

Platte County Rural Fire District 2F

Minutes of Meeting March 9, 2020 6 pm

Platte Co. Resource District Office-Wheatland

Board members and guests present: Jay Collins, Doug Curtis, Duncan Irvine, Aaron Clark, Pat Souza, Ray Parker, Jason Querry, Brian Johnson and Patty Small.

The meeting was called to order and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Jay Collins.

Secretary: Minutes from the January meeting were presented. Doug moved and Duncan seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Treasurer's report that included profit-loss statement and balance sheet were presented. Questions were answered as well as discussion on the Budget-Expenses statement. Duncan moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Doug seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bills were presented. Duncan moved to pay the bills and Doug seconded the motion. Motion passed and checks were signed.

Old Business: Truck Maintenance class at State Forestry. Curran Irvine- Palmer Canyon Fire and Mark Williamson- Glendo Rural Fire attended. There were questions on reimbursement. Does 2F reimburse expenses with receipts or on a per-diem basis? Wyoming State employees are paid at the federal rate for meals/rooms with mileage at \$.52/mile. There was also discussion on paying for work on the trucks. It was decided that our firefighters are volunteers and they do the work volunteering as their time permits as a service to their communities.

Aaron reported on the AOP meeting. No major changes but the State Parks will have the same reciprocal time on initial responses. Federal fires at home or on mutual aid with volunteers will have proper PPE, be at least 18 years old and have some training.

Platte County Firefighters has applied for a SLIB grant and FEMA grant for two county command vehicles.

Truck radios- Glendo has need for three more and Palmer Canyon two more. These are getting harder to find. Aaron purchased two more handhelds for 2F and two for Hartville Fire.

Dozers and graders were discussed as they are not addressed by State Forestry on local or state suppression fires. Aaron will write a contract with our local contractors at mini MOB rates with operator and fuel as part of cost for dozers. Graders do not have a rate in the mini MOB guide.

PCFF has changed the payroll process for paying fires. No withholding or FICA taxes will be withheld so no 1099's will be sent. Goshen County processes payment in this way.

Holding money in bank accounts for big fires was discussed. Aaron suggested using PCFF accounts for buffers/billing rather than individual departments in the county keeping funds for such purposes. Departments working together should reduce the need for each to keep big tenders and other equipment. Money is needed for upgrading and maintenance on trucks and personnel training.

New Business: Antelope Gap Fire District asked to be included on our E-dispatches contract. They will pay \$10/month until renewal of contract in September 2020. Ken and Aaron added them on to the contract as we have Hartville Fire and Guernsey Rural fire too. In September we will have to evaluate equitable billing for each district on our plan.

Platte Co. Search and Rescue chairman Brian Johnson answered questions about the organization. It is a volunteer group with a small membership. They typically have 1-2 calls per year mostly with the reservoirs. They own two boats, a pontoon and flat -bottomed boat. They are administered by the Sheriff and the Sheriff's dept. has a snow cat and

some budget money. They otherwise operate on donations and membership dues of \$10/member. To be a member they require IQS 100,200,700 and one training exercise per year. At this time, they rely on cell phone communications because they have no radios. Aaron agreed to help find some affordable radios for communication. Meetings are held at the Wheatland Fire Training Center on the second Thursday of odd numbered months.

Brian Johnson, also Glendo State Park Superintendent wants to continue with their policy of being a “good neighbor” with the firefighters. The park now has a good truck, but they have no training. He sees their role more as crowd control and visitor management. Good communications between Glendo Fire and his team is the main goal. Differing fire bans between the county and State Parks were a concern.

Jay Collins’ term on the board will be up for the 2020 election.

An additional RT130 Safety training will be scheduled during spring break for college and other students.

A Red Card class will be held April 17-19 in Wheatland.

Adjournment: Duncan moved and Doug seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Next meeting: May 11, 2020 7 pm Glendo Fire Hall

Board Chairman _____

Board Secretary _____

Board Treasurer _____

Bills payed:

#3161	\$12866.37	Palmer Canyon FD	utilities, fuel, truck capital expense, truck maintenance
#3162	\$500.00	LGLP	liability insurance 7/1/20-6/30/21
#3163	\$92.00	Patricia Small	reimburse P.O. Box rental yearly
#3164	\$2505.90	Dept. Workforce Services	59 volunteers Worker’s Comp
#3165	\$1520.88	Glendo Rural Fire	fuel trailer hoses, truck maintenance
#3166	\$400.68	Aaron Clark	2 radios