

**MINUTES  
SOMERS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
FEBRUARY 8, 2022**

ATTENDEES: Dave Hayes, Chelsey Spence (by telephone), Dan Vachal, Rick Kinkel, and Cardi Chmielewski

STAFF ATTENDEES: Tom Havens and RT Kienas

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order by Dave Hayes at 6:05 pm.

Motion to approve minutes for January 11, 2022. Dan Vachal motioned, Chelsey Spence seconded, and motion carried.

Motion to approve January bills for 7202 bills in the amount of \$36,621.83. Dan Vachal motioned, Cardi Chmielewski seconded, and motion carried.

Motion to approve December bills for 7265 in the amount of \$572.16. Rick Kinkel motioned, Chelsey Spence seconded, and motion carried.

**SECRETARY COMMENTS**

Credit Card – no change

Safe Deposit Box – final signatures were requested. Final access authorization is complete.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Quillen/siren – no change

Internet Access – Spectrum is hooked up from pole to mechanical room. Subscribing with Spectrum will require some rewiring to the crew room. Fire suppression, alerts, etc. would have to be switched over. Price is similar to current Montana Sky. Tabled for further discussion.

Doorbell – is working – sound is very loud, not like a doorbell and phones flash. Motion was made by Rick Kinkel to pay the DCS bill(s) totaling \$487. Dan Vachal seconded, and motion carried. Dave Hayes will contact DCS regarding warranty.

Land Encroachment – owner is willing to sell. SRFD will need to hire a lawyer quickly. Rick Kinkel made motion to give Dave Hayes authority to choose an attorney. Dan Vachal seconded, and motion carried. Also need to schedule a survey.

Fuel Cards – motion was made by Cardi Chmielewski to contract with WEX Fleet for fuel cards. Rick Kinkel seconded, and motion passed.

## NEW BUSINESS

An audit is required every year. The FY21 audit is due for completion by June 30, 2022. Dave Davies, previous auditor, will conduct the FY21 audit if Magda will gather info and send to him. Magda has retired and is no longer available to help with the audit. She suggested we write letters to the County explaining this is very expensive and SRFD cannot afford an audit every year. Cardi Chmielewski will review Bond documents to identify wording regarding audit.

NorthWest Energy (NWE) Grant – NWE has a grant available (basically donating our gas costs back to the SRFD). 2021 costs will be gathered, and grant request submitted.

Cameras need to be rearranged for better monitoring. Cost is estimated at \$1200. Rick Kinkel made a motion to move cameras. Cardi Chmielewski seconded, and motion carried.

Structure gear has gone up - \$2300/set. SRFD bought two (2) sets. Cost will go up 10% in March.

Association has not been registered as a 501C3 since 1995. Brought current as Somers Volunteer Fire fighters Inc.

New license plate for Association. Cost to Association is \$4500.

Looking at a device to do a laser line on the floor. Need one for each door (3).

Run cards on tablets were updated. Tablets are working well.

When trucks leave the Hall, they must be called out by number for insurance purposes.

Looking at a rotary brush for cleaning sidewalks and floors

## FIRE CHIEF'S UPDATE

Calls - 20 calls to date

Association's seafood dinner is scheduled for March 5, 2022.

Dan Vachal made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:09. Cardi Chmielewski seconded, and motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted By

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