

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

Held: Monday, June 17, 2024, at 7:00 pm at Edwards Ave Sterling, CO

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

Others Present: Chief Dan Wiebers, Robert Blake, Kathy Hradecky

Board Members Excused:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Stan Kaiser, Chairman, with a quorum present. One management item was added to the agenda.

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 May 20, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes from the Special Meeting

Gary Nelson moved (2nd Mike Mills) to approve the minutes from the special meeting on April 29, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Matters

Darren Luft moved (2nd Mike Mills) to approve the unaudited financial statements for the period ended May 31, 2024, and the expenditures for June 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

Management Items

MVFD Truck Purchase

Merino received the new tank June 13, 2024. Merino will pull the old tank off the previous bed. Smart Parts is still waiting to see the old truck in order to create an estimate for removing the bed and they are still waiting for a formal estimate from Scottsbluff for the light bar. Mike Mills reported that the Ford warranty report states they replaced a block, but no other information. Transwest needs a detailed work order from Ford in order to move forward.

Iris Drive Property Sale

Pivot Energy requested a Special Use Permit for the commissioners that required the board's signature as the property owner. They are now requesting a resolution of approval to sell the property and documentation that the board has authority to make decisions regarding the sale of the property. Kathy Hradecky will reach out to Sue Blair for guidance and wording on the resolution, reach out to Chief Ritter to review the Fire Protection Plan and forward documents to Lyons Gaddis attorney for review.

Verquer Trucking Property

Darren Luft received a call from Dave Hutt. Verquer Trucking may be selling the property on Hwy 14. The board can reach out to Deb and Vic County if interested.

2023 Audit Report

Mike Mills moved (2nd Darren Luft) to accept the FY 2023 Audit Report from Lauer, Szabo and Associates. The motion passed unanimously.

Computer Service Vendor

Due to Marv Ferdig's health, Sterling Computer has dissolved. Kathy Hradecky will contact Terry's Computer for assistance moving forward.

SDA Regional Workshop Update

Kathy Hradecky attended the regional workshop on June 14 and shared information with the board including bills passed during the legislative session and the 2024 board member manual.

Informational Items***Merino Volunteer Fire Department Chief's Report***

Chief Wiebers reported there was a cracked weld leak on tank to pump on Engine 27, and they will have to take it to Mile Hi Apparatus in Loveland on a Friday and then pick it up on a Monday for the warranty work. The crew was fitted for 10 new sets of bunker gear. The motor and pump are back for the Willard truck. It is going in for fab work (man cages against the cab for riding positions).

Sterling Fire Department Chief's Report

Chief Ritter was absent.

Director Reports

Mike Mills spoke with service manager at Transwest about working with them to look at the Merino truck.

Darren Luft read an email from Kyle at Pivot Energy regarding the request for information prior to the sale closing date.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

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

Secretary

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