

April 17, 2024 PMVFD Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Roll call/quorum of board members confirmed. Present were Roy Golightly, Jim Miller, Carole Peterson, Jennifer Golightly, Doug Hagee, Judy Miller, John Parr, Gerri Parr, Mike Peterson, Melissa Costa, Chris Lavine, Ralph Sparks, Jim Simpson, Mike Williams and Mary Beauchamp.

Pledge and Prayer were given by Roy Golightly.

Roy stated that the Minutes of the January 17, 2024 Board Meeting had previously been presented to the board. Doug Hagee moved we accept the Minutes of the January 17, 2024 meeting as submitted, second by Mary Beauchamp. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was given by Chris Lavine. Beginning balance of \$49,992.83 as of 12/31/23, deposits of \$19,442.24, disbursements of \$11,956.88 for a balance of \$57,478.19 as of 3/31/24. We sold both the boat and E64. We had not received any 833 funds yet but we did receive the Q1 sales tax money after the end of the first quarter. The fire dues were down 11% through Q1 from full year 2023 but some pay their fire dues in June or July or pay throughout the year. We received a Blue and You grant thanks to Mary but nothing has been spent yet. We moved the water tank fund back into the general fund and after a discussion with Doug, we limited the annual maintenance fund to \$15,000. A member of the community attending the meeting stated that he thought the fire dues were due in October; however, they are due on January 1 of each year. Carole stated that new property owners should check with the previous owners as to whether or not they've paid the fire dues for the year because they are good for the entire year regardless of who owns the property. Motion to accept by Judy Miller, second by Melissa Costa. Motion approved unanimously.

Events Committee Report was given by Melissa Costa. We had approximately 89 people at the gumbo fest. It was a good event and a big success. The Coulters paid all the costs associated with the food which totaled \$450. We made \$1522 on the dinner and \$1797 on the auction. It was decided to continue with the Gumbo Fest even if the fire department picks up the cost of the ingredients. March seemed to be a good time for the gumbo fest. Melissa had not looked at the October date for the Chili Supper yet because she has to check with Lakeway to make sure we don't conflict with any of their events. Melissa had spoken to the Kelloggs and the Barbecue Dinner will be held on June 8th. Melissa said she and Karen Giancana have talked about having a plant and garden items sale in addition to the barbecue. The plants would have to be outside due to the number of people who attend the barbecue event. Motion to accept by Gerri Parr, second by Mike Peterson. Motion approved unanimously.

Fire Report was given by Doug Hagee. We had 13 incidents that we responded to so far this year. There were four lift assists and 5 wildfires with one that was never found.

There were two auto aids with Lakeway and Summit. We dispatched one tanker to the trailer fire in Summit but it had already burnt down. There was one EMR response about a man who had fallen and hit his head. We received our compressor but it had a couple of loose wires apparently from the shipment. It's working well now and our cascade system is set up. We found someone in Mountain View who services compressors. We're going to start having him service our compressor starting in January 2025. The service costs initially will be cheaper because we already have extra filters. We sold the boat for \$1,000, the E64 for \$4,500, the rescue truck for \$4,000 and the old cascade system for \$500. We had people standing in line for the ambulance and E64 and eight people contacted him about the ambulance. Motion to accept by Mary Beauchamp, second by Chris Lavine. Motion approved unanimously.

Emergency Medical Responders Report was given by Mary Beauchamp. We received the grant from Blue and You. The cost of the defibrillator and pediatric pad with a coupon she found was \$1271.73 which was less than the money they gave us so she will have to give some of the grant money back for the defibrillator. The bag she put in for originally was not carried anymore but she found another bag that's similar and was cheaper. The total was \$419.97 and the grant was for \$446. The ambulance was emptied out. She found a couple of shelves on sale in St. Louis so she can start organizing the things. The little brush truck went to Webb's Landing. We have a lot of extra gear she wants to spread out to the stations. We're going to start CPR classes again - she already has 6 people for the class. She can only certify 6 at a time. She may hold 5 or 6 CPR classes to teach with people from the community. She can only certify 6 at a time. Cost did go up per person to \$9 per person for the CPR class. Motion to accept by Jim Miller, second by Judy Miller. Motion approved unanimously.

Webmaster Report was given by Patty Williams as Mike was out of town. The new pinemountainvfd.org site is running fine. Thanks to Jim Miller for putting up the new pinemountainvfd.org signs at the two buildings. Mike has not shut down the old website yet but he may do so at the end of May. He said if anyone else besides Mary needs a pinemountainvfd.org email address to let him know. Emails of residents for Carole and Chris may need to be put online so think about that. He also needs events and training pictures that you can text or email to him. He's starting to get a few form submissions so by next quarter - please come with any ideas you may have. Motion to accept by Melissa Costa, second by Doug Hagee. Motion approved unanimously.

Old Business

The 2024 Roadside Cleanup had a pretty good turnout for what we had. We had 2 more than last year even without most of the master naturalists. We collected 18 bags and had very little to sort when we did it yesterday. We had less to clean up due to several people who clean up all year. Chris asked if we really needed to partner with Keep Arkansas Beautiful because of their reporting requirements. They contributed one box of latex gloves, 1 box of garbage bags and 35 t-shirts. The sorting was completed within 2 hours and there were 8 bags of recyclables out of the 18 bags we sorted. The

transfer center would still take the garbage from the annual roadside cleanup and would not charge us anything if we don't partner with Keep Arkansas Beautiful. Melissa spoke about talking to someone at the transfer center regarding getting special colored bags so the people who collect roadside garbage all year don't have to pay to bring it to the transfer station. Chris said next year would be his last year to coordinate the annual roadside cleanup. Jim Miller suggested it be left up to the roadside cleanup coordinator as to whether or not it is through Keep Arkansas Beautiful. The Pancake Breakfast is tied to the roadside cleanup but this year it will be held in the middle of August and not in May. It will be the weekend right before the kids go back to school.

The Rescue Vehicle has been sold and it was starting great.

The E64 has been sold too. The person who bought it owns a business in Bentonville. He wanted to restore it and use it in parades.

The security cameras are all working and have no issues other than some moisture in one and it was replaced at no cost. They're all fine now. Jim bought 2 replacement cameras just to have them on hand.

Roy stated that we're still in the running for a grant from Arvest. Roy emailed his contact at the bank and she told him that they had just received their grant money and were meeting monthly to decide how it would be disbursed.

Forestry gives a grant every year and this year Peel received one of them.

New Business

The propane tank at S1 has 60% in it, the tank at the T&E center is 68% and S2 has 70%. If Anderson fills them up to 80%, we need 210 gallons for all of the tanks. We have 297 gallons remaining from our prepay 3 years ago. Jim recommended that we prepay for an additional 750 gallons which has to be done prior to July 15 and will last us another 3 years. The cost is \$2.29 a gallon which is still the same. Doug Hagee moved we prepay another 750 gallons, Mike Peterson seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Doug said that the guy who is going to service our compressor also sells SCBA's and is certified to work on them. We have 20 SCBA's that still work but most are 30 years old. The recommendation is that they be no older than 15 years. He gave me a quote for 2 SCBA's with 2 extra bottles for each. The cost is \$15,932 for both of them. Doug wants to start buying 2 SCBA's a year. If we get the grant, we've asked for enough money to buy 4 of them. We need them to meet the requirement for our 833 money. We're in good shape with our turnout gear so it is a good time to purchase new SCBA's. Ralph Sparks moved we purchase 2 SCBA's, Mary Beauchamp seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

T2 has a static leaking water tank. We emptied all of the water from it because it was making a big mess and moved it to Station 2. If we have to use it we can fill it up and take it to the fire. Doug got a quote from the state which has prisoners make tanks and it was \$10,000. Mike can do it for \$3500. Jim Miller moved to allow \$4500 to repair the water tank, seconded by Melissa Costa. Motion passed unanimously.

Melissa Costa said the new mower has 22.1 hours on it. She and Jack mowed just a couple of weeks ago. According to the maintenance schedule, the mower needs to be checked after 25 hours for mower blade, the rider for loose hardware and the tire pressure. Melissa's husband, Jack can do all that. He also checks the engine oil level every time they use it and they've been doing that. Jack says the oil is looking good and we can probably hold off this year in getting it serviced. The oil probably needs to be changed after the first 50 to 100 hours of service. Carole says we have an account at Millers where the mower was purchased if we need to take it in. Melissa and Jim Miller are going to take a look and see if it's possible to change the oil ourselves and still keep it under warranty. A big thank you to Melissa and Jack for doing such a good job on the mowing!

The review of the financial statements passed out at the beginning of the meeting was performed by Jim Miller, Jim Simpson and Jim Duke.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Judy Miller, second by Ralph Sparks. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.