

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
STERLING RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

Held: Monday, March 18, 2024, at 7:00 pm at State Wildland Fire Station.

Board Members Present: Stan Kaiser, Gary Nelson, Mike Mills, Darren Luft, Wes Pollart,

Others Present: Chief Dan Wiebers, Chad Wettstein, Robert Blake, Kathy Hradecky (arrived at 7:15 pm),
Chief Lavon Ritter (arrived 7:30 pm)

Board Members Excused:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Stan Kaiser, Chairman, with a quorum present.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Minutes from the Regular Meeting

Gary Nelson moved (2nd Wes Pollart) to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on February 19, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Matters

Darren Luft moved (2nd Gary Nelson) to approve the unaudited financial statements for the period ended February 29, 2024, and the expenditures for March 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

Gary Nelson (2nd Wes Pollart) moved to approve the reconciliation report for February 29, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

Management Items

Property Lease/Sale Update

Pivot Energy has agreed to purchase the property on Iris Drive for \$141,000.00. Mike Mills (2nd Wes Pollart) moved to accept Pivot Energy's terms of sale. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion about other land/building options. Rick Cullip has offered a possible lease of the Hilltop building on Highway 14. The TLC building on Edward's Avenue is for sale. Kathy Hradecky will contact Big Iron Realty to schedule a walkthrough of the property.

Website Development and ADA Compliance Update

Kathy Hradecky reported that access to the current website has been transferred to her. She has also completed the required paperwork for SIPA and will submit it after the meeting.

MVFD Squad 25

There is still no resolution from Ford regarding coverage of the new engine. Following discussion, Wes Pollart (2nd Darren Luft) moved that Merino bring a proposal to the board to purchase a new unit to replace Squad 25. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Position Compensation (Kathy)

Gary Nelson (2nd Mike Mills) moved to raise monthly compensation to Kathy Hradecky to \$500. The motion passed unanimously.

Advisory Compensation (Bob)

Darren Luft (2nd Mike Mills) to compensate Robert Blake \$15 per meeting as an advisor to the board. The motion passed unanimously.

SDA Website Accessibility Training

Kathy Hradecky requested to attend a website accessibility workshop hosted by SDA-Colorado and Streamline on April 10, 2024. Mike Mills (2nd Darren Luft) moved to pay the registration fee and mileage for Kathy Hradecky to attend. The motion passed unanimously.

Informational Items

Merino Volunteer Fire Department Chief's Report

Chief Wiebers reported that all the ballistic equipment has arrived. The water pump on the Willard truck is in Gothenberg, NE for repair and the pump motor is being rebuilt. Chief Wiebers also reported that the Ipads from Viaero have arrived. They will be deployed, and the old tablets will be returned to Viaero for credit.

Sterling Fire Department Chief's Report

Chief Ritter reported that SFD continues to be busy and is concerned about how dry the area is. There are numerous unhoused individuals building structures on the city-owned property at the river. SFD will burn one of the structures located on the island on the north side of the river during the week.

Director Reports

Darren Luft shared an article in the current SDA magazine about bidding processes for new construction.

The next regular meeting is Monday, April 15, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

The foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes.

Secretary

The foregoing minutes were approved on the 15th day of April 2024.