

POLK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO.1
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 11, 2019
6:00pm – Central Station

President Tom Snair
Vice President Mike Lippsmeyer
Secretary Joe Franko
Director Freeman Stutzman
Director Jeff Hamilton – via phone

Fire Chief Ben Stange
DC Neal Olson
DC Mike Mayfield
Office Assistant Mary Carlson
ABSENT:
Office Administrator Susan Shepard

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

President Snair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Note: Minutes will be recorded and kept for 60 months.

AUDIENCE REQUESTING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Please sign Request List to address the Board.

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY OF THE AGENDA ITEMS:

No comments,

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Board Agenda
- 2) Approve March 18, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
- 3) Financials:
 - 3a. Approval of Disbursements for March 1-31, 2019.
 - 3b. Finance report for the month of March 2019.

President Snair – Asked how the Board would like to take the Agenda.

Vice President Lippsmeyer – Stated to take it as a whole.

Secretary Franko – Second.

President Snair – All in favor, none opposed, carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time.

CHIEF’S REPORT:

- a) **Fire Inspector Hiring Update** – **Chief Stange** stated Troy Crafton has been hired as our part-time Fire Inspector. Chief Stange stated he has passed the background check and will start April 22nd. Troy will be working part-time and going to school to complete his Bachelor’s Degree.
- b) **Shift Vacancies/New Hires** – **Chief Stange** stated that Evan Allen will start April 22nd as the new full-time firefighter/paramedic. Evan Allen comes to us from Sheridan Fire.
- c) **HCR 16 – Honoring Al Lindskog** – **Chief Stange** stated the District had a great turnout at the Capital for Al Lindskog House Bill presentation - HCR 16 passed with 60 yes votes.

- d) **Budget Committee Vacancy – Chief Stange** stated we have a vacancy on the Budget Committee due to a member moving out of the District. He added if anyone is interested, they must come in and fill out an application and the Board will appoint an applicant.
- e) **Notable Incidents – Chief Stange** stated on March 18th they were dealing with wildland fires, and a month later three water rescues due to rising river waters. He added on April 10th, two high school students were hit/bumped by a car in front of the school. The students had only minor injuries but it did create a scene.
- f) **Member of the month – Chief Stange** stated Jim Burke was elected as Member of the Month. He added FF Burke has been involved in several training activities and headed up the 24-hour drill this last weekend.

TOPICS FOLLOWING THE PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA:

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None at this time.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Secretary Franko – He will be sure to congratulate Firefighter Burke when he sees him.

Vice President Lippsmeyer - Asked about the replacement of Ladder 91 (L91) and if this is something that needs to be addressed sooner than later.

Chief Stange – L91 will be 20 years old in three years and our first out engine, E92, is also getting to the stage of needing replaced.

Director Stutzman – Nothing at this time.

Director Hamilton – Asked if we were going to have a complete Board come June. When he went to the courthouse to sign up for his position, the other two vacancies were still open.

Chief Stange – Stated it is possible there will be a write-in vote. We will have to see what happens.

Director Hamilton – A firefighter from North Lincoln City was heading home from work on Hwy 22 and was involved in an accident. He stated the firefighter is in ICU with brain swelling.

Chief Stange – The District will be following up.

President Snair – The reception for Al Lindskog at the Capital was very impressive. He was glad to have gone.

President Snair adjourned the meeting at 6:13pm.

Minutes by Mary Carlson