

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PAGOSA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 16, 2016

The regular meeting of the Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, in the training room at Station #1, 191 N. Pagosa Blvd., Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

1. Chairman Lattin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following directors were present: Ken Rogers, David Blake, John Thompson and Jason Webb.

Staff Present:

Chief Bower, Assistant Chief Larson, Captain Gilbert and District Manager Brinkmann

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the January 12, 2015, were approved on a motion by Ken Rogers, second by David Blake and passed.

3. **Review of the 2015 Year-to-Date Finances:**

Chief Bower opened discussion on the year-to-date financial report. Blake stated he would like a breakdown of expenses vs. call volume for a possible future mill levy increase. Webb agreed that it would be an important number to have in order to compare cost trends related to what services are provided. Assistant Chief Larson stated he would research how other fire departments analyze and report these direct and indirect costs.

4. **Review of the Town Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):**

Assistant Chief Larson informed the Board that he reviewed the MOU and was confident that it would work for both the Town and Pagosa Fire. He stated he had a few changes he will be discussing with the town representatives. He stated 6(b) should read: "The Town agrees to circulate to Pagosa Fire for review and comment by competent authorities to ensure the plans address Pagosa Fire needs."

Larson stated we had to move forward as cooperating agencies and do what is right for the citizens of Pagosa Springs. Lattin stated that the taxpayers need Pagosa Fire and that we need to do what is right by them.

Blake expressed his concerns over the Town having home rule authority and would like a stronger role for the Fire Marshal. Larson referred to Page 1, Number 2 and explained that the duration part of the agreement gives Pagosa Fire the right to open discussion if problems should arise.

Blake questioned if there was a downside to the MOU in a legal sense. Larson stated he did not see a downside due to the fact Pagosa Fire can make any comments at the plan review stage. Webb asked if any comments or suggestions made at the plan review stage would be answered in writing. Larson replied that they would be documented and signed by Chief Bower or himself.

Larson stated Greg Schulte would be presenting the MOU to the Town's Board on Thursday. He hopes to have the final MOU to present at our next board meeting.

A motion was made to approve the MOU as amended by Ken Rogers, second by David Blake and passed unanimously.

Other Business

Blake presented an idea he had in regard to Pagosa Fire being a co-sponsor of a Schützenfest sometime in October. Lattin suggested that he contact the Auxiliary and the Archuleta County Sheriff's Department.

Larson announced that Captain Gilbert's last day was today. He was offered another position at the Los Pinos Fire District. He stated he would present his plans on the position as Wildland Coordinator at the next board meeting.

Larson announced that Dan Roberts, part-time mechanic, was offered another position in the Denver area and his last day was today.

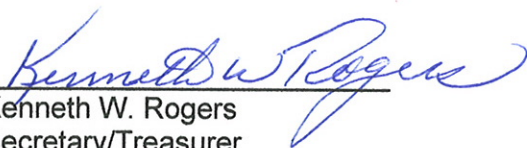
Chief Bower announced we had four candidates for the upcoming Board of Directors election: Ed Ainsworth, Don Peterson, Ken Rogers and Linda Lattin.

LeRoy Lattin stated he would not be in attendance at the March 8th meeting. The board meeting for March was changed from the 8th to the 15th.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Kenneth W. Rogers
Secretary/Treasurer

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