

Battle Creek Fire Protection District

Minutes for the Meeting November 15, 2022

Call to Order: The meeting of Battle Creek Fire Protection District was called to order at 6:34 pm by President John Esposti on November 15, 2022 in the Hayward Fire Hall. A quorum was present with Directors, Wayne Kummer, Doug Cogan, Ray Summers, Levi Van Sambeek, Leo Van Sambeek and John Esposti present. Assistant Fire Chief Dave Lindblom and Accounts Manager Garrett Dixon were also in attendance.

Secretary's Report: A motion to ***dispense with the reading of the September 13, 2022 minutes and approve as presented*** was made by Leo and seconded by Wayne, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Leo reported the checking account balances as of November 12 for the General Operations Checking, Contract Fire Checking and Money Market Savings as \$181,906.05. District Investment Accounts including 4 Certificate Deposit in the amounts of \$102,862.37 (2/21/2023); \$101,974.39 (6/21/2023); \$26,713.62 USDA guarantee (8/01/2023) and \$25,447.40 USDA loan earmark (5/4/2023). Totaling \$256,997.78. Expenses are currently below straight-line at 77% of budget. Ray moved ***to accept the Treasurer's Report***, Wayne seconded. The motion passed.

Old Business: The Battle Creek Fire Department and District budget was discussed at some length; however, no changes were made to Garret Dixon's submission. Ray moved ***to approve the Fire Department and District budgets, as presented by Garret, in the amount of \$533,750***. Wayne seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business: After some discussion regarding the best strategy to manage the district's investment accounts and the USDA Loan's remaining debt of \$263,882 as of 1/20/2022 with a maturity date of 2049; Leo moved ***to use the proceeds from the CD valued at \$102,862.37 maturing on 2/21/2023 to pay the annual loan payment of \$20,402 with the balance (approximately \$82,000) going to paying down the loan principal***, Levi seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Fire Chief/Administrator:

Dave Lindblom reported:

- P-25 radio compatibility compliance for Pennington Co. is complete; Custer Co. is behind in the process.
- The Keystone water sediment issue presented at the last meeting was resolved; the City of Keystone dropped the issue.
- We are working with the City of Keystone to draft a Burn Ordinance.

Garrett Dixon reported:

- There have been 314 calls thus far this year, 40 less than last year.
- Responded to a 1-acre fire at K-Bar S (within City Limits), due to fire in rough terrain and rocks it took 2 days to manage.

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- BCFD participated in the 3-day Palmer Gulch fire. On the final day the Tender went down with an engine code (re-gen issue) and Check Engine Light on the CAT engine. Butler Machinery Co. was called, the issue could not be resolved in the field and Olson Towing had to take it to Butler. Repair/towing cost estimated to be approximately \$3,000; likely to be covered by the amount earned while on the fire.
- A Firefighter resigned in September; the position is being advertised. All shifts are being covered.
- All vehicles passed their pump tests for the year.
- 2 portable generators are currently not being used and it is requested that the board approve these being designated as surplus. Ray moved **to approve as surplus 2 portable generators (3.5 KW & 2.5 KW)**, Leo seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Next BCFD meeting was scheduled for February 9, 2023 at 6:30 pm to be held at the Hayward Station. This will be the annual meeting followed by a regular quarterly meeting. Director terms expiring: Leo, Wayne and Ray. Publicity of the annual meeting will be managed by Ray.

At 7:59 pm a motion to Adjourn made by Leo, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Ray Summers, Secretary