

## **Wasatch County Fire District**

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

May 8, 2018

Meeting held at the Wasatch County Administration Building located at 25 N Main in Heber City.

Those in Attendance:

Steve Farrell

Kendall Crittenden

Greg McPhie

Danny Goode- Excused

Mike Petersen

Spencer Park

Mark Nelson

Fire Chief Ernie Giles

Items of business addressed:

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the April 2018 board meeting was presented to the board for their review and approval. **A motion was made by Greg McPhie to approve the minutes of the April 2018 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Kendall Crittenden and the motion passed all in favor.**

#### **Warrants**

The listing of warrants was presented to the board for their review and approval. **A motion was made by Mike Petersen to approve the warrants as presented. The motion was seconded by Greg McPhie and the motion passed all in favor.**

#### **Chief Report**

Chief Giles stated that the District would like to purchase an International all wheel drive apparatus. The cost would be about \$450,000.00. He stated that they will purchase it and it would come in February. They do have a model that they could purchase but they will need a bigger motor.

Kendall Crittenden asked what it would come with.

Chief Giles stated that it comes with a couple of ladders and hooks but no hoses etc. This truck comes with 1200 gpm or 1500 gpm.

Chief reported to the board that they had to spend \$50,000 to get the air-packs for the ladder.

Chief Giles stated that the budget will allow for this with the tax increase.

Greg McPhie stated that Chief Giles should do the due diligence to purchase then bring it back to the board for approval. It has been in the plan but they cannot authorize the purchase today without it being on the agenda.

Steve Farrell stated that the consensus is to allow the chief to start the process.

Chief Giles reported that the volunteers have been interviewed and they have hired eight new volunteers. They send the notice out to hire last year but decided to hold off until this year. They will need to purchase turnouts for them and the cost will be about \$4000.00 each. They will be on probation for 6 months to a year.

Mark Nelson asked if they would shadow the firefighters.

Chief Giles stated that they are trained and certified. They will go into a platoon and be under a captain and lieutenant.

Greg McPhie stated that they will be cross training with EMS.

Chief Giles stated that 7 of the 9 are already on EMS.

Chief Giles stated that they are doing a restructuring of the department as they move into the new station and the leadership will be changing. They will be full time but still have volunteers. There are three battalion chiefs, Ben Fitzgerald, Jason Provost and the most recent Gary Sessions. He stated that there will be three shifts, each with a BC. They have three new captains and he is taking applications for full time firefighters as well as an executive secretary. They are getting ready to move to the next level.

Steve Farrell asked about the Midway station.

Chief Giles stated that he is hoping to have it ready to go within the next three weeks. They were hoping for the first of June but it will maybe be the middle of June. They are now ordering the household items. They are not going to carpet the downstairs for now but will do the upstairs. They will tile the offices in the fall.

Chief Giles reported that they Highway Patrol is having their area remodeled. There is a new security system in the building and they are each paying 50/50. They are still using the same space but are just remodeling.

Mike Petersen asked about the fire season.

Chief Giles stated that they have been lucky in the past but they could have issues this year.

#### **Ratify Motion Adopting Resolution 18-01 Setting the Date and Time for the 2018 Regular Business Meetings**

**A motion was made by Kendall Crittenden to ratify Resolution 18-01 setting the date and time for the 2018 business meetings as the second Tuesday of each month at 4:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Greg McPhie and the motion passed all in favor.**

Chief Giles stated that ESCI is coming the first week of June.

## **Fire Warden**

Troy Morgan reported that they are projecting hotter dryer temps like 2012. He also reported that he is in the process of having his Fire Boss task book signed off.

Danny Goode was excused from the first part of the meeting and arrived at the meeting.

Steve Farrell asked if Troy had been involved in the fire mitigation plan for the state park.

Troy Morgan reported that they missed the grant money by a couple of points last year but will be working on the one for this year.

Mark Nelson asked about the bike trails.

Troy Morgan stated that there is a fire break along the trail and the State Park will maintain it.

**With no other business to address a motion was made by Danny Goode to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the motion passed all in favor.**

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