

Lookingglass Rural Fire District  
Special Board Meeting  
Sept. 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Russell at 6:04pm. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and was followed with an invocation by Gary Conn. Following this there was a roll of the directors with George Kuntz, Rise Briggs, and Kent Little being present. The Fire Chief Steve Rhodes was unable to attend. George moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Kent seconded it and the motion carried.

The topic of a new water meter and hydrant were discussed. Rise reported that she has talked to Umpqua Basin Water, but so far they haven't given her a bid on putting in a 3/4" water meter. She has a bid for the cost of a new fire hydrant; that is \$3550 plus the installation costs. If it is decided to put those in they should be coordinated and put in at the same time. If it is done the district would plan to sell the current 1 1/2" meter certificate with Umpqua Basin as it has considerable value. Rise will plan to continue her research on the situation.

Bruce Epperson was asked if he had any updates on what other districts do with firefighter stipends. He has had trouble getting information and so the question was tabled.

The Fiduciary Policies will be ready to have their first reading at the next Regular Board Meeting on October 9, 2013. Steve will do a PPS for this.

Rise read a brief statement by the fire chief who couldn't be at the meeting:

"I will not be able to attend due to a hospital visit (outpatient) on Wednesday. I will leave the completed for the vehicles and PPE as well as the mutual aid/automatic aid report and supporting material at the counter in the Station. As far as a Chief's report, it has been quiet, burning is going on without incident, our garage door opener for 1070/1080 is broken and Bunnell has been called with a delayed response (we can open it manually), and we had a flat tire on 1061 handled by Industrial Tire onsite for \$40.00 plus the cost of a valve stem. I put that on the debit card and we are opening an account with Industrial Tire for future emergencies. They give FDs a deal and respond to the call as a priority. There are again no late or pending to sign from the Department side. We are continuing the access survey of our area as discussed previously. This Thursday will be medical training for drill night. "

Rise moved to pay the bills that George had for \$34.74 and Kent had for \$83.98 that were monies that they had paid for address labels and the production of the newsletter. George seconded it and the motion carried. Rise got some price quotes on a new return address stamp for the district. George moved to buy a new stamp from Mid-Oregon printing. Rise seconded it and the motion carried.

George reported that the asset inventory is basically completed. Karen Matney suggested that it be kept in more than one secure location. It was also suggested that some of the inventory be photographed. All agreed.

Several topics from the list were brought up though basically tabled until the next meeting. Fire calls versus medical calls was discussed. Medical makes up 85% of the departments calls. Rise read a statement that Steve had written about ISO and LVFD. ISO is a complex situation and discussion will proceed at a future meeting concerning ISO and the mutual aid agreements that the department is involved in. Bob stated that every Fire District can adopt their own regulations. NFPA is only a

recommendation, not mandatory standards. The State Fire Marshall has adopted some of the NFPA standards, according to Bob. A Fire Marshall is needed to enforce standards - if not enforced, then not adopted.

Bruce Epperson created a Youtube account for use in putting the recordings of the board meetings online. Rise moved to put the meetings from July 10th and later on Youtube and leave them up for 90 days and see how it works out. George seconded the motion and it passed. The LVFD website will also link to the Youtube videos. Rise asked Jerry Harris (Webmanager) to make the legend on the website a little larger, if possible, so it is easier to read without zooming in. George asked if the blue colors could be more distinguished from each other, as he thought they were too much alike. Jerry will try to do this, if his program can accommodate these changes.

There was nothing further so George motioned to adjourn; Rise seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:10.p.m.

The board along with several volunteers were staying after the meeting to stuff the newsletters and get them ready to put into the mail.