

SMITHVILLE AREA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
February 27, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Smithville Area Fire Protection District was called to order by Chairman Jason Ekis at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Jason Ekis, Brian Laybourne, Ken Wilson, and Ryan Larson.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

REVIEW PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES:

The minutes of the January 23, 2024 regular meeting were approved with no changes and without objection.

The minutes of the February 2, 2024 special meeting were approved with no changes and without objection.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report for January 2024 will be filed for audit with no changes and without objection.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

J. Ekis asked for a moment of silence for his 49ers. All those present, with all due respect, laughed unapologetically.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Cline provided the Chief's report.

January 2024:

1 fire incident. 73 medical emergencies. Total of 12 motor vehicles. 3 hazardous conditions. 11 service calls. 9 good intent. 12 false alarms. Total of 121 runs for the month; a little behind this time last year.

Community risk reduction. 1 public education event. 9 PR events. 3 plan reviews. Conducted 3 open burning permits.

Training. Personnel completed 458 hours, which included a lithium ion battery fire program that Chief Taggart put on. New personnel completed their ice rescue technician course.

Equipment. Radiant floor heat system at Station #3 has been repaired and is working. East side large overhead door not shutting correctly and a bid for repair is forthcoming.

2010 pumper and '04 service truck are out of service pending sales and pickup dates.

Leaking valve stem replaced on one of the tankers.

Orientation training has started with the new pumper. Chief's goal is to have it inserviced by the end of March with all equipment mounted and the training with all the drivers completed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF LADDER TRUCK

Chief Cline provides information including that 9 bids went out; one came back for \$695,000 for the 2013 Spartan 103-foot ladder. Inspections and repairs including third-party ladder certification, new pump test and certification and full list of fluids and filters will be done. Purchase includes one year major component warranty. Chief projects receiving truck in Spring of 2025. 25% down payment is required.

J. Ekis makes a motion to approve the \$174,000 down on apparatus from the capital improvement account for the truck from Brindlee Mountain. B. Laybourne seconded. Roll call vote: K. Wilson, yes. B. Laybourne, yes. R. Larson, yes. J. Ekis, yes. Motion carried.

2. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF PORTABLE RADIOS

Chief Cline provides information including features of current radios versus new radios, parts for old radios are no longer available. Agreement with Platte County dispatch services necessitates working with vendor Midwest Mobile Radio and purchasing Motorola brand radios.

J. Ekis makes a motion to move forward on the purchase of 20 APX 6000 XEs as specified in the program for the \$121,730. B. Laybourne seconded. Roll call vote: K. Wilson, yes. B. Laybourne, yes. R. Larson, yes. J.

Ekis, yes. Motion carried.

3. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Chief Cline provides information and discusses with the Board the current wildland gear/boots, and benefits and need for new gear for all staff.

J. Ekis makes a motion to move forward on the recommendation that the District order 25 sets of Lion VersaPro turnout gear from Conrad Fire Equipment at \$27,091, and 25 pairs of boots from Ellebracht Fire Equipment for \$2,475. R. Larson seconded. Roll call vote: K. Wilson, yes. B. Laybourne, yes. R. Larson, yes. J. Ekis, yes. Motion carried.

4. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF FANS

Chief Cline provides information and discusses benefits with the Board of replacing current gas-powered ventilation fans with a battery powered version.

J. Ekis makes a motion to move forward on the recommendation that the District purchase two battery powered fans from Conrad Fire Equipment as specified for \$9,624.90. B. Laybourne seconded. Roll call vote: K. Wilson, yes. B. Laybourne, yes. R. Larson, yes. J. Ekis, yes. Motion carried.

5. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF FIRE HOSE

and

6. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF NOZZLES

Chief Cline provides information on need for new hose and nozzles.

J. Ekis makes a motion to purchase Sixty 50-foot sections of 1.88-inch hose and Twelve 50-foot sections of 2-inch hose from Conrad Fire Equipment for \$17,173.44. R. Larson seconded. Roll call vote: K. Wilson, yes. B. Laybourne, yes. R. Larson, yes. J. Ekis, yes. Motion carried.

J. Ekis makes a motion to move forward on the purchase of Twelve 1.75-inch nozzles and Three 2.5-inch nozzles from the Ellebracht Fire Equipment for \$9,096.18. B. Laybourne seconded. Roll call vote: K. Wilson, yes. B. Laybourne, yes. R. Larson, yes. J. Ekis, yes. Motion

carried.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNED:

J. Ekis made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion was seconded by B. Laybourne. Roll call vote: K. Wilson, yes. B. Laybourne, yes. R. Larson, yes. J. Ekis, yes. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully,

/s/ Liebe Stevenson

LIEBE STEVENSON, C.C.R #1340

The meeting minutes were written by Liebe Stevenson, under the authority of the Board of Directors. These minutes are not official until read, approved and signed by a member of the Board.

Ryan Larson, Secretary

Date