

Lowell Rural Fire Protection District
Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors – February 9, 2022

Call to Order – At 1900 by Director J. Prenevost

Roll Call – J. Prenevost Chief Dragt, B. Burr, J. Meyers

Additions to Agenda – No additions to the agenda.

Comments from the Floor – None

Approval of December Minutes – J. Meyers moved to approved the minutes from December 8th, 2021. B. Burr seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (No meeting was held in January 2022).

Correspondence – None.

Unfinished Business –

Generator. The bid was sent to three companies. Two companies reviewed the project. J.K Electric was the only company to provide a bid. J. Prenevost recused himself from the discussion due to his ownership in J.K Electric. Total cost was \$70,601.91 which was slightly higher than anticipated. The generator is \$28,500. Station power would need shut off during the work and temporary power required. A six-month wait is possible to receive the ordered generator; in that time prices may continue to rise as they been. The discussion was held until the next meeting too obtain a quorum for vote.

Treasurers Report –

Audit will be made available next month. Revenues are 106% of budgeted; other expenditures are aligned with budget. B. Burr made the motion to pay the bills. J. Meyer seconded. Motion passed.

New Business –

Fire Station Status. The Board discussed the merits of either making repairs to the current station or building a new station. Making repairs to the station would increase longevity 5-10 years. The lack of adequate heat in the bay, failing garage doors, lack of space for volunteers; failing phone and internet system are all challenges to current operations. They also discussed potential sites for a new station. Board directed the Chief to begin looking at RFP's for architect; engineer to assess possible building sites.

Chiefs Update –

2021 Calls totaled 428 calls. 25 Fires, 287 Rescue and EMS, 11 Hazardous Condition, 19 Service Calls, 89 Good Intent, 5 False Calls, 2 Special Incident.

Calls for January. 41 Calls total, (last year in January 22 were run). The call load is doubling.

The District has 27 volunteers currently.

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A potential of 160 new homes could be added to Lowell in the future which will continue to increase the call load for the District.

An SDAO online conference will be held this week. OHA may lift the mask mandate between February and March 31, 2022. An awards banquet has been suspended the last few years. Next year will be the District's 50th anniversary and the Chief would like to plan a recognition for the anniversary.

Chief discussed the status of the Oakridge Fire and Dexter Fire District's current emergency response.

Board Comments – None

Next Meeting, Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

Adjourned – 2013 hrs.

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Board President

Board Vice President

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Board Secretary/Treasurer

Board Director

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Board Director