

Helix Rural Fire Protection District Board Meeting

Dated: September 25, 2017



Attendance: ~~Mark Mathews~~ Glen Tipton Terry Case
Mitch Pankratz Chrys Wernlund ~~Dave Baty~~

Guests: Gary Betts, Miriam Gilmer

Called to Order: 7:08 PM

Accept Previous Minutes: Mtn to Accept: Glen Tipton
2nd to Accept: Mitch Pankratz
Approved All: Approved

Treasurer Report / Bills: Mtn to Accept: Glen Tipton
2nd to Accept: Terry Case
Approved All: Approved

There was a question brought up by Terry as to where the \$10,000.00 check out of General Checking for the Type 1 Engine was on the Check Detail. The transfer from the State Pool to the General Checking is on the report. Terry will ask Sarah about this.

(**Note** Terry asked Sarah and the check for the engine was issued prior to 8-28-17 and was on last month's report.)

Chief's Reports: Received - Attached hereto

Old Business:

Community Service for Pat Thompson-Pat has worked with David Wernlund cleaning the fire station and has worked with Mark Woolbright washing the fire trucks for the parade. He has about 10 hours of community service done so far.

Station 1 Rock Garden- Glen Tipton will take Pat to get some river rock for the rock garden. He is planning on doing that three weekends from the meeting (10-14-17). Glen will supervise Pat

in the work. David Wernlund would like to install gravel in the bed and then put the river rock on top of it. He has checked with Pendleton Ready Mix about the gravel and for 20 yards it would be around \$400.00 delivered. David will get a hold of Pendleton Ready Mix again and see if we can get a donation or discount. Terry made a motion to have David get the gravel, after checking on a discount, and pay up to \$400.00 for it. Seconded by Glen. Approved by all. Chrys is going to check with Gary Woodson and see where the weed barrier is which was purchased last year.

Training Room-Chrys is working on a Home Depot Grant to get funds for the material to finish the training room. She is waiting on information from Claudia with Land Mark and from Juan so she can complete it.

New Business:

Tenders & Dump Chute- It was decided to install the dump chute on the white tender instead of the red tender. This was due to safety concerns in driving the white tender off the pavement. It would work better to shuttle the water. The jib crane and port-a-tank will still be installed on the red tender. The white tender is currently at Doherty Welding getting the work done.

Water Storage tank-The water storage tank has been installed at the intersection of Hwy 334 and Myrick Rd. The crack has been repaired but there is still a slight leak. Chief Dave and Bill Boyd will continue to work on the leak. The tank is currently holding about 9000 gallons of water.

Pumper Training-The pumper training class was held in Milton Freewater on the 23rd and 24th of September. We are not sure who all attended.

Maintenance Requests-David Wernlund brought to the board the needed of installing some baffle balls in the white tender. The balls would help to keep the water in the tank from sloshing and making the truck unbalanced. David also stated that we need to get rotating lights on all of the trucks to help with visibility. The board requested David to get prices for both items and bring them back to the board.

Chief's Report-Went over the Chief's Report. There will be Winter training classes available and there is a list of the topics. The Financial Review will be done in the next couple of weeks.

Election Certificates-Chrys handed out the Election Certificates from Umatilla County to all of the newly elected board members.

Fire Fighters' feelings about the IGA-The board invited the fire fighters to share their feelings about the IGA with EUCRFPD so far. Fire Fighters present were David Wernlund, Dusty Lindsay, Jason Hall, Mark Woolbright, Susie (EUCRFPD), & Bill Boyd (EUCRFPD). There was a good discussion and the majority of the feed back was positive.

Meeting Adjourned: by Chrys Wernlund Time: 8:48 PM

New Meeting Scheduled for: October 23, 2017 Time: 7:00 PM

Terry Case
Sec/Treas.

Helix RFPD

Chief's Report for September, 2017

Fire Calls = Medical Assist = MVA's =

Fire Update

Summer Fire Season is nearing a shut down. Wheat harvest has mostly been completed, and while there is still some straw-bale and collection work going on in the field, the high risk fire conditions have mostly left us for the 2017 season. Terrific work and fire safety was practiced by the ranchers in the entire region.

T-71 and T-72 upgrades. It was brought to my attention by one of the five Helix fire personnel that of the two water tenders the larger "white" one, T-72 was more appropriate to operate as a water tender utilizing the dump chute in a water shuttle operation. Among other reasons, safety was a concern due to the suspension and overall driving characteristics and "handle-ability". As most of you are aware, I reached out to the board seeking guidance on this issue. Time was a factor and if we were making a change, it needed board-authorization asap. After receiving approval from three of you (Chrys, Terry and Glen) I contacted the contractor and made the change. Therefore, T-72 (the white tender) HAS HAD THE DUMP CHUTE INSTALLED. T-71 will have the 5000 gallon drop tank and crane system installed this week. It was stated to the contractor HRFPD needs these units back in service ASAP. It is understood by the contractor this apparatus is VITAL to the firefighting operational effectiveness of this district.

Dry Land Water Tank: The tank at Myrick Road and Hwy 334 has appx 9000 gallons of water. On the side of the tank we have painted "Non potable water for fire use only". There still is a small and active leak; however it is still reliably holding water. **This is possibly one of our best accomplishments. Here is why: This tank substantially increases our ability to provide fire protection to residences in the "dry-land" area. It was not an easy task to complete. We quietly completed this project without fanfare or seeking public admiration. ☺** Firefighters doing the best good. I'm proud of them.

Training/Activity Participation Update

As the Summer Fire season begins to wind down, we will slowly shift training emphasis towards structural related topics. We encouraged our folks to attend a pumper-operator class being offered in Milton-Freewater at no cost to the district or students. This class is presented over two weekends (first weekend was 9/23-24) and is just about as good as it gets for location and cost. Terrific training even for those who have had pumper-operator before. After training and task book completion, students will receive their DPSST Pumper-Operator certificate.

Also there is a Traffic Management Class at Wildhorse resort on Wednesday, October 4th from 8-12:30. This is sponsored by ODOT and again I hope we can get more folks in attendance than just the Chief. There is no cost.

We are scheduling a class with LifeFlight in October for Landing Zone Training.

DPSST Winter Fire School is February 17-18.

****Save the dates!****

February 17-18, 2018

Registration will open on October 2nd, 2017.

NFA Classes that will be offered:

[F0455 - Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations](#)

[F0457 - Decision Making for Initial Company Operations](#)

[F0458 - Preparation for Initial Company Operations](#)

[F0646 - Leadership in Supervision: Creating Environments for Professional Growth](#)

[F0647 - Leadership in Supervision: Perspectives in Thinking](#)

[F0648 - Leadership in Supervision: Frameworks to Success](#)

[F0760 - New Fire Chief: Challenging Issues](#)

Maintenance update

Beginning on August 1, 2017, a preventive maintenance schedule was begun on HRFPD apparatus on a monthly basis. The results of this scheduled maintenance will be emailed from the Helix RFPD maintenance tech (Lt. Dave Wernlund) to acting Fire Chief (Dave Baty). Findings, results and status of the HRFPD apparatus fleet will be presented to the board at each monthly meeting.

Update on the American La France pumper: Its here ☺

Many thanks to the board for allowing this to happen. In the world of type 1 engines, we almost got this for free. As we are outfitting it to our needs, it will cost more funds. However, when we get this done, it will serve the district for many years, and be a confident engine to provide safety to our firefighters and protection to our citizens. **Thank you again for allowing this to happen.** We are putting the engine in-service utilizing currently owned equipment as much as possible. My hope is that we can have our people trained up and confident running the engine by the middle of September. It's a strong pump and we will pump test it with the other engines in the fleet during our normal annual pump testing.

Budget update

I am taking clothing and response gear orders from our firefighters. Tee shirts, sweatshirts, hats, inclement weather jackets, warm weather gloves and possibly jumpsuits (if the guys want and will use them). I will give the estimates/costs to Terry for board consideration and approval before actually placing any orders.

New tax revenue is expected during the second or third week of November, however we are in very solid financial shape (please see the included financial report - with broken out state pool information and local checking account activity as requested at our last meeting)

We will be having a financial review conducted in the next few weeks. As you know I'm over-seeing the costs and will submit any significant findings or changes to you - prior to entering

an agreement - as to avoid any surprises. I am still in discussions regarding the final price of the review. Before proceeding with any action I will consult with the board.

Final request:

If any of my suggestions, "asks" or actions do not directly or indirectly contribute to the mission statement, or the vision statement - please check me on it. I am not without fault and as I have said repeatedly: I make a lot of mistakes. However my INTENT is always to keep our firefighters safe, and of course be the best public servants we can. I will always welcome board guidance to achieve this 😊

Mission Statement for Helix RFPD

The mission of the Helix Rural Fire Protection District is to minimize loss of life, property and the environment in the Helix Rural Fire Protection District. from fires, natural disasters, life threatening situations and to assist other emergency agencies.

We will achieve this mission through professional / progressive training and fire education while providing a first class service to our customers.

Vision Statement for Helix RFPD

It is our vision to be known as an innovative and progressive fire department. We are dedicated to the delivery of effective fire suppression activities, rescue services, and quality fire/safety education to the public. We strive to offer the best available education and training to our members.

We are committed to providing an environment which fosters teamwork among members. We desire to have an atmosphere of open communication which promotes the health and welfare of individual members.

Respectfully,

Dave Baty