

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PANACA FIRE DISTRICT TRUSTEES,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, STATE OF NEVADA

February 17, 2009

#1-CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Board met in regular session with Chairman Paul Mathews calling the meeting to order at 10:21. Clerk Lisa Lloyd called the roll with Trustees Tommy Rowe, Ronda Hornbeck, Paul Mathews, and Bill Lloyd being present. There is a quorum and the agenda was posted on 2-10-09 to comply with the open meeting law. Harry Birkmier and Fire Chief Kerry Lee are present.

#2-MINUTES

Ronda made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Bill. All voted in favor.

#3-DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Harry reviewed recent activities of the district. PFD responded to 6 calls since January 1, 2009; three rescue calls, one structure fire and two smoke investigations in buildings. PFD currently has approximately \$83,868 in their budget. The process to obtain the land located just north of Mile Marker 103 on US 93 has begun; it is approximately 4.5 miles from the intersection of SR 319 and US 93. Tommy cited that they have a difficult time getting enough responders. Ronda cited that there will be a great deal of other expenses in getting the additional fire station up and running; this includes desks, chairs, computers and many other items. Paul cited that Indian Ridge and Highland Knolls are one of the fastest growing areas in LC. It is a good idea to have service in this area. Kerry stated that it could be 3-4 years from now that the station goes in, but the land needs to be appropriated long before that. Ronda cautioned them to move forward with caution and good planning. The water for the station has already been donated. There is a problem with the first due engine that could be related to the suspension. This engine is a 1967 model and Harry believes that there could be several other problems that will be identified upon inspection. The engine is a safety hazard and a more dependable vehicle will be needed to respond outside the district. Kerry stated that this engine must be replaced. Harry advised that they have \$25,000 in capital projects for the replacement of an engine. PFD would like to replace the engine in the near future with a refurbished engine and Harry has contacted USDA concerning a grant. There is a grant available, up to \$50,000, along with a loan that PFD might be eligible for. Harry would like to look into these possibilities. Some of the paperwork has to be signed by a representative of the board in order to determine eligibility. The old truck could also be used as a trade in. The board told Harry to bring in the paperwork for review.

#4- VOUCHERS

Ronda made a motion to approve the vouchers; seconded by Tommy. All voted in favor.

#5-2008 AUDIT

The audit for PFD was presented at the LC Commission meeting on January 20, 2009, which was approved.

Ronda made a motion to approve the PFD audit as presented by Dan McArthur at the Commission meeting; seconded by Bill. All voted in favor.

#6-BLM MEETING RE: COST SHARING FOR WILDLAND FIRES

Harry discussed the upcoming meeting with BLM next week in Carson City. BLM will no longer pay to protect structures on private land. This agreement will be negotiated on the spot when a fire happens. This meeting is informational only; no agreement will be reached or negotiated. **Ronda made a motion to approve Harry's attendance at a meeting in Carson City with BLM re: cost sharing for wild land fires; seconded by Bill. All voted in favor.**

#7-"BURN DAYS" FOR PANACA

Panaca Town Board met on February 11 to discuss the establishment of "Burn Days" for Panaca. Burn days have been delineated as the second Saturday of April, May, September, October and November. The town board will be on the March 2, 2009 Commission agenda to discuss the burn days. Harry commented that the PFD board may wish to consider extending the burn days to the rest of the district. Harry recommended that the board establish their own burn days. Harry said that the second Saturday of every month would be the best

days for burn, with the exception of June and July. Harry requested that changes be made to the burn ordinance on behalf of PFD. No action is taken and the burn days will be addressed at the next meeting.

#8-PUBLIC COMMENT

Phyllis Robistow advised that the fire district officers need to be aware that USDA will be part of the stimulus package. A list has been released of the things that they are willing to fund. Fire, fire safety and first responders will be covered under the stimulus package. PFD will have to match with 25% of the project.

#9-ADJOURN

There being no further business for the Board to attend to, **Ronda made a motion adjourn the meeting at 11:03; seconded by Bill. All voted in favor.**

Attest: _____ Approve: _____

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