

# Ponderosa Volunteer Fire Association, Inc.



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## PVFA BOARD MEETING September 12, 2017

### PVFA Members Present:

Steve Sheridan, President	Brandon Huffman, Treasurer
Buddy Yen, 3 <sup>rd</sup> V.P.	Bill Wurdeman, Secretary
Bill Murrell, 1 <sup>st</sup> V.P.	Brittany Lawrence, 2 <sup>nd</sup> V.P.

### Others Present:

Fred Windisch, Fire Chief  
Dana Schmanski, Office Manager  
Bob Schmanski, ESD#7 Board President

### CALL TO ORDER - PVFA

Steve Sheridan called the September 12, 2017, Board meeting of the Ponderosa Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. to order at 6:00 p.m.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public in attendance.

### MINUTES

Steve Sheridan asked if there were any changes to the minutes from August 8, 2017 Board Meeting.

Bill Wurdeman made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Brittany Lawrence seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

### TREASURERS REPORT

Brandon Huffman gave the Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2017.

### Bank Balances as of 08/31/17:

Prosperity Bank Checking	44,552.73
Prosperity Bank Advantage Plus	112,117.97
Prosperity MM – Contingency Acct.	150,132.41

Trustmark Bank Cook FF ED/Relief FD	14,255.81
Prosperity – Non ESD Funds	95,394.92
Dan A. & Larue B. Langford	93,914.43
Independent Bank – SCBA CD	30,207.33
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$540,575.60</b>

**Checks for August > \$1,000.00**

Date	Num	Name	Paid Amount	Description
08/09/2017	29849	BUOY SERVICES DBA SURVIVAL AIR SYSTEMS	-3,172.51	Compressor Repair
08/09/2017	29856	HUDSON ENERGY	-3,970.59	Electricity
08/09/2017	29862	SCOTT EQUIPMENT, INC.	-7,662.00	Station 62 Washer Extractor
08/09/2017	29865	SUN COAST RESOURCES, INC.	-1,433.37	Fuel
08/10/2017	ach	EFTPS	-13,475.60	Payroll Taxes
08/10/2017	ach	LINCOLN TRUST	-3,667.95	401K
08/11/2017		QuickBooks Payroll Service	-33,401.28	Payroll
08/17/2017	29870	AFLAC	-1,073.23	Employee Benefits
08/17/2017	29872	CASCO INDUSTRIES	-7,000.00	Ram Air Gear Dryer
08/17/2017	29880	PRIME ITS, INC.	-1,749.00	It Services
08/17/2017	29882	SHELL CREDIT CARD CENTER	-1,340.71	Fuel
08/24/2017	29903	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF TEXAS	-6,646.11	Health Insurance
08/24/2017	29906	CUMMINS SOUTHERN PLAINS, LTD.	-1,816.19	Generator Maintenance
08/24/2017	29910	FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	-1,256.84	Employee Benefits
08/24/2017	29912	PRIME ITS, INC.	-1,749.00	It Services
08/24/2017	ach	EFTPS	-14,152.40	Payroll
08/24/2017	ach	LINCOLN TRUST	-4,569.59	401K
08/25/2017		QuickBooks Payroll Service	-34,866.93	Payroll

**Total of August 2017 Checks Written is 153,277.05**

**ESD DRAW**

**Draw – September 2017**

**FCW** - We have a draw for September 2017. Not to exceed \$420,000.00. Please review the handout for draw request.

In December, the final lease purchase payment for old engines is due for payment. In January, the first lease purchase payment on new fire engines will be due for payment.

Discussion held by the board in review of financials, checks written, and the PVFA September draw.

Buddy Yen made a motion to approve the financials, checks written and the September Draw not to exceed \$420,000.00. Bill Murrell seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

## **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

### **Fire Responses**

FCW – we spent about \$26,000.00 in overtime for the Harvey flood experience. Related to the overtime, approximately 90% is recoverable from FEMA.

The reimbursement for the Tax Day Flood of 2016, is being processed for payment, should receive Thursday or Friday of next week.

Flood experience: it all started Saturday at 7:30, in Westador Subdivision by 9:30, the LMTV was back on Zager Road and loaded 12 people as the water rose above the frame rails and caused the exhaust to plug up and killed the engine. Eventually the water completely covered the LMTV and we found a tennis shoe on top of the cab.

We had it hauled out by wrecker and delivered to Station 63 via Siddons Martin to remove all fluids and flush the system. Ed Calub connected battery, the starter engaged. With new fluids and a new starter from the spare LMTV engine we should be operational. We were informed that two of the Harris County Constables LMTV units changed the fluids in their LMTV's and are operational.

We touched 264 Homes in all for FEMA reimbursement as a public entity and for public assistance. We are to submit on behalf of both political subdivisions for public assistance. During the Harvey Hurricane event we tracked everyone's work hours, usage cost on LMTV (current investment in LMTV is approximately \$13,000.00), other expenses including rescue supplies, food, etc.

Our Fire Fighters/1<sup>st</sup> Responders touched 264 homes, we estimated 2+ people equates to about 500 people. Our people did an outstanding, fantastic job. We are very proud of how hard and committed our Fire Fighters and Volunteers worked together during this event of fire and rescue. FCW wrote a document and forwarded to VCOS. FCW has been invited to speak.

Bill Murrell – commented on Captain Dickerson's letter to his fellow 1<sup>st</sup> responders, "he wrote an articulate letter".

FCW - we did all this over 3 to 4 day period, sun up to dark. We stopped at dark due to placing our members in danger. Everyone lived here at Station 61, we have already included Hurricane Harvey Overtime Payroll and is included on P & L for payroll.

We lost a house in Ponderosa subdivision, it burned down to the water. Lloyd Overcash has 4 foot of water in his house.

We had 150 fire responses about 160 actual cad reports to firehouse. Scott has looked at each of them and we have the records report soon, but we are not going to count them in firehouse.

Before the flood, we had a house fire at Grand Valley and Butte Creek in Ponderosa Subdivision. Friday we responded to an apartment fire in Nantucket Apartment. 5 hours, and 3 ladder trucks, and about a million gallon of water. Enough usage and time passed, the towers had to leave to refuel. Champions FD had three-fatality house fire in Northgate Forest. During this time the 911 call systems was not working. 911 is still broken. There is a big problem now. Our concern, if we publish the back line number while 911 is not working and the future effect it will cause.

Station 61 damages – we have two broken hand held radios and a pager. Roof leak in chief and office manager's office. We started to file a claim with VFIS, but discovered the roof repair was on \$1,250.00 to fix and our deductible is \$5,000.00. Repair to flashing and mortar.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Weather Station – Station 63**

Nothing to report.

### **Electricity Contract**

Waiting on contract.

### **Foundation Search**

DMS – completed 27 courses completed with Foundation Search. Required to operate on their platform. Several requests for proposal filed with funders.

### **Replacement Fire Engines**

FCW received blue print today.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2018 Budget**

FCW – move to Old Business

### **Disaster Purchases**

2 LMTV's on hold for \$5,000.00 each. Tomorrow picking up a trailer to drive to Fort Worth to pick up one of them. Intended to pick up both, but plans changed and the other driver was not available tomorrow. I will keep you up to date on the second LMTV.

### **Grant to Flooded Members**

We had Rick Reeg totally flooded, lost a lot. There is a "Go-Fund Me" account for him. Hunt Whitten has flood insurance. We are proposing a grant for them out of the "Curtis

J Cook fire fighter relief fund” for \$1,500.00 each. Anthony Carrasco, similar conversation with folks at Cypress Creek Fire Department. They are all valuable personnel. Rick and Hunt are paid and full time duty crew. Anthony is Part Time duty crew and received assistance from Cypress Creed Fire Department.

Discussion held by the board with the agreement to grant \$1,500.00 to Rick Reeg and Hunt Whitten, and \$750.00 to Anthony Carrasco. Buddy Yen - what he represents to the department, he is still very much Ponderosa FD committed.

Bill Murrell made a motion to grant \$1,500 to Rick Reeg and Hunt Whitten and \$750.00 to Anthony Carrasco. Buddy Yen seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

**PVFA Audit & letter from Auditors**

Passed out final audit and letter to all board members

**Checking Account & Safe Deposit Box**

Next month, names are not correct.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Brittany Lawrence made a motion to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. Bill Wurdeman seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

The next meeting will be October 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

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Bill Wurdeman, Secretary