



LINCOLN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

August 20, 2012
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 10:32 a.m.

PRESENT: TOMMY ROWE
ED HIGBEE
PAUL DONOHUE
KEVIN PHILLIPS
PAUL MATHEWS

LISA LLOYD, Clerk
RICK STEVER, Fire Chief

There is a quorum and the agenda was posted on 8-14-12 to comply with the open meeting law.

#2-PUBLIC COMMENT

Tommy called for public comment. None offered.

#3-MINUTES

There were no minutes for approval.

#4-FIRE CHIEF UPDATE

Rick reported that there have been several lightning strike wildfires. We have been getting a great deal of rain along with the lightning, but we are still getting single tree, ¼ acre fires. BLM has been on top of it. Rick was called to assist with a fire by Quinn Canyon/Cottonwood Creek but was unable to make it due to terrain. There was a fire/lightning strike in Eagle Valley shortly after Rick returned.

#5-VOUCHERS

Kevin made a motion to approve the vouchers with the exception of LCTS and Mountain Merc; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor. Ed made a motion to approve the Mountain Merc vouchers; seconded by Paul M. Kevin abstained. Motion carried. Kevin made a motion to pay the LCTS vouchers; seconded by Paul M. Paul D. abstained. Motion carried.

#6-REIMBURSEMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS ASSISTING BLM

Rick commented that when BLM calls and asks for assistance with the water tender they pay for time called out. The mutual aid agreement currently covers the pay for short callouts, those that last about three hours. Rick is requesting reimbursement for persons that assist BLM in situations where the individuals are out all day or longer. BLM pays \$100 per hour for the water tender after hours and on weekends. Rick suggested that paying these individuals \$30-40 per hour would be sufficient. Rick recently submitted a bill to BLM for approximately \$3,600. Most of the times that they go out it's for about 2-3 hours. However, Rick has been on three calls on the weekend that start early in the morning and last until late into the night. Paul D. stated if Rick is on the truck he receives his regular salary during the week. If there is compensation, it would be paid to Rick over and above the salary he is currently receiving now for nights and weekends. Rick responded that he isn't receiving salary right now for nights and weekends. Paul D. stated one of the reasons that they have a salaried individual is to eliminate additional costs for salary. Paul D. stated he is concerned that the salary covers only a 40 hour week but Rick can get 20 additional hours at \$40 per hour. Rick stated that the fire district doesn't have a salaried position. Rick's salary is paid 100% through Emergency Management. Tommy stated that if Rick is being required to work more than his regular hours he should be compensated, as should anyone else who goes out on the truck. BLM pays \$100 per hour for the man and the apparatus, but the rate isn't split. There was some discussion about whether or not BLM has an AD rate. If there are two people attending the

apparatus it makes it more a fire response vehicle instead of support vehicle, it's \$150 per hour. Panaca Fire uses the AD rate set by BLM; it's the amount they pay their firefighters for whatever position they're in. Kerry Lee stated that he believes the rate is about \$20 per hour. Paul M. asked if there is some way to set the rate to match the BLM's protocol; this would establish a better system than arbitrarily choosing \$30 per hour. There might be other variables to consider when choosing a rate. BLM has rates for everything and Rick believes that the rate is \$40 per hour for manpower. Rick will present a rate schedule at a future meeting. There was some discussion about making this payment retroactive. It is believed that the purpose of sending other individuals out is to allow Rick to be in town to do his job, not sitting out in Cottonwood for a week. Tommy suggested that Rick work with Leslie to see how the payout will occur. No action was taken on this item.

#7-PUBLIC COMMENT

Tommy called for public comment. Paul D. commented that he is confused about the issue that the fire chief has no salary. The salary comes from emergency management, and fire chief was simply added to his duties. Rick stated that salary has been budgeted and approved, but not established.

#8-ADJOURN

There being no further business for the Board to attend, Tommy adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Attest: _____ Approve: _____

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