

# **COLUMBIA FALLS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT**

## **MINUTES REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.**

### **CITY FIRE HALL**

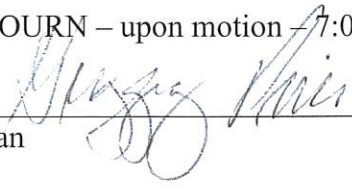
1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM. Present: Price, Chapin, Marquesen and Staaland. Absent: Hawkins. Also present: Chief Karl Weeks, Susan Nicosia
2. CONSENT AGENDA:
  - a. Approve August 31, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes – Marquesen made a motion to approve the August 31<sup>st</sup> minutes, second by Chapin. All members voted in favor of the motion.
  - b. Approve Claims and YTD Financial Reports/consent to pay bills – Nicosia presented the claims and the financial reports. Nicosia also requested permission for Board to authorize payment of claims submitted before the next meeting for authorized purchases, including burn building and maintenance. While reviewing the budget to actual expenditures, Board and staff discussed the capital plan. Marquesen asked if the \$1 million in projected vehicle replacement was reasonable. Staff reviewed the various apparatus and it was determined that it was a reasonable estimate. Weeks said it is not a priority to complete the building addition at this time, priority right now is to get burn building complete and get firefighters trained. Chapin made a motion to approve claims and financial reports and to authorize consent to pay claims for authorized expenditures, motion seconded by Marquesen. All members voted in favor of the motion.
3. NEW BUSINESS:
  - a. Approve electrical quote – Weeks presented the electrical quotes for the lights and power for the burn building. Weeks recommended proceeding with the quote from GSS Electric for \$5,400. Marquesen made a motion to approve GSS Electric quote in the amount of \$5,400, motion seconded by Chapin. All members voted in favor of the motion.
  - b. Approve pavement sealing quote Weeks presented the quote from JC Sealcoating to seal all cracks including seams for \$3,195. Motion to approve made by Chapin, seconded by Staaland. All members voted in favor of the motion.
  - c. Discuss capital plan – compressor replacement – Chief Weeks reported that the compressor is in great need of replacement. He received quotes from 3 vendors although they were not similar. After much Board discussion, Marquesen made a motion to approve the compressor purchase in an amount up to \$28,000, split with the City pursuant to the shared purchase

agreement, approximately 60/40, motion seconded by Staland. All members voted in favor of the purchase. Weeks noted that the City share was going to be paid from COVID relief funds.

4. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND STAFF


a. Fire Chief Activity Report – see attached

5. ADJOURN – upon motion ~~7:02~~ 7:02 pm

  
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Chairman

Attest:

  
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Secretary

# Columbia Falls Rural Fire Protection Chief's Report 2/8/21



1. CFFD currently has 2 volunteer firefighters on the roster with the addition of Virgle Brite, Matthew Fenley, and Brock McCue. We have 1 more application pending.
2. CFFD was dispatched to 305 calls, including 18 structure fires in 2020. The average response per firefighter was 24.5%. Through January of 2021 we have been dispatched to 19 calls.
3. We have completed the process of updating all of our SCBA's, the final one is scheduled to ship on March 5<sup>th</sup>. It will be paid for with a Round Up for Safety grant.
4. The paving project has been completed and I have gotten a bid for seal coating the entire parking lot and driving surface from JC Sealcoating for \$3,195.00. This price includes crack sealing the existing cold joints between the different paving projects.
5. The regional radio grant that was talked about at the last meeting is nearing completion and should be submitted soon. The grant total is around \$1,500,000. If we are successful we will have to pay a 10% contribution for the 11 mobile radios and 28 portable radios that CFFD will be receiving.
6. There are 3 bids attached to install outside lighting above the fill station and on all 4 sides of the new training facility. It includes a 100 amp panel and 2 interior outlets on the new building. I don't think we will need the 100 amp service but wanted it to be there in case we end up needing to add to it at a later date. → *exterior lighting*
7. With all of the SCBA's being updated I am getting prices on updating our compressor and cascade bottles to a 6000 psi system. The prices I have so far are attached.
8. While completing a survey for ISO recently I noticed that they are not recognizing the tanker recharge station at the rural hall. In order for it to be recognized there has to be a study completed by a hydrologist to certify that we will always have water available. I have contacted Brad Bennett at Water Environmental Technologies to give an estimate of what it would cost to complete the required studies.

