

**Upper Pine River Fire District  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
May 16th, 2013  
6:00 p.m.**

The meeting for March 21<sup>h</sup>, 2013 was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Vice President Roger Pennington.

**Board Member Attendance**

Roger Pennington (Vice President), John Beebe (Treasurer). There was not a quorum.

**Staff Present**

Bruce Evans (Chief), Captain Roy Vreeland, Lisa Eckert (Board Secretary), Mickey Ramsey (Accountant)

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance

**Public Attendees**

Approximately 11 fire employees and family members and several community members were in attendance as well as Carol from the Pine River Times.

**Additions/ Deletions to Agenda**

None

**Public Comment**

None

**Special Presentations**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were tabled until next month.

**Balance Sheet Regular**

Balance sheet approval was tabled until the next month.

**Balance Sheet Bond**

Balance sheet for the bond was tabled until next month.

**New Business**

- A. Town hall meeting progress was reported by Bruce. Many town meeting attendees requested a strategic plan and capitol replacement plan. He reported that there is already progress being made on both of those. This request was made by what appears to be from the savvy business owners. It was also noted during the meetings that assessed property values are also lower than expected by 8% to 20%. John Beebe noted that he agreed with the strategic planning request as well as noted some comments from the community included selling equipment over reducing labor and needing to build a pay increase for staff. They were also very enthused about a paramedic clinic. Marketing of the Chief needs to be included in the effort for the mill levy to the community. Bruce asked the board meeting attendees to assess their view of the town hall meetings.

- B. Bruce spoke with Casey regarding moving volunteers/part time to International City Management Association (ICMA457). The volunteer pension continues to be over funded. Bruce is going to look into an ICMA retirement administration/management.
- C. EMS week is May 19<sup>th</sup> to May 24<sup>th</sup>. Bruce reported the EMS BBQ will be May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- D. Chaplin Resignation. James Newman (Chappy) resigned. Bruce had him videotaped for an official presentation of his leaving and the introduction of the new chaplain Ernest Finkel. The department also needs to recognize Tim Walters's retirement.

**Old Business**

- A. Cost containment will need to be revisited by the board when there is a full quorum
- B. The ladder truck sale has not gone through with any of the current prospects. Equipment resellers will be contacted in the next step effort of selling the truck.

**Chiefs Reports**

Chief Evans spoke on behalf of Randy to the board for his report.

Roy Vreeland presented his report of his new position.

Chief Evans presented his report to the board. His report included the legal agreement with La Plata County in regards to County fires and resources committed.

An update on Grassy was also presented. LPEA has decided to fund 400,000 to the Grassy Project to improve radio communication.

**Adjournment**

At 7:21p.m. Roger adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by

Lisa Eckert

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Jeff Dyar, President

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Date

Attest:

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Lisa Eckert, Admin