Nederland Fire Protection District Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2024

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**Roll Call**

Guy Falsetti – Present

Todd Wieseler – Present

Russ Panneton – Present

Bob Sheehan – Present

Ryan Keeler – Present

Chief Charlie Schmidtmann – Present

**Announce Quorum and Call Meeting to Order @ 19:01**

**Public Statements, Comments or Questions**

* None.

**Approve the meeting agenda: 5-0-0**

**Acceptance of previous meeting minutes: 4-0-0**

**Treasurer’s Report**

* $554K in bank.
* $45K ahead of where we were this last time last year.
* Training income should be planned/budgeted.
* February expenses were under-budget.
* Administration expense overrun primarily First Due subscription and Station 1 upgrades.

**Chief’s Report**

* Still getting bids for 5633. The bid from Larry Miller seems realistic.
* Theft incident to one of the captains’ vehicles. We’re looking into a camera system for the parking lots and the doors.
* There are concerns about aspects of the firefighting environment that are carcinogenic. Our bunker gear contains high-risk chemicals. Different bunker gear is being considered, as well as reduced use of the existing gear.
* The SCBA phase converter project continues. There were unforeseen complications.
* We will exceed the planned $25K maintenance budget due to expenses for furniture, carpet, paint and the SCBA phase converter. $9K has been spent, and $22K will be coming due. Although the money is there, some of this may be more appropriately classified as capital expenses.
* We expect an increase in the number of Eldora calls due to staffing shortages at the resort.
* Progress is being made on First Due.
* Waiting for the video laryngoscopes to arrive.

**Fire Marshall’s Report**

* NES fire safety re-inspection has been delayed and rescheduled due to winter storm.
* First Due
  + Issued first permit using First Due.
  + More work remains but we are on-track before events and construction season begins.
* Wildland Pre-Plans and CWPP Update
  + Wildland worksheet/template is currently being redeveloped after many suggested changes from the alpha version. It is turning more into a *workbook*, rather than an individual sheet, however we believe the changes will work better for us.

**Old Business**

* Chief performance evaluation will start in August.

**New Business**

* Colo Trust has been a good move for us in terms of additional interest income.
* There are ongoing problems with getting authorization for Board members.
* If Sherry and Charlie both have authorization, the process should be more efficient. Both Sherry’s and Charlie’s signatures would be required to access money held at Colo Trust.
* **Approve adding Charlie to the Colo Trust authorization list: 5-0-0**
* Board Evaluation Process
  + Outline financial reporting responsibilities.
  + Solicit input from department administrative staff and possibly from the members.
  + This would be a short-format evaluation, administered through Survey Monkey or something similar.
  + Guy has volunteered to compose a first draft.
  + This would happen at about the same time as the Chief evaluation.

**Special Executive Session**

* None.

**Public Statements, Comments or Questions**

* Scott and Debbie Allen of the Indian Peaks Radio Club (IPRC) made a presentation of the club’s role in the community, and their vision of how the club could work with the Fire Department.
* The only club members to have our door codes would their board of directors.
* Club meetings would occur once per month.
* Tentatively, IPRC will move in in April 2024.

**Other Business**

* None.

**Next Regular Board Meeting: April 17, 2024**

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting: 5-0-0**

**Adjourn the Meeting @ 20:18**