

**Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District
Board Meeting on November 8, 2023
Station Two Community Room**

Directors Present

Bette Blinde
David Bliss
Bryan Maddox
Paul McGraw

Visitors Present

Dan Bond
Bob Bush
Karen Bush
Hugh Collins
Paula Collins
Sean Dougherty representing LPCA.
Ron Lonneman
Curtis
Samples Sue
Schneider
Laura Stahl
Marci White representing LPCA.

President David Bliss called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The first portion of the fire board meeting was devoted to discussing the proposed 2024 budget. An invitation was given to all present to comment on and/or question the proposed 2024 budget.the budget part of meeting. Bette Blinde invited comments/questions from the people in attendance.

Sean Dougherty inquired if the proposed 2024 budget included funding for the LPCA (Lower Poudre Canyon Association). The answer was “no.” Sean Dougherty indicated that the LPCA will present a plan for review to the fire board in December. This proposal will ask the fire board for \$1K per month, with the LPCA hosting two major fund-raising events per year, with the proceeds going directly to the fire department. More information will follow in non-budget portion of the minutes.

Bob Busch asked for more details on the projected expenses for pagers and telephone service. Hugh Collins answered Bob's questions. Bette Blinde moved to adjourn the budget portion of the meeting. Paul McGraw seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The budget part of the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45 PM.

President David Bliss called the business portion of the board meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Director Bryan Maddox asked David Bliss for a few minutes to address the board and audience. Bryan said his father raised him to "lead, follow, or get out of the way." Bryan felt he had not been effective in leading; or following. He decided to exercise the third option of getting out of the way. Bryan then tendered his resignation effective immediately.

Minutes

Acting Secretary Paul McGraw read the minutes of the October board meeting.

Bette Blinde pointed out that the minutes did not reflect the county tax assessor's projection of a \$50K short fall in tax revenue if proposition HH passed. Bette stated her comments about Proposition HH were not included in the minutes. Bette moved to approve the minutes with the corrections; Paul seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Financial Report

Reported by treasurer Bette Blinde. Bette gave details on the various expenses incurred during October. Reimbursement was given to homeowners for fire mitigation work. Paul McGraw moved to accept the financial report as read; Bette seconded the motion. The vote to accept/ approve the financial report was 3-0.

Unfinished Business

Streamline Update (new website)

Bette Blinde reported that the new website needs to be officially turned on. Bette suggested leaving both websites operational until January. Bette Blinde made the motion to officially turn on the new website. Paul McGraw seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

LPCA

Marci White asked if the board had read the previous lease. When station one was being built, it was projected to be a joint use facility; identical to station two. This did not happen, thus rendering the lease null and void. David Bliss asked Marci White to present a new lease proposal to the fire board including a financial component. Bette Blinde volunteered to work with LPCA to develop a preliminary plan to present to the fire board at the December meeting. David Bliss asked Marci White if she would wait until January to present and discuss the new lease and financials. Sean Dougherty said the LPCA would try to have a preliminary lease for the fire board review in December. Marci White agreed to bring forth a final proposal in January.

Firefighter Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Nov. 24, 2023, at Mishawaka Resort. Cocktails at 5:30 PM with dinner to follow at 6:30 PM. The fire board expresses our thanks to CLFPEG for underwriting the costs.

Two Open Director Positions

David Bliss asked Dan Bond and Bob Busch to stand and be recognized. Bette Blinde expressed deep concerns that if Dan and Bob were appointed, the fire board would be made up of only upper canyon residents with no representation from the lower canyon. David Bliss voiced similar concerns agreeing with Bette. Sean Dougherty asked if John Kitchens would be considered. The answer was “no” because he was not in attendance. David asked Sean if he would be willing to serve on the fire board. Sean declined. Dan Bond mentioned that the UPCA board is trying to establish a stronger relationship with the LPCA and lower canyon residents. David Bliss asked for a motion to accept Bryan Maddox’s resignation. Bette Blinde moved to accept Bryan’s Maddox's resignation. Paul McGraw seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-0. The motion to appoint Dan Bond and Bob Busch to the PCFPD board was made by Paul McGraw and seconded by Bette. The motion carried 3-0. One of the appointees will finish Bryan Maddox's two-year term. The other appointee will finish Pat Conway's four-year term. This decision will be made by the flip of a coin; at a later date.

Dan Bond and Bob Bush signed the proper paperwork and were then sworn in by President of the Fire Board, David Bliss on this 8th day of November 2023.

Gravel Update

Ron Lonneman reported Bivens Gravel and Corkle Construction are expressing interest in supplying the gravel. There was discussion questioning if the gravel could be delivered and spread before the weather turned inclement. Bette made a motion to postpone the purchase of gravel until spring when the weather is more favorable. Paul seconded the motion, and the vote was 3-0 in favor of the motion.

New Business

OPC

David reported meeting with the Old Poudre City (OPC) board. David proposed a 12 month postponement of discussion regarding building lease negotiations with PCFPD. OPC board rejected a 12 month postponement of negotiation discussions. OPC board countered with a six month postponement instead. Paul made a motion to accept the six month postponement of building lease negotiation discussion. David seconded the motion. Discussion followed. It was noted the two new board members needed time to familiarize themselves with the situation. The motion to postpone negotiation died in discussion. The motion was not voted on. Paul made a motion to reply to OPC's board after nine months. Bette seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Election of Officers

Bette made a motion to nominate David Bliss as president. Paul seconded the motion. David accepted the nomination and was elected by a vote of 3-0.

The office of secretary was discussed. Further discussion about the secretarial duties was tabled until the December meeting.

Newsletter

Bette has done the newsletter in the past. After discussion, Dan Bond volunteered to help on the newsletter. Bob Busch expressed interest in working on the website.

Additional Reports

- Fire Chief Hugh reported:
 - -Six calls in October
 - Received six portable radios for the department.
 - PCFPD did not receive the state award for Bunker gear.
 - Signed Mutual Aid Agreement with Red Feather Lakes, Chrystal Lakes, Glacier
 - View, Livermore, Rist Canyon, and Wellington fire departments, respectively.
 - Extrication training was completed November 4, 2023, at station four.
 - Appreciation dinner will be held at Mishawaka Resort November 24.
 - The State of Colorado will license ambulances starting July 1, 2024. There will be
 - added fees, and additional requirements.
 - T-Mobile with satellite paging is supposed to be available around the first of the year.
- EMS no report
- Station 1 no report
- Station 2 Rescue 2 and E622 were inspected by Jim Beck.
- Station 4 currently housing Livermore FD's engine, until their new station is completed.
- CLPFEG the financials are included in the treasurer's report.

Bette Blinde moved to adjourn the meeting, and Paul McGraw seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul McGraw, Acting Secretary