

Tarpley VFD Monthly Meeting
February 12, 2019

Call to order 1905

Board Members present: Mark Bradford, Kenny Alf, Doug Carlyle, Curtis Kosub, Adam Jenschke

Attendees in addition to the Board: Mary Bob Kosub, James Skoglund, Robert Sanders, Rob Sandige, Margo Denke, Jim Griffin.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report:

- Doug read the minutes of the last meeting.
- Motion was made by Robert, to accept the meeting minutes with one correction. Second by Jim. Motion carried. Minutes will be posted on our website once the new website is up and running.

Treasurer's Report:

- Curtis read the Treasurer's report closing January 31, 2019.
 - Three large checks paid out – Hochheim Prairie (insurance), Phil's (4490 service), KIMCO (SCBA service)
- Ending balance of primary checking account was \$282,603.29. Internet checking account at \$1,613.99. CDs are \$20,882.38, \$10,523.51, \$50,000.00. This includes money collected for the capital fund. Total of all accts is \$365,623.17.
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by James, second by Jim. Motion carried.

Chief's Report:

- Vertical I & II in Medina. Schedule is V1 Class 1 March 23-24, Class 2 April 6-7 V2 April 13-14. Contact Adam ASAP if interested. We can get a TFS grant to cover costs if we request funds in advance.
- Robert and Curtis passed the Class B exempt driver's test. Kenny, Robert, Curtis scheduled to do driving test March 22 in Kerrville.
- In house training Sat March 9th on 4492 will be conducted by Adam.
- Morgan will update Firehouse software on laptop.

- 4490, 4492, 4493, 4494 status = All in service. No issues.

President's Report:

- Discussion about 2019 Raffle
 - Mark got a \$500 TV and a \$1100 TV. Both Samsung.
 - BBQ pit \$2,100 by Helotes Pit includes probes.
 - Richard has located the iPad. We do not have details.
 - All items \$200 to \$500 are purchased and in hand.
- We are now on the list at Walmart to make purchases tax free.

New Business

- Curtis reviewed the 2019 budget. This was incomplete and will be discussed at a future meeting
- Curtis spoke with BEC about adding another pole with a 200A loop. Cost will be \$1,431.96.
- Builder's risk insurance for this project would be \$1,500+.
- New sign for the fire department. Does not have lighting. Under discussion.
- Tree trimming project. Murph Ryan is in the area. Normally 9 days x \$700 per day. \$5800 to do the trimming is his bid. Looking into grinding stumps.
 - Motion to go ahead with this. James made motion, Adam second. Motion passed.
- By-law review – Curtis passed them out for the Board to review.
 - At issue are: TVFD presently does not conform to the letter with our residency requirement; the Board presently does not conform to the letter with our meeting requirements; We do not conform to the letter with our requirement of a quorum when electing Board members; We do not have a finance committee; Definition of "active members" is *Active members are those individuals who have attended at least 50% of training sessions and/or two of the quarterly meetings.*
 - These deficiencies need to be reconciled by clarification, changing the By-laws, or changing conformance very quickly.
- Doug reviewed the status of grants.

- Texas Forest Service 2604B grants:
 - Awarded 10/19/18 - \$15,000 for PPE, 10% match, must be closed by 7/19/19.
 - New Tender, Pending Doug to submit, \$200,000, 10% match, Discussion concluded to go ahead and submit grant
 - New Small Brush Truck, Pending Doug to submit, \$100,000, 10% match, Discussion concluded to go ahead and submit grant. Adam moved and Jim 2nd motion to apply for both truck grants. Motion carried.
 - Requested \$20,000 for fire and rescue equipment, 25% match, TFS meets 3/13/19. See list of eligible items.
- Cailloux – Grant is now submitted for \$50,000 to go toward the fire station. No match. Will know late March or April.
- LCRA – Grant is now submitted for \$50,000 to go toward the fire station. No match. We will know late March.

Old Business

- Raffle ticket discussion by Jim Griffin
 - Instead of handing out bundles of tickets, hand out tickets at the date of events and venues to those individuals who will be selling.
 - Wild Hog Explosion March 16 on or off? - Robert and Jim
 - Tractor Supply – pick a day. Need approval from manager.
 - Jim and Margo will do the next 6 Saturdays at Helotes days.
 - Mac & Ernie’s – start April 9th Friday and Saturday nights. Contact Jim to select nights. Note M & E’s closed Easter weekend.
- Invite Jerry Johnson or Shane Merritt to speak regarding scene safety – Doug. Doug has contacted Shane who will set it up. Doug to follow up.
- Get the Medina VFD training schedule and broadcast to TVFD members.
- Richard is working on our new website.
- Doug raised the subject of new toolboxes for 4490. Adam made a motion to spend up to \$2,000. Robert 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Adjourn 2027