



LINCOLN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

October 19, 2009
Commission Chambers
Lincoln County Courthouse
181 Main Street
Pioche, Nevada

Trustees

Paul Mathews, Chair
Bill Lloyd, Vice Chair
Tommy Rowe
Ronda Hornbeck
Ed Higbee

#1-CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Paul Mathews called the meeting to order at 10:34.

PRESENT: TOMMY ROWE
RONDA HORNBECK
PAUL MATHEWS, Chair
ED HIGBEE
BILL LLOYD, Vice Chair

LISA LLOYD, Clerk
RICK STEVER, Fire Chief
GREG BARLOW, District Attorney

There is a quorum and the agenda was posted on 10-12-09 to comply with the open meeting law. Fire Chief Rick Stever is present.

#2-MINUTES

Ronda made a motion to approve the September 21, 2009 minutes; seconded by Bill. All voted in favor.

#3-FIRE CHIEF UPDATE

Rick advised he has been to Mt. Wilson with a Commissioner, the DA, and a member of the Planning Department. They met with the man who donated the land for the fire district. This man would like to get help with sealing the water ponds; Rick will pursue this. There may be an issue as this is located on private ground. It is possible that BLM will aid LCFD with this as it benefits them as well. Rick attended the Wildland-Urban Interface Summit in Reno; it went very well. They continue to work towards getting residents of Mt. Wilson and Rachel to sign on to their chapters. A water tank has been donated for Mt. Wilson and Rick is working out the logistics. Ronda commented one of the major issues is keeping water in the tank; will a well have to be drilled or will they have to find a way to pump water from private property to keep it full? Pumping water in will result in the need to install water lines. This is an 8,000 gallon tank. The community is willing to put in time, effort, and equipment if they need to dig and bury it. The private landowner involved is very supportive of the project. Rick will continue to work towards resolving these issues. Rick intends to go to Rachel this week to meet with residents there.

#4-EQUIPMENT AND APPARATUS STORAGE BUILDING

Rick discussed the building in Panaca. Rick is acquiring material/equipment but he will need a place to store it all. Ronda has been in contact with Washington concerning surplus equipment. Discussions have been held concerning the use of the building in Panaca. Panaca Fire District claims a share of the building there. Even if PFD didn't use a portion of the building, Rick noted it will require more space than is available for storage of equipment. Currently there is a trailer stored in this area that Rick has been working on. In order to work on it, two pieces of equipment have to be removed first. The location being discussed is the Emergency Management building. Funding was put in place to ensure Panaca Fire District had room to store their equipment. After that was done, the Emergency Management building was put in place. Ronda asked why PFD is using the EM building. Panaca Fire Chief Kerry Lee advised the equipment sitting in that bay is the piece of equipment that belongs at Indian Ridge. It is being stored in Panaca as there is no place to store it at Indian Ridge; it will freeze if left out. PFD needs this bay. There is equipment in there that was donated by departments outside of the county to PFD. There is a compressor to fill SCBA units. The idea was to accept this equipment in case other departments need it. Ronda reminded Kerry this section was built for Emergency Management and asked if an agreement is needed between PFD and Emergency Management (EM) for use of this area. There are times when the bay is left open; if the equipment is damaged will EM be responsible for it? EM needs to place

equipment in this bay. Paul cited there are three entities involved, LCFD, EM, and PFD. The fact that LCFD doesn't have "a home" is something that needs to be taken into consideration. Ronda advised there are 30 acres of county owned land just below Pioche if a building needs to be erected. Strategic placement for the equipment will need to be taken into account. Long term, LCFD needs to come up with another plan, including identification of property for location of LCFD headquarters and equipment. Rick noted there is land available in Panaca in addition to the land previously mentioned in Pioche. Pioche has advised Rick he will be allowed to rent space on the condition that LCFD's equipment isn't in the way; same verbal agreement has been made with Caliente. Caliente will have an extra bay in the future. Kerry has ensured Rick that PFD will make sure their equipment stays out of the way. Ronda reiterated the need to maintain a clear line this building belongs to EM. Harry Birkmier discussed the possibility of acquiring a piece of property in Highland Knolls. Once this area develops, the need to use EM building will be alleviated. Right now, Rick needs a pickup truck to move the trailer so he can work on it; LCFD doesn't have a truck. Phyllis Robistow believes it might be possible to get a grant for the erection of a building at Highland Knolls; grant funds won't be available until 2011. If this is a property issue, and the money is available, will it be better to erect another building in Panaca? The money isn't available. Paul commented long term planning for the best location of LCFD building needs to take place. Kerry advised PFD never intended this to be EM building. When this was planned, it included a bay for Panaca Ambulance; this isn't EM either. There is a definite storage issue, but PFD not only put in funding and manpower to erect EM building. This is why Kerry feels PFD has a vested interest in this building. Kerry cited they understand this is the EM office. No action is taken.

#5-FORD F-250 WILDLAND FIRE TRUCK DONATION

Wilson Creek Fire, David Barnes, has a Ford F-250 wildland fire truck he is willing to donate to LCFD if he can receive some type of receipt. It is an older truck, but it's in reasonable shape and the pump runs. There are a couple of minor issues, but Rick believes this is a usable piece of equipment. **Ronda made a motion to approve the donation of the Ford F250 wildland fire truck from Wilson Creek Fire, David Barnes, and that a receipt be issued; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.**

#6-MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS

Rick will work with Panaca Fire Chief Kerry Lee concerning this. Rick continues to pursue agreements with Alamo. Having one agreement to cover all of the districts will take some work; individual agreements are "doable" right away. No action is taken and Rick will continue to work on a resolution.

#7-EAGLE VALLEY FIRE TRUCK

It was brought to Rick's attention last week that the Eagle Valley fire truck doesn't belong to the county. It is licensed and registered to Eagle Valley Fire Department (EVFD). Rick has requested documentation for the formation of the organization but has not yet received it. Rick discovered a deed that shows the land being signed over to the EVFD. Rick checked into the license plate number, which belongs to EVFD; the plate is an exempt plate. Ronda noted she recalled EVFD being formed when her father was still alive. There were firemen from Pioche that helped out, but Ronda has no idea how EVFD was established. Donations were made to pay for the power in the building at Eagle Valley so the water wouldn't freeze. Since Eagle Valley is part of LCFD this needs to be corrected. Bill recalled this was started by Ron Kozak. EVFD was stopped as it wasn't a legal entity. No action is taken and Rick will continue to work on sorting this out.

#8-PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul called for public comment. Fire Chief Kerry Lee discussed the Radio Interoperability meeting on November 5 at 9:00 a.m. Rick addressed the water line going to the building in Panaca that freezes in the winter. A contractor came and looked at it; he charges \$80 per hour. Rick didn't know if it was just a matter of burying the line deeper or if fittings and hoses would be needed to correct the problem. The water comes from the main line in the front of the building. Harry Birkmier believes he knows the exact area that is freezing; if this is the case they can expose the area for 30 feet. To put in a new line it will require about 125 feet of tough tube. The contractor that looked at it has advised he can get parts for less money than can be purchased from the utility companies. It is about \$30-40 per fitting. Cory Lytle and Rick believed they could repair this issue themselves. Rick asked Panaca Farmstead if he could use their equipment and they told him no, he needed to hire a contractor. Cory and Rick will work to resolve this issue. Tommy noted people will be here Wednesday from the Southern NV Workforce Investment Board; they have public works money to hire people for 90 days, no

strings attached, to complete public works projects. The meeting is Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in Caliente City Hall. Ronda and Paul had a teleconference meeting with Senator Reid concerning the things he has done for LC. Senator Reid asked if there were other things he can do; Ronda addressed the lack of equipment LCFD has. Senator Reid advised he will look into finding equipment for the county, and he wants LCFD to identify the most needed pieces. Rick discussed a need for a LCFD vehicle. Monies were budgeted for the purchase of a truck from LC Sheriff's Office. Rick advised he used the county pickup truck to travel to Las Vegas and get a trailer. However, it was very taxing for the vehicle to return to LC. Phyllis Robistow advised she is working on some grants where Emergency Management and LCFD can be blended.

#9-ADJOURN

There being no further business for the Board to attend to, Paul adjourned the meeting at 11:18.

Attest: _____ Approve: _____

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