

Spearfish Rural Fire Protection District

01/10/2018

Minutes

Eric Jennings, SPRFD President, called meeting to order at 7:00pm. Trustees present: Ethan Burk, Brandon Flanagan, Dennis Forgey, Darrell Grandbois, Eric Jennings, Pat Kellogg, Colonel Levingood, Cris Miller, Charles Nicholas, Sallie Nicholas, Lee Schmunk. Absent: Randy Deibert, Dave Dutton, Mark Frederickson, Branden Ginter, Jim Lee, and James Seward.

President Eric Jennings asked for additions to agenda, none discussed.

September 20th Minutes read by Ethan Burk, President Eric Jennings approved minutes with the request to add the 2018 budget in full length.

President Eric Jennings discussed checking account issues; a service fee was to arising due to our type of organization classification. Our account has been re-classified as a "Public Funds" account which has a fee associated with it. First Interstate Bank agreed to waive the fee for the life of the account.

Treasurer's report, Ethan Burk stated the bank account started at \$2000.00. These funds were allocated to the SRFPD from Lawrence County in July 2017. Currently the account is at a balance of \$1811.18 after paying for a year subscription for a Post Office Box (\$76.00) and to purchase a Value Pack Business Checkbook (\$112.82). Currently, to-date we owe \$2726.40 to Wilde Law Offices for legal fees. It has been agreed that payment will be deferred until tax money begins to be collected and given by Lawrence County to the SRFPD.

Old business, Insurance quote: Jerry Krambeck was present to discuss policy from South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance. Quote came in at \$585. (\$2,000,000 General Liability with a \$0 Deductible and Enhanced Crime package) He shared how his company operates, how they specialize in government, discussed how SDPAA is different from private insurance companies, and explained the quote along with the Enhanced Crime Package included taking place of a Surety Bond.

Eric Jennings discussed other options, a second quote from Phil Kissak with Farm Bureau Financial Services (Allied General) came in at \$824. And a third quote from Steve Byrd with First Western Insurance (One Beacon Government Risk) came in at \$1276. (Both for \$2,000,000 General Liability)

Motion by Cris Miller to carry insurance with South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance, contract to be for \$2,000,000 General Liability with a \$0 Deductible at the cost of \$560 per year plus \$25 per year for the Enhanced Crime Package for a total of \$585 per year, and to allow the chairman to sign all needed paperwork, Second by Pat Kellogg. Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Eric Jennings requests to enter executive session at 7:28pm for the purpose of discussing the Fire Protection Contract, returned to regular session at 8:05pm.

New Business, Annual meeting. President Eric Jennings reminds all that it must happen in first quarter of the year. Discussion. Agreed by all that date will be set once Contract is signed.

Next meeting date TBD once contract returns from the City who in now reviewing our suggested changes.

Meeting adjournment at 8:17pm

Prepared by:

Ethan Burk – SRFPD Secretary/Treasurer

Spearfish Rural Fire Protection District
Annual meeting

March 21st 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by President Eric Jennings, Trustees present: Eric Jennings, Patt Kellogg, Ethan Burk, Lee Schmunk, Dareell Granbois, Dave Dutton, Cris Miller, Jim Lee, Brandon Flanagan, Randy Deibert, Sallie Nicholas, Charles Nicholas, Dennis Forgey. Absent: Cornel Levengood, James Seward, Mark Frederickson, Brandon Ginter.

Treasurer's report, Ethan Burk read report. Account balance \$14,655.17. Bills due include \$532.50 to Wilde Law Office for legal fees and \$3.23 to Black Hills Pioneer for public notice. Motion was made by Dave Dutton to approve Treasurer's report and to pay outstanding bills totaling \$535.73, Second by Sallie Nicholas. Discussion, motion carried unanimously.

State of the fire district, Eric Jennings reviewed the formulation of the district by a public vote on April 11th 2017. May 30th 2017 Articles of Incorporation were established by Lawrence County. Trustees gathered 25 signatures each to become board members. First meeting was on June 21st 2017. Officers were elected. Lots were drawn by state law for terms of 1 or 2 years of remaining trustees. The district trustees worked on formulating a plan to move forward. Bylaws had been formulated and passed by the board of trustees, legal counsel was found, IRS tax identification was acquired, bank account set up, and insurance obtained. A budget was put together and a .4555 Mil levy was set which equals roughly \$45 per \$100,000 of assessed property value.

Fire District Contract, several avenues were investigated including contracting with multiple entities for protection of our district, forming a rural fire department and contracting with one entity. The City of Spearfish agreed to a 10 year contract at a fee of \$200,000 per year (plus or minus) based on property evaluation changes. If annexation occurs and county has reduction in overall evaluation the Mil levy drops. Inflation is added in as well as uncollectible taxes at \$10,000 per year. Contract was made with very good relationship between the city and the district. Termination clauses in place just in case. Aberration clause so if a disagreement occurs tax money will not be spent settling issue.

President Eric Jennings thanked Spearfish City Administrator Michael Harmon and Spearfish Fire Chief Mark Sachara for attending the annual meeting. The volunteer firefighters who attended meeting were also thanked.

Public comment, Spearfish City Administrator Michael Harmon thanked the individuals involved with the Fire Protection District for the work put into the project along with the open communications kept to allow the process to take place.

Dave Dutton extend thanks to Cris Miller, Dennis Forgey, and Eric Jennings for the work put in specifically with the Fire Protection Contract. Sallie Nicholas thanked Presidents Eric Jennings and Ethan Burk for the extra work put in on this project.

Motion to adjourn made by Dennis Forgey, second by Dave Dutton. Discussion, motion carried.

Next annual meeting TBD

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

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Note: Spearfish Rural Fire Protection District Mil Levy is set at 0.489, however the .4555 Mil levy discussed above is the portion of tax paying for Fire Protection from the City of Spearfish, remaining .0335 mil levy covers yearly operating budget.