

CACHE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 12, 2014

The Cache County Fire District Board convened in a regular session on August 12, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in the Cache County Historic Courthouse, County Council Conference Room, 199 North Main, Logan, Utah.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Fire District Board in Attendance:

Craig W Buttars - Chairman / County Council
Gordon Zilles - Vice Chairman / County Council
M. Lynn Lemon - County Executive

Members of the Fire District Board Absent:

Others in Attendance:

Rod Hammer - Cache County Fire Chief
Jay Downs – Smithfield Fire/County Ambulance
Janeen Allen

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Buttars called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

ACTION: Motion was made by Zilles and seconded by Lemon to approve the minutes of June 10, 2014. The vote in favor was unanimous, 3-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Report on Wildfires within the County

Hammer reported a light year with only a few wildfires in the county so far. The main problem this year is people lighting fires in places where they are prohibited.

Access to State and Private Property

Hammer said the county has purchased locks that can be opened with a single key and placed them on gates across roads with private or restricted access mainly in the Ant Flat area above Hardware Ranch. This allows the county access without having to maintain large sets of keys or to cut chains to gain entry. Buttars asked if the property owners have a key, as well. Hammer explained that typically there are several sets of chains on the gates and those who have access can unlock their particular chain to gain entry. The county has just added to the existing chains with its own that are keyed to the county key. He concluded that his department has coordinated with and gained permission from the DWR and the private property owners mainly on the east side of the county in placing the county chains.

Wildland Fire Suppression Budget Status

Hammer said the county has spent just over \$3,000 for the year on fire suppression which is the lowest amount since he has been with the county.

Incident Command Training

Hammer said he received a region hazmat grant which allowed for the purchase of 15 laptops to be used primarily for incident command training. They have begun training with all the chiefs using the software on the laptops that provides very realistic simulated incident scenarios. He said that he will continue to train the chiefs and then move to the departments.

Water Tender Taskforce Training

Hammer reported they had training on the south end in July. The training worked all the units from the four south departments together at a location that was quite a distance from the road in an area with no hydrants. The next training will be conducted on the north end.

Apparatus Driver Training

This training was taught in Lewiston in June with 12 students learning how to pump and operate the engines safely. The course will be taught on the south end in September with 9 participants currently enrolled.

New Engine Status (Attachment A)

Downs handed out photos of the new engine. They are a part of these minutes as "Attachment A." He reported that it is currently in South Dakota with some parts still being manufactured in Nebraska. It is about 30 days behind schedule, but he anticipates it being completed by the first or middle of September. It is a custom engine with a 1250 pump. The final cost will come under \$300,000.

OPEN ITEMS

No other items were discussed.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in the Council Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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ATTACHMENT A

