

Tarpley VFD Monthly Meeting May 14, 2019

Call to order 1913

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

Attendees in addition to the Board: Bailey Alf, Connor McEachron, Jim Griffin, Margo Denke, Robert Sanders, James Skoglund

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Following that, we presented a special memorial award to Randy Shed's family.

Secretary's Report:

- Doug read the minutes of the last meeting. James moved to accept the minutes, Robert second. Minutes accepted without changes.

Treasurer's Report:

- The Treasurer's report was presented by Curtis Kosub. \$200,000 moved to new construction account. The balance of the construction account on 4/30/19 was \$180,398.52. Curtis reported on all deposits and withdrawals.
- The balance of the operating checking account on 4/30/2019 was \$120,905.97. Curtis reported on all deposits and withdrawals.
- We have CDs in the amount of \$20,923.57, \$10,546.06, and \$50,126.03.
- Robert Sanders made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report and was seconded by James. Motion carried.

Chief's Report:

- PPE grant – all purchases are made. Waiting on final deliveries.
- Morgan conducted training on landing zones last Saturday. During construction, we will use the grass area on the William's Creek side of the park to land a helicopter instead of the parking lot.
- Dispatchers have received fire ground training. They want information that will give details as to what that truck is capable of doing. For example, 4494 is a tender; 4490 is a small brush

truck; 4492 is a large brush truck with rescue tools. This will help them understand what assets are deployed at an emergency scene.

- Adam commented on a fire in Bandera where he assisted as a medic. He cautioned us against being too aggressive with our firefighting tactics without weighing the dangers. It is not worth putting TVFD firefighters health and safety at risk when there is little or no reward in terms of victims health and safety.

President's Report:

- Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- Jim Griffin reported on the raffle ticket sales. As of 5/13/19, we had sold 474 tickets, issued 12 free tickets (\$100 sales), and had 12 tickets sold to credit card holders using Square. We have also collected \$262 in cash donations. Total deposits are \$5,118.66.
- There are still openings for Mac & Ernie's. See Jim's list.
- Curtis demonstrated Square that we may use to collect money by credit card using our phones.
- Invite Jerry Johnson or Shane Merritt to speak regarding scene safety – Doug. Doug to follow up.
- Richard is working on our new website. Website has been transferred from Ipower to a new host call Hostgator. It is being fine-tuned and we are looking into redesign. The new website will also include email capability which we are rolling out to all members.
- TVFD Generic Business cards/Fridge magnets
 - On hold pending new website and new email address
- 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.
- 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 7th.
 - 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 & Vert II training for Bailey and Connor; TFS will pay for Advanced Extrication training for Doug, Robert, Bailey and Connor.
 - 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.
 - 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:

- Lauren Alf submitted her application for support staff. Adam will conduct a background check.

Mary Bob made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Robert.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.