



LINCOLN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

August 1, 2011
Commission Chambers
Lincoln County Courthouse
181 Main Street
Pioche, Nevada

Trustees

Paul Mathews
Kevin Phillips
Tommy Rowe, Chair
Paul Donohue
Ed Higbee

#1-CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Tommy Rowe called the meeting to order at 10:20.

PRESENT: PAUL MATHEWS
TOMMY ROWE, Chair
ED HIGBEE
KEVIN PHILLIPS
RICK STEVER
PAUL DONOHUE

LISA LLOYD, Clerk

There is a quorum and the agenda was posted on 7-26-11 to comply with the open meeting law.

#2-PUBLIC COMMENT

None offered.

#3-MINUTES

There are no minutes for approval.

#4-FIRE CHIEF UPDATE

Rick reported there have been several lightning strikes in the last several days on public land; BLM has handled them. There was a substantial fire in the Muleshoe area, BLM responded. Mutual aid runs have occurred; Caliente and Pioche Fire Departments responded. There have been some minor issues with equipment. The reimbursements are based on proposed hourly rate, as opposed to the hourly fuel rate. There is a consensus on costs for each apparatus. The BLM has a rate of \$250 per hour, water tender \$200 per hour, support vehicle \$50 per hour. BLM is considering a mileage rate of \$.50 - \$.60 per mile. They pay us the same rate when we help them. Last month, Rick made two runs with the water tender; this is part of the BLM required match. Caliente also responded to a fire on private land that involved arson. The property owners weren't going to turn it into their insurance, but Rick advised that the county can seek reimbursement through the insurance. The property owners requested a copy of the Caliente FD bill and advised that restitution will be paid to the county. Kevin stated that the BLM's costs per mile are significantly less than the current rates and asked if the mileage was in addition to the costs for apparatus. No. When Rick was called to Pearson's ranch, he called BLM who showed up with a unit. A bill wasn't received from BLM for this.

#5-VOUCHERS

There are no bills for payment. **Kevin made a motion to approve the vouchers with the exception of the one for Mountain Mercantile; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor. Ed made a motion to approve the voucher for Mountain Mercantile; seconded by Paul M. Kevin disclosed that he is part owner of Mountain Merc and he abstains from the vote and discussion. Motion carries. Paul D. is absent for the vote.**

#6-PUBLIC COMMENT

Tommy called for public comment. Paul D. asked if it is a requirement to drive quickly through town when there is a fire; he's received complaints about the speed of the trucks driving through town at high speeds. The legal requirement is that they still have a duty to yield to other vehicles and pedestrians, but they are basically immune to traffic laws. They can be held liable for negligence. Pioche Fire Department volunteer personnel are

held accountable to traffic laws. It's a courtesy for people to acknowledge and yield to the emergency vehicles, and people are not required to do so. Rick will contact the other fire departments concerning this issue.

#7-ADJOURN

There being no further business for the Board to attend, Tommy adjourned the meeting at 10:39.

Attest: _____ Approve: _____

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