

## Spofford Fire District Commissioners Meeting 9/19/2016

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm. Chris Babcock, Dave Thomas, Wayne Guyette, Norman Van Cor, Mike Fuller, Dave Jordan present. Cathy Schlichting was absent. Minutes are being taken by Chris Babcock.

1. Minutes from 8/15/2016 meeting were approved as presented.

2. Unpaid bills were presented and approved to be paid.

3. Old Business

a. Tax exempt status- Nothing new

b. Dredge pond- Chris received a quote from M.E. Mathews after meeting with them to discuss options. No other contractors have looked at the project for ideas yet. Discussion was held regarding plans and ideas for the project. Wayne made a motion to authorize up to \$1,000 from the water hole fund to be spent for engineering design of the project by Ron Bell of Bell Engineering. Chris seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

c. Geothermal system. Nothing new. Dave is looking into whether Pinney Plumbing may be able to evaluate this system.

d. Clean file room. Nothing new.

e. Grants. Chris reported the new application period would be opening soon and preparations are being made to resubmit for requests which did not get funded in the last cycle.

f. Firefighter physicals. Mike reported on information provided by Cheshire Medical at a recent local area chief's meeting. An invitation is being extended for Cheshire Medical personnel to attend the next joint commissioners meeting.

g. Seal parking lot. Wayne reported the cracks have been sealed and the bill was presented for payment.

h. VY Siren. Mike has been in touch with Beauliveau Communications regarding the siren activation issues and battery back up. Bruce believes there are batteries in the locked cabinet and will check on this. The siren is powered through the firehouse electric panels and is still active as it sounded a couple days ago when there was a power surge. Nobody knows where the 0 Main St. location is that was on the billing list provided by the Town of Chesterfield earlier.

i. Well. Chris has been flushing the water lines when at the station on Sunday mornings. This will be continued while more information is gained about possible bleaching or filter systems. There seems to be some improvement in the odor, but more time for further evaluation will be needed.

4. New Business

- a. Mike Fuller reported that a certified letter was received regarding required upgrade needed for the Zoll cardiac monitor. He will look further into this.
- b. Mike Fuller reported all apparatus will be inspected and serviced this month.
- c. Mike Fuller reported that all mutual aid forest fire billing documents have been forwarded to Merrill for processing.
- d. Mike Fuller reported receiving a confirmation letter from the state forestry grant program for full approval of purchases. Total cost was a little bit below the original budget. Reimbursement of 50% of the costs will be provided by the state.
- e. Wayne discussed resigning his position as commissioner as Dave Jordan has expressed an interest in fulfilling the remainder of his term. Dave thanked Wayne for his service and felt that the position should be posted for public notice prior to formal resignation or replacement is provided. Wayne will prepare a resignation letter to be considered at the next commissioners meeting. Chris will post a public notice at the station, post office and Big Deal for any Spofford resident interested in filling the remaining term until the March 2017 annual meeting to submit a letter of interest to the Fire District PO Box by October 12, 2016.

Motion to adjourn was approved at 7:35 pm.