

WAMIC Rural Fire Protection District Board Meeting July 15, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Larry Warren at 10:07am.

Two new Board Members were sworn in by Larry Warren. Congratulations to John Ickes and John Creel. Welcome.

Board Members present were Larry Warren, Neil Senger, Cindy Koch and the two newest Board Members, John Ickes and John Creel. Members of the Audience were Coral Anne Roeder, Chief Larry Magill, John Goleman and Dave Deurwaarder.

There was a pause in the meeting, while the Board Members has a private meeting to elect officers. The following Board Members will serve as follows: Larry Warren, President; Neil Senger, Vice President; John Creel, Treasurer; Cindy Koch, Secretary, John Ickes as Board Member at Large.

New Signature Card for bank: With the addition of the new Board Members, John Creel and John Ickes, and the end of their term, former Board Members Bill Aarnio and Cathie Condit, it is necessary to sign new bank signature cards with Rivermark Credit Union. Bill Aarnio and Cathie will no longer be check signers on the WAMIC Rural Fire Protection District account. John Creel and John Ickes will be added as signers to this account. Coral Anne Roeder will be also added to this signature card. Two signers are required for each check issued, so the 5 Board Members and Coral Anne Roeder will have this authorization. Neil Senger made a motion to have these 6 signers on our account. Cindy Koch seconded this motion. Motion passed.

Minutes of the June 17, 2023 meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Neil Senger. John Creel seconded this motion. Motion Passed.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report: See attached.

Chief's Report

Status of vehicles: tender 545 started! It has sold for \$8,000. 4 Wheel drive 502 has a sale pending for \$3,500.00.

Status of Staffing Policy, Pay and Insurance: See attached Capacity Grant Paid Positions Details.

Personal Policy Manual is in the works, A review will be sent out electronically within the next two weeks. Neil Senger made a motion to accept this Personal Policy Manual, subject to review. John Creel seconded the motion, Motion Passed.

EMS: There have been more that the usual calls, and they have been very busy, with many of the calls not being simple. Bimonthly meetings will continue. We have 3 new volunteers: One driver in training and two firefighters.

Training: Jeremy Bracken took and passed three wildland firefighter classes. More classes to follow.

Communications: Several radios are being sent out for repair.

Safety: Two new team members took a class on how to use a manual gurney.

Youth Group Volunteers: A teenage youth group from Vancouver, Washington assisted in detailing an ambulance, assisted in building shelves in the 40-foot Conex box that was

purchased for storage Thirteen or Fourteen of the football players from this youth group did yard work at Merle and Sharon Hlavka's house.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grants: No change in any pending, open or grants in the Q.

New Business:

Equipment removal from the station that is no longer in use: Two vehicles have been sold. The small tender is to be donated (or sold for \$1-\$5) to Rock Creek. No longer useful tires and fire hoses will be taken to the auction to be sold. A 40-foot Conex was purchased, shelves installed by the youth group. John Goleman to add attic fans, plug-ins and insulation.

Bingo: Only 5 people attended the last Bingo session. It was suggested that we see if another business in our area would want to sponsor the bingo at their establishment. They would benefit from food and beverage sales, and they could donate any bingo earnings to the Wamic Fire Department.

Rock Creek Station Lease: We now have a draft of a proposed lease from attorney Andrew Meyers. This will be reviewed and voted on soon.

Taxing District: Should start in July. Bill Aarnio and Cathie Condit volunteered to be on this committee. There has been some interest in other members of our community to join this group. Invitations will be sent to all who show interest.

Re-roofing project for Community Center. The roof is in a precarious condition and must be reroofed as soon as possible. Eight vendors have been contacted, only two have responded and did not show interest. This could be a complete tear off project.

Several more names were mentioned for possibly inquiring if they would give us a roofing bid. That is in the process now.

Fund Raising for Labor Day Breakfast: Connie Hatfield, our previous coordinator, is unable to fully coordinate this breakfast. She will be out of town and not attending this event at all. She is working on getting help to cover in her absence. There is a vast shortage of volunteers to help as many members of our community are out of town or have guests here for the holiday. Some calls will need to be made not only to secure volunteers to assist in the breakfast and to get bake sale items, but for all the details needed for this event. Cindy Koch will cover the bake sale but is not able to make calls to secure the goodies. It was suggested that all food be ordered from Cisco. This would simplify our process since it is delivered directly to the Community Center, and no other shopping for food would need to be done. As of the writing of these minutes, nothing has been confirmed about the Labor Day Breakfast and Bake Sale or who is doing what to facilitate it.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10am.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Koch