

Ponderosa Volunteer Fire Association, Inc.



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PVFA BOARD MEETING
May 14, 2014
6:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Dan Vogel, President (2)
Paul Nichols, 2nd V.P. (1)
Bill Wurdeman, Secretary (5)

Steve Sheridan, 1st V.P. (3)
Rick Windham, 3rd V.P.

Member Absent:

Brandon Huffman, Treasurer (4) (Excused)

Others Present:

Fred Windisch, Fire Chief
Teresa Griffin, Office Manager

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 p.m. Dan Vogel called to order the May Board Meeting of the Ponderosa Volunteer Fire Association, Inc.

MINUTES

Dan Vogel asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the April Board Meeting. Bill Wurdeman and Steve Sheridan noted the following changes to be made: 1) Under Fire Chief's Report on Page 4, the second paragraph should read, "There was a two alarm apartment fire in Cypress Station"; also, the times of the meeting were incorrect, stating the meeting started at 6:30 p.m. and adjourned at 6:24 p.m. Teresa will make the noted corrections.

Steve Sheridan made a motion to accept the minutes with the noted changes and Paul Nichols seconded.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FCW reported in Brandon's absence:

As of April 30, 2014:

Prosperity Bank Checking	\$ 24,984.10
Prosperity Bank Advantage Plus	97,929.06
Prosperity Bank MM-Contingency Account	101,272.29
Trustmark Bank-Cook FF Ed Fund	7,020.09
Prosperity Bank Non-ESD Funds	126,256.66
Trustmark Bank Dan A. & Larue B. Langford	99,678.58
Trustmark Bank Firefighter Relief Fund	9,104.22
Total:	\$466,245.00

April Checks > \$1,000

Check	Name	Amount	For
ACH	EFTPS	1,104.54	Payroll Tax-PVIP
ACH	QuickBooks Payroll	4,298.51	PVIP
26897	Hudson Energy	2,426.21	Electric Utilities
ACH	Texas Workforce Commission	1,205.32	Texas Unemployment-1 st Qtr.
ACH	QuickBooks Payroll	24,225.09	Payroll
26905	Buoy Services DBA Survival Air Systems	1,030.55	Compressor Maint. – Station 1
26912	Home Depot	1,139.60	Maint. Stations 1, 2, 3 and Training Facility
26917	Plastix Plus	1,680.00	New Engine-Console & Equip. Tray/drawers, etc.
ACH	EFTPS	9,329.18	Payroll Tax
ACH	Lincoln Trust	3,694.17	401K Contributions
26926	Sam's Club	1,329.41	Station supplies, Rehab supplies, etc.
26935	Sun Coast Resources	1,943.05	Diesel Fuel
26942	Capital One Bank	1,113.07	Misc. Station Supplies, Maintenance, etc.
26949	Prime ITS, Inc.	1,300.00	Monthly Computer Maintenance
ACH	EFTPS	9,652.58	Payroll Taxes
ACH	Lincoln Trust	3,552.01	401K Contributions
26953	American Express	3,308.28	Computer equipment; cook-off expenses
26955	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas	1,772.76	Health Insurance Premium
26958	Classic Protection Systems, Inc.	1,787.00	Fire Alarm Sys.-Service
26959	FM 1960 Plumbing & AC	1,700.00	Water line repair – Sta. 62

Bill Wurdeman made a motion to approve checks and report as given. Steve Sheridan seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

ESD Draw

FCW reported as he handed out the information for the draw. The draft draw for this month per the handouts is \$295K, however, after we pay bills this week it should not exceed \$325K. Paul Nichols made a motion to accept the draw, not to exceed \$325K. Bill Wurdeman seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

FCW reported that April was down from last month with 126 responses. Fan 62 went to CyFair to a school fire. Details follow on the second page of the report.

BBQ Team took in \$15,500 and has expended \$11,400. We should have all of the bills in by next month's meeting and Fred will do a reconciliation report. The team still wants to build a new front which they did not get to because of the remodel.

OLD BUSINESS

2014 Budget – Hiring in Process

Hiring is in process. Last week we did the agility portion of testing and 2 didn't make it through. We did Wunderlich online personal traits, Wunderlich self motivation, interviews with 7 people on the panel and a computer aptitude test and written exam.

We are going to hire 3 employees. We had two others in the finals that were considered. Their expected start date is June 2nd. They have all accepted and will be on straight days for 2 weeks and then go to shifts.

Station 63 Deed

We are awaiting response from the County.

Modify Insurance for Families

Page 19 has healthcare insurance cost comparisons. FCW would like to wait until Brandon is in attendance to take action on this. Fred reviewed the spreadsheet with the board. The costs are shown on 50% and 70% for PVFA. He believes that Spring FD is using 70% or 80%. He will study it more and we will defer that decision until next month.

ESD 11 Election

Fred reported that the election did result in favor of our candidates. There were 3800 total voters and 43% from our District supported the two incumbents. Klein sales tax did fail, but they had neither publicized nor educated in their area. We are good for another two years.

NEW BUSINESS

Electricity Contract

We are up to the 3 years with Hudson Energy. Our rates are in the neighborhood of 9.5 cents per KWh. Rick Windham and Steve Sheridan approved looking at a new contract with permission for FCW to act.

Repurpose payroll duty crew

FCW thinks we should delay the day time hiring and instead of that, add a duty crew position. Andrew Threet has been with us for a long time and would like to work more shifts. Scott Moy is no longer working at the Village and he would like to work more as well. With that, Fred would like to add the 4th duty crew position.

Rick Windham and Steve Sheridan said it seems like a good idea to them. Rick Windham made a motion to repurpose the 4th position and add an additional duty crew position. Steve Sheridan seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

Website

Fred would like to put our minutes and agenda on the website, as well as any documents handed out during the meeting. Rick Windham said he thinks we should also put the budget on the website. Fred will begin doing so.

For the PVFA November 2014 meeting, FCW is going to be speaking in Dallas. We can discuss later, but we may need to reschedule the meeting date.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:25 p.m. by Rick Windham and seconded by Bill Wurdeman. The next scheduled meeting of the board will be on Wednesday, June 11th at 6:00 p.m.



Bill Wurdeman, Secretary


Teresa Griffin, Office Manager