

Fire Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 2019, 5:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Dan P. Olsen

Members Present:

Dan Olsen, *BSB Commissioner #5*
Dan Callahan, *BSB Commissioner #12*
George Stone, *Terra Verde VFD*
Mike Hoyt, *Little basin Creek VFC*
Chad Silk, *BSB Career Fire Dept.*

Guests Present:

Jeff Miller, *BSB Fire Dept.*

Members Absent:

Jerry Brothers, *Home Atherton VFD*
Chris Mjelde, *BSB Career Fire Dept.*
Pat Doherty, *BSB Career Fire Dept.*

- Reading and Approval of Minutes
 - George Stone noted that under Boulevard VFD's request for an extractor, the sentence reads "extractor if for use by all volunteer fire departments" should read: "extractor *is* for use by all volunteer fire departments".
 - Mike Hoyt noted that the TIFID Fund balance should read \$141,843.71 as opposed to \$152,797.00.
 - George Stone moved, the motion was seconded by Mike Hoyt to approve the April 2, 2019 minutes with the noted corrections. Motion approved unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

None.

III. SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

No Secretary/Treasurer at this time.

- Mike Hoyt presented a spreadsheet that he had developed, which outlines the requested funds by department from the 2488 TIFID Account as well as all of the actual amounts expended for the requests. The spreadsheet should answer a lot of questions that are commonly asked at the Fire Council meetings and will be useful to all.
- Chief Miller made a few clarifications on accounts within the TIFID Fund and also reported that \$2,022 that had been charged to the TIFID for Air-Pro was inadvertently charged to the account by mistake. These are repair/replacement parts for the Plymovent diesel extraction systems at the career stations. Chief Miller will speak with Danette Gleason about correcting this error and having the funds placed back into the TIFID Account.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Planned SCBA Cylinder Replacement

- The replacement of air cylinders was tabled for the present time.

Jefferson County Request

- Chairman Olsen reported that he had not yet spoken with the folks who reside near the Jefferson County line in response to their inquiries about EMS Services.

Little Basin Creek Driveway

- Chairman Olsen reported that Public Works Director Mark Neary had not yet been able to make it out to the Little Basin Creek VFC to look at the apron and approach.

Rural Response Plan

- Little Basin Creek VFC Chief Jim Ross recently sent an e-mail to 911 Supervisor Dave McPherson calling to his attention the fact that the Rural Response Plan was not followed on a recent call of a possible structure fire in the Little Basin Creek area. Dave McPherson replied and indicated that he would remind dispatchers and that every effort would be made to follow the plan in the future.

- The committee then embarked on a lengthy discussion relative to the goals and intent of the Rural Response Plan. It was generally agreed upon by everyone in the room that the primary mission of the plan is to dispatch ample water tenders on first alarm to reports of fires in areas that are unprotected by hydrants. The committee discussed the issues and concerns that have been brought up in the past with the plan and brainstormed on ideas as to how best to proceed into the future with the purchase of apparatus and training.

Butte-Silver Bow Public Safety Communication Issues

- Chief Miller updated the committee on the most recent developments. Law Enforcement and Fire are just beginning the process of evaluating the Codan 800 MHz conventional system.
- A recently passed piece of legislation should provide some state funding for infrastructure and buildout should Butte-Silver Bow choose to pursue an 800 MHz trunked system.
- A lengthy discussion occurred relative to the potential replacement of the 911 Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) module, the current module is limited and will not allow many other applications to interface with it. One of the primary concerns with the current CAD systems is that fire district and “run cards” do not automatically populate when a Dispatcher takes a call. This adds to the confusion with the Rural Response Plan. Chief Miller also provided a historical perspective about the current CAD system.

Rocker VFD Concerns

- Chief Miller reported that he had contacted Rocker VFD Chief Tom Morrill and discussed the concerns with the lack of response and limited membership with the Rocker VFD. Chief Morrill indicated that they have limited members and are hopeful for a few new candidates. Chief Morrill told Chief Miller that there have been informal discussions about blending the membership of Rocker and Boulevard VFDs, but that the two departments have not met together formally to discuss anything in particular. Chief Morrill also informed Chief Miller that he will be leaving the Butte area at the end of May and will be gone to Alaska through the end of September as he does every year.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE- Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNED

George Stone made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Dan Callahan. The Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.