag, and arts and crafts will be part of the event. John B. will email the volunteers to see who can help. Dave A. made the motion to provide \$200 to the After Prom Party. Trace G. 2nd. All ayes. Motion Passed.

XII. Adjourn

- A. 19:58 hours
- B. David A. motioned to adjourn. Wendy C. 2nd. All ayes. Motion passed.