



LINCOLN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

March 18, 2013
Commission Chambers
Lincoln County Courthouse
181 Main Street
Pioche, Nevada

Trustees

Paul Mathews
Kevin Phillips
Adam Katschke
Paul Donohue
Ed Higbee

#1-CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Ed Higbee called the meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

PRESENT: ADAM KATSCHKE
KEVIN PHILLIPS
ED HIGBEE
PAUL DONOHUE
PAUL MATHEWS

LISA LLOYD, Clerk
RICK STEVER, Fire Chief

There is a quorum and the agenda was posted on 3-12-13 to comply with the open meeting law.

#2-PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed called for public comment. None offered.

#3-MINUTES

Paul M. made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Kevin. All voted in favor.

#4-FIRE CHIEF UPDATE

Rick Stever reported that last week he held a meeting with NV Division of Forestry; Paul D. was present as well. NDF is presenting a proposal for a working agreement with each county that will allow each county to have access to emergency funds held in a state fund. Emergency funds are available for wildfires or any other type of disaster. Right now, LCFD is contributing to an emergency fund. If we buy into the NDF fund, do we still have to contribute to the local fund? Rick will look into the legal parameters and report back to the board. Rick presented information from the meeting that explains the NDF funds and what is available to us. The state used several different methods to determine what each county will pay. LC's portion is \$50,000. The possibility of the other departments getting in on this and sharing the expense has been discussed. All departments within LC are suffering budget issues and they are concerned about coming up with more money. Rick stated that the program is valuable to the county and there was some discussion about whether or not LCFD could justify paying all of costs for all county departments. Rick stated that his first call, when an incident occurs, is to one of the other local departments. This is justification enough for LCFD to pay the entire cost. NDF fund will help the county as a whole. The emergency fund gives us more access to forestry crews as well as money. Rick wondered, if we entered into this agreement, if it would help our local NDF crew. Through this agreement, it would provide access to aerial support as well as other equipment. This program was started by Governor Sandoval. This agreement is annual and will be on the agenda for consideration. Rick went to McDermott Saturday to meet with the residents in the area. Rick continues to work on promoting wildfire protection and education. Rick went to Rachel and did a wildfire assessment; he visited with residents while he was there and tried to get them to commit to developing a fire response. LCFD will not take over the fire engine at Rachel until he meets with the people that obtained it. The engine has been modified somewhat and Rick will contact the people that originally had the apparatus to see what the modifications entail.

#5-VOUCHERS

Paul M. made a motion to approve the vouchers with the exception of LCTS; seconded by Kevin. All voted in favor.

#6- PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed called for public comment. Paul M. asked if the senate bill proposing to consolidate fire districts will affect us. At this time, the answer to that question is unknown.

#7-ADJOURN

There being no further business for the Board to attend, Ed adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Attest: _____ Approve: _____

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