

Southwestern Polk County RFPD

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting – September 10, 2018 – 7:30 PM
Dallas Fire Station (915 SE Shelton ST, Dallas)

PRESENT

- Board Members: Rod Watson, Bob Davis, Frank Pender, Ken Gardner, Keith Moore
- Chiefs: Brad Weaver, Fred Hertel
- Guests: Bill Haun, Kelly Gabliks, Jake Rosenbalm, Sharon Watson
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CALL MEETING TO ORDER at 7:30 PM by Board Chairman Rod Watson

AGENDA CHANGES- None

PUBLIC COMMENTS- none

MINUTES: August Board meeting minutes approved with no changes. Motion made Frank Pender, and seconded by Keith Moore. Motion carried unanimously.

FINACIALS: Frank Pender moved to pay the bills for the month of August. Bob Davis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- Lexipol chapter 10 has been passed out, and will be discussed again next month. Keith Moore had a few questions regarding this chapter. Section 1012.1 states that employees can do personal work if there is nothing else. Chief Hertel said that this is correct, as long as they do not financially gain from the work done. Are there mandatory breaks during the day? Chief says that there are, but he will need to look up what the exact times are. The tattoo policy was brought up, and it was determined that small tattoos such as a wedding band may be exempt from the rule. The last question asked by Director Moore was about prohibited speech/ expression of conduct when it comes to being an employee. Chief Hertel states that their policy is that if someone is operating as a district official, all photos taken are property of the district.
- The performance reviews discussed last month need to be given to Ashley by the end of the week. She will compile them together, and hand the final document out in October's meeting.
- Chief Hertel and Rod Watson met for the second time with Carlson Veit. They were able to start putting together a dollar amount for the contract of building Station 140. The indemnification and amount of liability insurance needed is still in discussion.

Property for the new Rickreall station has still not been found.

Chief Hertel gave a summary of the current status on the contract between SW Polk and Dallas. Frank Pender stated that he still supports the shorter time periods that were offered to the Dallas City Council. Keith Moore answered a question that was asked at a Dallas City Council meeting pertaining to the contract. It was asked why these changes were being requested now. Keith states that 10 years is too long when it comes to the future of SW Polk. A change needs to happen sooner. Rod brought up the new group that will be formed between Dallas, Sheridan, SW Polk and West Valley. Chief Hertel asks the Board for some sort of direction in moving forward. Does the Board want him to just create this group, or do they want to completely move forward with Sheridan? Rod answers by saying that the meeting is the first step. After a few meetings, they will see how it goes and have a better idea of what direction they want to take.

NEW BUSINESS

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- All other districts have appointed two members to sit on a Joint meeting. Frank Pender volunteered to be on the Fire & EMS Planning Coalition with Sheridan, Dallas and West Valley. Ken Gardner motioned that Frank and Rod Watson be the two members representing SW Polk. Bob Davis seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

REPORTS

DIRECTORS

- None

CHIEFS

- Station 130- Chief Brad Weaver passed out the August incident report numbers. This month there was a total of twenty five calls. Ken Gardner asked what the term “burning complaint” really means. Chief Weaver and Bob Davis further explained.
This weekend is the Emergency Preparedness Expo at the Riverfront Park. SW Polk will have their children’s obstacle course set up.
There are volunteers from both Dallas and SW Polk that will be participating in the Stair climb in Portland in a couple weeks. This is to raise awareness for Cystic Fibrosis.
- Station 100- Chief Fred Hertel handed out the OFSC Conference Agenda. If the Board members would like to attend, they are to tell Ashley by Monday, the 17th of September. It was announced that SW Polk received the VFA grant. Originally turned down, SW Polk can now buy new chainsaws and other equipment. Dallas received the SAFER grant that will allow them to hire two more full time firefighters. The utility fee will allow two additional firefighters, changing the number of full time employees to 3. These employees will work 12 hour shifts, 7 days a week.
Ashley will be attending the OFSOA Conference in October.
The conflagration paperwork has been completed, and submitted. A total amount of money earned will be handed out next month.

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM



Rod Watson, Chairman

Ashley Harlow

Ashley Harlow, Office Assistant