EVANS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT #6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of April 8, 2021

- 1. The meeting was called to Order by Board Chair Larry Tuttle at 6:30 PM.
- 2. Roll Call: Larry Tuttle, Dennis Feeley, Kathryn Henning, Dale Ten Broeck and Chief Crume were present. Patricia Ott was absent.
- 3. Consent of Agenda: It was moved by Dale Ten Broeck and seconded by Dennis Feeley that the Agenda be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Approval of the Minutes of the March 11, 2021 Regular Board Meeting: It was moved by Dale Ten Broeck and seconded by Dennis Feeley that the minutes of the March 11, 2021 Regular Board Meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Financial Reports by Jackie Smedegaard:
 - A. March 6, 2021 to April 2, 2021. It was moved by Dale Ten Broeck and seconded by Kathryn Henning that the Financial Report for March 6, 2021 to April 2, 2021 be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6. Communications: ECSO Report: Kathryn Henning reported that the ECSO Proposed FY 2021/2022 Budget Presentation was held on April 6, 2021 via Zoom. There will be an overall increase of 3% for user fees. The proposed rate that Evans Valley Fire District #6 will now pay is \$24,520.21. An update on the Radio Infrastructure project with some approximate timelines was also provided.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Pump House Project: Chief Crume contacted the power company regarding engineering of the electric concerns and found out that the person in charge of the project had been let go. We are now on the top of the priority list as we are entering fire season.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Annexation Request: Chief Crume received an annexation request for a property on Pleasant Creek Road. The property is adjacent to other properties within the fire district. The lot will be divided, and a house will be built on the new lot. Access is adequate. Dale Ten Broeck moved

- to approve this annexation request. Dennis Feeley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- B. Automatic Bill Pay: Chief Crume proposed putting our recurring bills such as utilities and garbage on automatic bill pay through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) network. We'll still get paper statements but won't need to cut checks anymore. Chief Crume will reach out to our accounting firm to ensure that there aren't any issues with doing this. A motion was made by Dale Ten Broeck and seconded by Dennis Feeley that we move forward with ACH pending the accounting firm's approval as a good way to do business. The motion was passed unanimously.
- C. HB3308 and SB762: House Bill 3308 is a bill to mitigate fire hazards in the state. Senate Bill 762 looks to put together a committee to study wildfire response and recovery. Chief Crume received an email from the Oregon Fire Chief's Association requesting a letter of support be sent to state and local leaders about these two bills. Chief Crume drafted a letter addressing his concerns. Discussion. A motion was made by Dale Ten Broeck and seconded by Dennis Feeley to amend Chief Crume's letter to propose an alternative that this be done at a local rather than at a state level and to detail the benefits of doing so. The motion was passed unanimously. Chief Crume will send out the revised letter to Board members to reply with authorization to send out the updated letter to our local state Representatives.
- 9. Chief's Report and Training Officer's Report (see attached): Chief Crume presented the Chief's Report and the Training Officer's Report. Highlights include noting 34 alarms in the month of March covered with 19 response volunteers (as of March 31).
- 10. Good of the Order:
 - Auxiliary Meeting Date: First Thursday of Each Month as needed.
 - Association Meeting Date: First Tuesday of Each Month.
- 11. Adjournment: Dale Ten Broeck moved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Kathryn Henning

Secretary

Next Regular Meeting: June 10, 2021 at 6:30 PM