

## **Tarpley VFD Monthly Meeting April 9, 2019**

### Call to order 1913

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

Attendees in addition to the Board: Bailey Alf, Jim Griffin, Margo Denke, Robert Sanders, Mack & Marilee Frazier

### Secretary's Report:

- Mark read the minutes of the last meeting.
  - Correction #1: add Mark's name to the list of individuals (Kenny, Morgan, Jerry) who will arrange their FAST 2 recertification.
  - Correction #2: Brian Dennis did not offer to deliver BBQ plates. Instead, he offered the use of his trailer to deliver the grand prize raffle item (Helotes BBQ pit) to the winner.
  - Motion to approve minutes with corrections made by Robert with second by Margo. Motion carried.

### Treasurer's Report:

- The Treasurer's report was presented by Curtis Kosub . Robert Sanders made the motion to approve the TR and was seconded by Kenny Alf. Motion carried.
- Curtis reported that the department should know about the status of a grant through Cailloux Foundation by May 3.
- A \$50,000 grant request through LCRA was not awarded.

### Chief's Report:

- Adam reported on videos on brush and wild land fires that the department received through a grant from Texas Forest Service.
- He also reported that the department purchased wheel chocks for 4492. He urged members to use these new chocks each time 4492 is in service.
- Adam provided info on the dates for Vertical Rescue certification.
- A new firefighter/EMT for the TVFD, Conner McEachron was introduced.

- Conner and Bailey Alf recently completed Vertical Rescue Technician Level-1 training.
- Doug and Adam recently were recertified for Flood and Swiftwater Technician II (FAST II).
- Issues with #4490's radio error code were discussed. Probable cause of the problem was not established; however, the remedy is to turn the truck's engine on **and let the truck run for 20-30 seconds before** turning on the radio.
- 4490 new toolboxes – \$2,000 approved. Ongoing activity. Doug.

#### President's Report:

- Nothing to report.

#### Old Business:

- Jim Griffin reported on the raffle ticket sales.
  - Margo showed the group a new lightweight folding table that will be stored in the fire station and available for use for raffle ticket sales.
  - Membership was reminded about the need for membership to sell raffle tickets on each Friday and Saturday's at Mac and Ernies until the Sept. VFD BBQ.
- A lengthy discussion surrounding the issue that increasingly people aren't carrying cash. They now use credit cards. This impacts raffle ticket sales.
  - Does the fire department need to consider exploring this avenue for sale of raffle tickets?
  - The advantages and disadvantages were discussed about the various option available (some free, others with varying levels of cost).
  - Curtis and Conner will work together to see which of these options will work best utilizing the department's Donate Now Account.
  - Adam needs a PDF version of the raffle ticket prizes. Margo will send that plus the dollar amounts of each raffle item to Adam.

- Adam requested time at the next meeting to discuss changes to the wording of department's existing By-Laws.
  - The requirement that members reside with the department's jurisdiction.
  - There may be other things within the By Laws that need to be modified or brought into line with practice.
- Mack Frazier inquired about the impact of the Torn's Camp that is currently under construction within the TVFD's jurisdiction. Because of its size and possible density, it was suggested that the department contact Chris Torn, the son on the owner of the property (Sam Torn) about fire-related issues.
- 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. This is again a hot issue after an EMS call in Rio Hondo May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Richard is working on our new website. Must be converted from old to new web host before June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- TVFD Generic Business cards
  - On hold pending new website and new email address
- 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.
    - Requested \$20,000 for fire and rescue equipment, 25% match, TFS met 3/13/19. We did not get any award at that meeting. Next meeting August 7<sup>th</sup>.
    - Doug submitted grants to TFS for a new tender and a new brush truck. We were advised we have received a "round 1" award -4494 chassis- and a "round 2" award – 4492. Round 3 isn't open yet. We have an undermined amount of time (>10 years?) before we be able to apply to TFS for any kind of truck/chassis.
    - We can apply to TFS for a slip on unit up to \$20,000, 10% match; up to \$38,000 if CAFS.

- TFS has paid for FAST 2 training for Adam and Doug; Vert I training for Bailey and Connor; Advanced Extrication training (approved, in June) for Doug and Robert. Will add Bailey and Connor. Others?
- Vert 2 training grant for Bailey/Connor submitted.
- Cailloux – Initial grant request for \$50,000 to go toward the fire station. No match. After LCRA gave TVFD \$0, Doug made a verbal request to Cailloux for \$100,000. We have been awarded \$75,000. Check is “in the mail.”
- LCRA – No grant money awarded for fire station. Next grant must be submitted by July 31. Award late September if we get it.
- We can apply to Stevens Foundation, Cailloux Foundation, and Peterson Foundation annually, and LCRA every two years. **We need to talk about what we want.**

New Business:

- Adam brought to the membership a discussion about the relocation of the Texas Parks/Wildlife (TPW) trailer for control of Chronic Waste Disease (CWD).
  - Pros and cons about various location options on TVFD property were discussed. A final decision needs to be reached by September, 2019.
- Curtis reminded the membership that the old fire truck is still in storage in the barn on the Indian Springs Ranch. He suggested that someone in the department needs to contact the Frontier Times Museum in Bandera to establish their plans on restoring the old fire truck.

Jim Griffin made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Adam Jenschke.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Mary Bob K. for Doug C