

**Carbon County Fire Protection District Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**March 7, 2024**  
**Saratoga Community Center**

**1. Call to order / Roll Call:**

- a. Vice President Jim Piche called the meeting to order at 06:39PM.
- b. President Homer Beach
- c. Secretary / Treasurer Courtney Ney.
- d. Director Pat Waliser.
- e. Director Cory Nuhn.

**Other guests present:**

- f. Interim Chief John Rutherford.
- g. Attorney Megan Goetz.
- h. Commissioner Sue Jones.

**2. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda:**

- *Approved as written.*

**3. Introduction of Guests/Presentations:**

- No public comment.

**4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Meeting minutes from December 7, 2023. A motion was made by Director Nuhn to approve the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. The motion was second by Director Waliser – motion passed with all voting yes.

**5. Correspondence:**

- No Correspondence was presented.

**6. Treasurers Report:**

- Secretary Treasurer Ney informed the board she had transferred \$50.00 from the RNB State Bank to Wyoming Class. The transfer went through indicating the account is set up correctly with no issues.
- Secretary Treasurer Ney spoke to the board about a concern that was raised from the RNB State Bank about Wyoming Class. The RNB State Bank was concerned about financial protection from Wyoming Class. The board's consensus is the money is secure with the State of Wyoming and the concern from RNB State Bank may be the difference in protective rules for different institutions.

**7. Attorney Report:**

- Attorney Goetz and Attorney Davis are working on the 812 E. Murray Street building purchase. Attorneys Goetz and Davis have a phone conference scheduled for Friday March 8, 2024 to continue work on the details.

**8. Interim Chief Report:**

- Chief Rutherford advised the board that it is intended to go live with Image Trend for the State reporting Software on Friday March 8, 2024.
- The new boardroom table arrived and will be put together and placed in the district boardroom.

- The board was informed of the Forest Service PODS program. Chief Rutherford told the board our Federal partners have started budgeting monies to manage the PODS including fuels reduction and roads maintenance.
- Chief Rutherford spoke to Chief Tyler Sims about the concerns regarding the Rock Creek Stations use as a community center for the locals. Chief Sims was satisfied the stations use as a community center was not in jeopardy. Chairwoman Jones indicated the County may retain the station as a county station to ensure the status does not change.

**9. Old Business:**

- Tanja Jaure gave a presentation of the website she has created. The board had some input for her and liked the layout. The board gave Ms. Jaure direction they would like to go live on April 1, 2024.

**10. New Business:**

- *No new business was discussed.*

**11. Board Discussion:**

- Board member Waliser expressed his desire to continue operations very similar to the way things are currently with the County. An agreement needs to be developed for the district to house their equipment in municipal departments. Possibly the agreement would provide for man hours but not compensate for district owned apparatus.
- President Beach commented to the board he feels there is too much equipment and many of the older units need to be retired due to not being manufactured to a recognized standard. Some pieces of apparatus just sit and is not used.
- Chief Rutherford commented that whatever agreement is made; the conditions must be consistent for all departments.

**12. Executive Session:**

- No executive session was held.

**13. Any Further Business / Good of the order:**

- *Chief Rutherford was asked about the recent Wyolink Training that was held on March 2, 2024. The training went well considering the contrast of support for Wyolink. Some changes were proposed for the communications plan and programming. Local radio use and training was identified and a significant need.*

**14. Adjourn:**

- Next meeting: Thursday March 21, 2024, 6:30 pm
  - Location: Saratoga Community Center
  - Motion to adjourn made by board member Waliser and Seconded by Nuhn. Approved at 07:48PM.