

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

ATTENDEES: Dave Hayes, Chelsey Spence, Dan Vachal, Rick Kinkel, Cardi Chmielewski, and Beth Dotson

STAFF ATTENDEES: RT Kienas and Tom Havens

VISITORS: Andrew & Andrea Sliter

ABSENT: None

Meeting called to order at 6:09 pm by Dave Hayes.

Motion to approve minutes for February 8, 2022. Rick Kinkel motioned, Chelsey Spence seconded, and motion carried.

Motion to approve February 8, 2022 bills for 7202 in the amount of \$23,220.58. Cardi Chmielewski motioned, Rick Kinkel seconded, and motion carried.

Motion to approve February bills for 7265 in the amount of \$541.16. Cardi Chmielewski motioned, Chelsey Spence seconded, and motion carried.

VISITORS:

The Sliters are interested in leasing the old fire hall for storage and company meetings. Storage would be inside (storage would be on pallets that would be moved with a forklift). They are also interested in purchasing the building and inquired about the timeline of sale. SRFD has hired a lawyer to help facilitate purchase of land that encroaches on neighboring property. Once purchased, building will be ready for sale. SRFD Board will discuss and then respond to Sliter's request. Property will be listed with a realty. Last appraisal was approximately \$335,000. One bay is currently being used and there is some storage. There are about seven (7) other parties interested in purchasing the building. There is no "right of first refusal".

Beth's Report

- a. Credit Card – Dave Hayes will follow up. Will ask to change due date and determine best way to update account, perhaps close current account and establish a new credit card.
- b. Safe Deposit Box - complete

New hall update

Warranty is up this month. Only issue is the parking lot; there is some settling where the gas line was dug. Dave Hayes and Tom Havens will check building for any other issues to be addressed prior to warranty end.

### Old business

- a. Quillen/siren – still investigating why siren does not turn.
- b. Internet Access – still considering.
- c. Land Encroachment – SRFD has hired a lawyer to help facilitate purchase of land that encroaches on neighboring property. Once purchased, building will be ready for sale.
- d. Fuel Cards – Board opted to open account with WEX for fuel cards. Cardi Chmielewski will complete application and submit.
- e. DCS Warranty Credit – everything working.
- f. NorthWestern Energy Grant - \$400 is the limit. Rick Kinkel will complete application for submittal. Grant would be used to offset costs for natural gas for building.
- g. Structure Gear – two (2) sets of Veridian fire protective gear were ordered.
- h. Audit – Don Davies contacted Lisa Petrescu, CPA, to help with audit. She estimated 30 hours at a fee of \$1200. Additional hours would be billed at \$35/hour. Motion was made by Cardi Chmielewski to approve Lisa Petrescu to assist in the audit. Rick Kinkel seconded, and motion carried.

### New Business

- Truck Wash Bay Building – bond money cannot be used. Item was tabled.
- Community Garden – Cardi Chmielewski investigated options. Sliters would discount materials 50%. Size would be 24 x 24 to start. Board was concerned with liability. Also, a lot going on currently. Item was tabled.
- Thermostats in Lakeside Station 52 – thermostats have been turned up and doors to the bathroom and office left open thus increasing the heating bill. Thermostats will be set to 60° and covered to limit access. Door to bathroom and office will be kept shut.
- Lock Box – Cardi Chmielewski made a motion to purchase a small fireproof box for office. Dan Vachal seconded, and motion carried.
- Old Hall rental – see Visitors above.
- Circus – due to underground power line and parking issues request was declined.

### 2. Fire Chief's update

- a. Repeater – possibly locate at the new hall. Would benefit / improve reception on call outs.
- b. Calls – 42 calls to date.
- c. Cardi Chmielewski made a motion to purchase radios from Mark Kosner. Dan Vachal seconded, and motion carried. Radios have been ordered. They are 18 weeks out. Batteries are on back order with no estimated time of arrival. Mark Kosner is retiring. Mark suggested a new provider – Day Wireless in Spokane, WA. They would like to visit with SRFD, QRU, etc. to present what they can do for us.
- d. Would like to order two (2) sets of boots (\$329/pr). Rick Kinkel made a motion to purchase two (2) pairs of boots. Dan Vachal seconded, and motion carried.
- e. Go lights for trucks were researched. Suggested magnetic wireless lights with a 10-foot cord that are hard-wired to truck and can be moved around. Cost is approximately \$600 each. Cardi Chmielewski made a motion to purchase two (2) lights. Chelsey Spence seconded, and motion carried.

3. Board Member comments:

None

Rick Kinkel made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:15 pm. Chelsey Spence seconded, and motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted By

Beth Dotson, Secretary