



BEAVER LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA



Date: **Tuesday, May 9, 2023**

Time: **6:00 p.m.**

Place: **Prairie Creek Association Community Room**

Location: **14432 Hwy. 12 East, Rogers, Arkansas 72756**

Zoom Link:

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Attending in Person: David Cauldwell, Gisela Cruz, Jeff Easley, Monte Gagliardi, Jerry Hudlow, Patrick Kelley, Larry Smith, Laura Tucker, Todd Weber

1.2. Absent: Curtis Hathcock II,

2. Changes to Agenda

3. Announcements

3.1. Larry Smith Update. Larry is present for our meeting.

3.2. Reminder to Vote during Upcoming Special Election

4. Disposition of Previous Meeting Minutes

4.1. Board of Directors April 11, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve minutes from last month. Voice vote approved, unanimously.

5. Reports of Officers

5.1. President's Report

President Todd Weber stated he has been receiving a lot of calls from people saying they're pleased with how the department has been moving in a positive direction in all aspects of general operations. Todd has had discussions with a couple of fire departments concerning the status of the ambulance. Announcements for submission of Request For Quote (RFQ) have been distributed, but the closing period for the RFQs is the end of May. Therefore, it will be a bit of a waiting game for now.

5.2. Treasurer's Report

5.2.1. Monthly Finance Update.

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Laura Tucker, presented reports highlighting some specific areas that are shown differently from the past. P&L. Larry Smith had some questions to clarify spending documentation on PPE as shown from January through today.

Chairman Smith called for a voice vote to approve the Financial Reports. Approval was unanimous.

5.3. Secretary's Report

5.3.1. No Updates. Curtis Hathcock is not available to provide any updates due to travel.

5.4. Fire Chief Operations Report

5.5. Chief Qualls provided update on ambulance. Still at the mechanic shop in Springfield. After 2 days of testing driving and diagnostics, still haven't been able to determine what the electrical problem is. The shop still thinks they will be able to figure things out.

The Whaler type boat is still being configured for operational status. The older boat should be disposed of to recover some of its value. It can be listed on local media platforms for sale. Didn't want to do anything until he had an opportunity to discuss with more board members. Director, Pat Kelley wants to ensure that other local Fire Departments around us get a right of first refusal prior to posting for general sale or auction. **Motion made by Pat Kelley, second by Todd Weber to allow Chief Qualls to proceed with the sale, auction or transfer of the john boat as he deemed best for the department. Minimum proceeds from the transaction must be \$10,000. Voice vote was taken with unanimous approval.**

6. Reports of Committees

6.1. Finance Committee Report – No Updates

6.2. Advisory Committee Report – No Updates

6.3. Nomination Committee Report – Seeking to fill vacant Board of Directors positions. Seeking interested and qualified people to serve as director on the Beaver Lake Fire Department Board of Directors. Currently, one position is vacant. So, we are looking to build a list of potential candidates.

7. Old Business

7.1. Update on Equipment Inventory and Status. Dumpster contract for removal of waste is not going to change. Keeping the same size dumpster. Anything that is not allowed to be disposed of in the dumpster can be taken to the rogers special recycle point (i.e., old tube TV).

7.2. EMS Contract – Update. Restated that RFQs are not due till the end of May, at which time better information will be available to help determine how to proceed. Chief Qualls and President Todd Weber provided some details on how the RFQ was changed to be more specific on dispatch priority for incidents to always maximize response effectiveness.

7.3. Special Election Voter Information

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8. New Business

Emailed by the county reference a family that was making inquiries into how the dues for BLFD members are calculated. They say that they have a structure that is less than 1000 square that while they do have someone living in the building they have only recently determined they are paying an additional \$150 for that building. They will pay whatever the dues are, but want to make sure that all others are doing the same (was not an subjectively arbitrary calculation not being applied to all). There are others out there in the same predicament, so we need figure out what is the requirement for calculating dues. Vice Chairman Jeff Easley recommended that a committee is named to address this topic. Further discussion changed to seeking out more information so we can develop a course of action.

Note from the Secretary, while I was not present at this meeting, I want to remind all that we have had a committee that was working on the "Dues Fairness Plan" for the last 8 months. Much of the work being done was placed on hold while the issue of the "Special Election" to increase dues took priority. This situation is one of the many we are attempting to address as we clarify the method of calculating membership dues. The resolution of this process will make it much easier for all parties to understand dues calculations and collection.

9. Other Business

Open House event was a good way to give those that attended a chance to see the fire house and equipment we have in the Fire Department. Much thanks to Firefighter Stanbery for all the work he did in getting the fire house ready for the influx of visitors.

Repairs for the fire house on Cypress will require use of a scissor lift to fix the window area on the upper level. We would like to recognize Randy Aldridge for the work done to date and what will be continued as he is able to make the lift available.

Chief Qualls presented a plan to provide incentive pay to firefighters working on the holidays. He proposed we provide a \$50 incentive for the day prior to holiday, \$100 for working on a holiday, and \$50 for the day after a holiday. While some members of the Board believe no motion is needed to approve such action, if BLFD stays within the general budget. Chairman Smith called for a motion to codify stating that Chief Qualls can authorize incentives as discussed. **Motion was made by Pat Kelley and seconded by Todd Weber. Voice Vote approved unanimously.**

10. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn. Seconded. Meeting adjourned at approximately 1854.



SUBMITTED BY: Curtis Hathcock, Secretary

Note: I created these minutes after watching the recorded Zoom Meeting of this event.