

Ponderosa Volunteer Fire Association, Inc.



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PVFA BOARD MEETING August 8, 2017

PVFA Members Present:

Steve Sheridan, President	Brandon Huffman, Treasurer
Buddy Yen, 3 rd V.P.	Bill Wurdeman, Secretary
Bill Murrell, 1 st V.P.	Brittany Lawrence, 2 nd 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 August 8, 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 July 11, 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 July 31, 2017.

Bank Balances as of 07/31/17:

Prosperity Bank Checking	6,674.10
Prosperity Bank Advantage Plus	282,060.59
Prosperity MM – Contingency Acct.	150,087.80

Trustmark Bank Cook FF ED/Relief FD	13,999.33
Prosperity – Non ESD Funds	95,386.82
Dan A. & Larue B. Langford	93,908.85
Independent Bank – SCBA CD	30,207.33
TOTAL:	\$672,324.82

Checks for July > \$1,000.00

Total of July 2017 Checks Written is \$197,443.17

Date	Num	Name	Paid Amount	Description
07/06/2017	29799	HOME DEPOT	-1,153.97	Training Facility, Fan 62, Boat, Minor repairs, Maintenance
07/06/2017	29800	HUDSON ENERGY	-2,603.30	Electricity
07/06/2017	29802	Municipal Emergency Svcs. Depository Acct	-5,034.88	Fire Hoses
07/13/2017	ach	EFTPS	-15,262.32	Payroll Taxes
07/13/2017	ach	LINCOLN TRUST	-4,053.55	401K
07/14/2017	ACH	QuickBooks Payroll Service	-36,774.16	Payroll
07/18/2017	ach	EFTPS	-3,178.06	Payroll Taxes
07/19/2017	ach	QuickBooks Payroll Service	-11,393.72	PVIP
07/20/2017	29817	AFLAC	-1,073.23	Employee Supplemental Premiums
07/27/2017	29833	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF TEXAS	-6,646.11	Health Insurance Premiums
07/27/2017	29838	Municipal Emergency Svcs. Depository Acct	-3,181.93	Protective Clothing
07/27/2017	29841	SIDDONS-MARTIN FIRE APPARATUS	-2,629.90	2009 Ladder Truck
07/27/2017	29842	Ward Diesel Filter Systems	-26,217.00	No Diesel Exhausted Removal System
07/27/2017	ach	EFTPS	-16,451.52	Payroll Taxes
07/27/2017	ach	LINCOLN TRUST	-4,025.22	401K
07/28/2017		QuickBooks Payroll Service	-40,660.47	Payroll

ESD DRAW

Draw – September 2017

Bill Murrell made a motion to approve the monthly checks and financials. Brittany Lawrence seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Responses

FCW – Responses 203 for the month. Reports to be mailed, still have 6 outstanding reports to finalize.

Black Eye Pea Restaurant fire on FM1960. Busy Saturday night, at 5:15 am FCW left the scene, they stayed another hour and a half. Structure fire dispatched just after 11:00 pm, command (Scott Windisch) called a defensive fire right away.

Aldine Fire Department backed into Station 61 for 3 or 4 hours to cover responses.

Automatic Fire Alarm

FCW – handed out reports. We have recorded about 1,100 runs for the year, and 274 were automatic alarms. We have an epidemic of false alarms in our area. In the next section, we had 202 of the 274 that were false. These facilities include a retirement home, apartments, and one hotel. The ComCenter is supposed to wait 4 minutes before dispatching. Sometimes this does not happen and call is dispatched. Two minutes into response, we are disregarded.

The ComCenter statistics for 2016: 11,500 dispatches in total, of that, 5,500 were automatic fire alarms. Concluding 45% of all calls are false alarms.

After 3 false alarms we charge of \$300.00 per false alarm when dispatched. \$50.00 for a non-response to get their attention. First two false alarms are no charge. Third false alarm we begin billing the facility.

Meeting scheduled tomorrow with a discussion on false alarms.

Donations from Chevron

Bill Murrell – Can we do company matching with Chevron for the fire department.
FCW – you will need to check with Chevron about matching, we know that Shell does not donate to volunteer fire departments any longer.

Covered Parking Station 63

New covered parking at station 63, to be funded by ESD#28. Preliminary information for review from Guthrie Buildings, we have one quote for 40 X 30 a little less than 19 thousand. The preferred size is 80 X 30 comes down to \$10.44 sq ft. Will discuss with the ESD board on August 21, 2017.

Checking Account and Safe Deposit Box Signatures

DMS spoke to Prosperity Bank, they recommend we wait to make changes once we have determined who will add to the account as signers.

1972 Fire Engine

Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

Weather Station – Station 63

Nothing to report.

Electricity Contract

Meeting tomorrow at 10:00am.

Foundation Search

We are working on a grant request for Body Armor. We are purchasing one for \$830.00 to insure this is what we want. If the grant request is not funded, we will figure out a way to purchase within our budget.

Related to this grant. All of the violent type of responses from July 2014 – July 2016 report requested. Includes an interactive map to show all incidents in district. We are looking for a trend concerning violent type of calls. The second set of information is adjacent to our district. FCW will create a spreadsheet to show type of incidents in our area and report at next meeting.

Replacement Fire Engines

Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS**Bill Murrell and Brittany Lawrence Board Positions**

Discussion held by the board concerning board member positions. After discussion, Bill Murrell will be assigned as 1st Vice President, and Brittany Lawrence will be assigned as 2nd Vice President of the Ponderosa Volunteer Fire Association Board of Directors.

Brandon Huffman made a motion to accept Bill Murrell as 1st Vice President position and Brittany Lawrence as 2nd Vice President position of the Ponderosa Volunteer Fire Association Board of Directors. Steve Sheridan seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

2018 Budget

FCW - this year we went to ESD#28 with \$2.9 million for 2017 budget. We will be giving at least \$100,000.00 back to ESD#28 because we will not hire additional fire fighters this year. We do want to fill those positions when the timing is right.

Station 62 Staffing: FCW - with Spring FD station 75 under construction, I have talked to Spring's ESD President, Spring FD Chief Seifert, and Klein FD, there is a potential after the 2nd week of September we are going to sit down and discuss staffing. The overall goal is to staff 3 firefighters 24/7 at Station 62.

Related to that with Spring FD opening station 75 and the tremendous growth in the area, we possibly may consider modifying 75's district. We believe there is cooperative spirit between these fire departments.

FCW – PVFA proposed budget request is 3.1 million for the 2018 Budget from ESD#28.

Brandon Huffman made a motion to request 3.1 million from ESD#28 for the 2018 budget. Brittany Lawrence seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Bill Wurdeman made a motion to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. Brittany Lawrence seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Bill Wurdeman

Bill Wurdeman, Secretary