

***Carbon County Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting
Minutes
February 1, 2024
Platte Valley Community Center, Saratoga, WY.***

President Homer Beach called the meeting to order in the Platte Valley Community Center at 6:50 pm. Secretary/ Treasurer Courtney Ney performed roll call. The present members were Homer Beach, Jim Piche, Courtney Ney, Cory Nuhn, and Pat Waliser. Also present were County Fire Warden/Interim District Chief John Rutherford, Carbon County Commission Chairwoman Sue Jones, Carbon County Commissioner Garrett Irene, and CCFPD Administrative Assistant Tara Williams. CCFPD attorney Megan Goetz was present via Zoom.

Additions/Corrections to the Agenda:

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda. Jim Piche moved to approve the agenda as presented, and Pat Waliser provided the second. The motion carried.

Introduction of Guests/Presentations:

President Beach welcomed Commission Chairwoman Sue Jones and Commissioner Garrett Irene to the meeting. He asked if either had any comments. Commissioner Irene thanked Jim Piche for attending the Elk Mountain town meeting and John Rutherford for his assistance on a hazmat call on Interstate 80.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Jim Piche moved to approve the minutes from January 18, 2024. Cory Nuhn provided the second. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Jim Piche attended the Elk Mountain town meeting last week. He

answered their questions by updating the town council and the Elk Mountain Fire Department on contractual obligations regarding implementing the Carbon County Fire Protection District.

Treasurer's Report:

Secretary/Treasurer Courtney Ney presented the Treasurer's report to the Board, which included the current bills from January 18 -31, 2024, totaling \$6512.70. Cory Nuhn motioned to approve, and Jim Piche provided the second. The motion passed.

A motion was also made to approve the purchase of the plow from Ameritech by Pat Waliser, with a second by Cory Nuhn. Jim Piche will give the invoice to the accountant, and a check will be cut for \$12063.50 for him to take to Casper on Monday to install the plow. Motion passed.

Attorney Report:

Megan Goetz advised that she received correspondence from Carbon County Deputy Attorney Ashley Mayfield Davis regarding purchasing the building at 812 E. Murray St., Rawlins, WY. She said she would review it when she has more time to commit to it and then report to the Board with any decisions, questions, or concerns.

Interim Chief report:

Interim chief John Rutherford stated he has received, assigned, and verified the operation of the new fuel cards that will be used when CCFPD goes live on July 1, 2024. The use of the cards is supported by real-time activity, and billing occurs on the first of each month.

He explained that he needs Secretary/Treasurer Ney's signature to register CCFPD with SAM.gov. The signature will be for a change of address from the PO box to the physical address of the CCFPD office.

He requested permission to hold the upcoming RT130, Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher, for Saratoga Forest Management

personnel at the Saratoga Fire Station. The refresher is scheduled for March 9, 2024, at 0900. Permission was granted.

Old Business:

A discussion was held regarding the contractual documents for the municipalities. The Board requested that Attorney Goetz begin compiling the contracts to present to the municipalities. Attorney Goetz suggested a work session to work through the details of the contracts. This is tentatively scheduled for the March 7th, 2024, meeting of the Board in Saratoga.

The Wyoming Class application is in review and waiting for signatures before submission.

New Business: - *None*

Board Discussion: - *None*

Any Further Business/Good of the Order:

A discussion regarding internet options for Ryan Park was started when Interim Chief Rutherford informed the Board that he had looked into Starlink Internet. He stated that the Starlink option would work best and without interruption in the remote area of Ryan Park. The Board discussed using an AT&T hot spot instead of the Starlink internet and which option was best. They preferred ordering an AT&T hotspot through CCFPD's Amazon account and setting up an account with AT&T to be paid monthly.

Adjourn:

No further business came before the Board. Mr. Waliser moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m., and Cory Nuhn seconded. The motion carried.

Courtney Ney and Tara Williams took minutes.