

Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District Regular Meeting
Of the
Board of Directors

April 12, 2023 - 7:00 pm Upper Canyon

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Gene Mericle at 7:02 pm. Additionally, Directors Bette Blinde and David Bliss were present. Boots Jaffee and Bryan Maddox were absent. Paula Collins offered to take notes for the meeting. Additionally, Chief Hugh Collins and 17 community members were present.

Minutes Approval: Motion made by Dave “to accept the March 8, 2023 regular meeting minutes as emailed and read by Bette Blinde. Second by Dave. Motion passed 3-0.

Treasurer’s report: Current financials were presented by Treasurer Bette Blinde. Motion by Bette “to approve the financial statement for March 2023, as emailed and presented by Bette Blinde”. Second by Gene. Motion passes.

Unfinished Business:

Grants:

Chipper Grant – More mitigation hours have been submitted, and one reimbursement was given this month. Money is still available for homeowners.

Old Poudre City: Laura Stahl read a letter given to her by the secretary of Old Poudre City Inc., Sue Schneider, which opened a spirited discussion from the people present. A variety of perspectives and concerns about the ownership and management of the **community center** were expressed and many questions asked. It was agreed that more discussion was needed. **Motion by Dave “to have the two boards meet with the two attorneys in the future”. Second by Bette. Motion passes.**

Election: Paula, Designated Election Official, answered questions about the election process. She said the ballots are to be mailed this week and those not receiving one could contact her for a mail ballot request.

Security Cameras: Chief Collins reported the security cameras have been installed at all four stations. An additional camera is needed at Station 2 as the front doors are not covered. Anyone wanting the instructions to access the cameras can contact him. Andy Collins is planning to install a second camera at Station 3 to deter thefts in the parking area.

CWPP- Community Wildfire Protection Plan- Director Blinde reported that a finished copy of the updated CWPP plan has been posted on the PCFPD website.

Newsletter: The spring Newsletter was mailed out on Tuesday.

Backup Generator for Station 1: Chief Collins reported installation of the generator is “complete”.

Starlink: Starlink is up and running at both Stations 1 and 2. One component needs to be replaced so the security cameras will broadcast to the internet at Station 2.

New Business:

Google Work Space: Director Blinde has been working on getting this site up and running with a few complications. Director Mericle offered his assistance.

Bryan: Oath of Office: Postponed to May.

UPCA Community Fair Beer Garden Proposal: UPCA board member Brenda Bliss gave details about the beer garden that is proposed for the Community Fair and the special permit needed. Written permission is needed from both OPCI and the Fire Board to fill out the forms. Discussion followed and questions answered. Motion by Bette “to support the beer garden idea that UPCA is proposing and to get information from our insurance company” **Motion duly seconded and passed.**

Reports:

Chief's Report: Chief Collins reported that we had 9 calls in March. Working on boot sizing for bunker gear. Issued bunker gear less boots and gloves. Working on installing base station radios for Stations 1 and 4. Getting a quote for electronic access for community room at Station 2.

EMS: No report

Station 1: Gene reported the CAFS unit needs to be looked at after the Arrowhead fire on E611. Generator, Starlink and Security cameras are operational.

Station 2: Starlink installed.

Stations 3: Andy will install another camera to view the parking area. Black widows are not a problem currently.

Station 4: State Wildfire conference will be hosting a tour of the area and will stop at the station for lunch and a CWPP presentation by Director Blinde. Locking mailbox has been erected for the election.

CLPFEG: CLPFEG financials were presented by Director Blinde. CLPFEG has provided funds for several projects this month: security cameras for all stations, Station 1 back up generator and response jackets for firefighters.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm. Motion by Gene, second by Bette. Passes 3-0

Next meeting: MAY 17th (after the election results are official) 7:00 Lower Canyon Community Center.