

# **CACHE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 10, 2023**

The Cache County Fire District Board convened in a regular session on January 10, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the Cache County Historic Courthouse, County Council Conference Room, 199 North Main, Logan, Utah.

## **ATTENDANCE**

### **Fire District Board Members in Attendance:**

David Zook – County Executive  
David Erickson – County Council

### **Advisory Members in Attendance:**

Rod Hammer – Cache County Fire Chief

### **Fire District Board Members Absent:**

County Council Representative

### **Advisory Members Absent:**

Jerald Leishman – Fire Chiefs Association  
Dirk Anderson – Chief Deputy County Executive

### **Others in Attendance:**

Janeen Allen – Minutes

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

David Zook called the meeting to order at 3:16 p.m.

## **2. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 25, 2022**

**ACTION:** Motion was made by David Erickson and seconded by David Zook to approve the minutes of October 25, 2022 as written. The vote in favor was unanimous, 2-0 (New council representative absent for vote)

## **3. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. PURCHASE OF FIRE ENGINES**

Chief Hammer has been in contact with Rosenbauer and realized there was some miscommunication. The original 2021 contract was for \$324,000 for an engine with Cache County specs and was to be delivered in the fall of 2023. Rosenbauer found another stock engine for \$343,000 and asked if Cache County would be interested in purchasing it. Hammer said the County said, "Yes," because the original one wouldn't be available until late 2023. Hammer assumed the original contract would move forward while he purchased this second engine, but Rosenbauer thought that the new engine purchase would replace the original purchase contract.

Hammer asked if he should hold Rosenbauer to the original contract with the engine the county ordered at the original price or let the contract go with the purchase of the second engine. No new engines will be even close to that original price, and the ordered engine is not being built which means it wouldn't be available until 2025 or so.

Board members discussed the situation and the implications their decision might have regarding the county's relationship with the supplier since the county only has two suppliers. The Rosenbauer representative offered to provide an engine minus his commission but it still wouldn't be available for two and a half years.

Chief Hammer recommended that they accept the \$343,000 engine that is almost complete as a fulfillment of the original contract. Both David Zook and David Erickson gave support for this decision and recommended he move forward accordingly.

The engine that was delivered to Paradise last year was \$317,000. It was a demo model that the other supplier had and asked if the county would like it. That same model now would cost around \$450,000. Hammer has in his capital equipment budget only around \$375,000 which is not enough to purchase an engine at the going rates. He will look for quotes at this point to see what he can come up with, but fears that the prices are only going to go up.

**B. REPAIR STATUS OF E20**

Engine 20 from Lewiston that was damaged last year is in Salt Lake. Hammer is waiting to hear if it can be repaired and what the quote will be.

He has moved the engine out of Richmond to Lewiston in the interim.

**C. SPRINKLER ORDINANCE FOR 30+ HOMES IN A SUBDIVISION**

Hammer had a meeting with Development Services and Councilman Paul Borup before he left office regarding some homes in the Mendon area that can't be built because of the more than 30 houses restriction with only a single point of egress. It was discussed in the meeting that maybe an option would be to allow additional homes to be built but require a sprinkler system to be installed.

The Board discussed this and decided to leave it as is and not allow any more homes to be built with that single point of egress. Hammer said he can discuss it with the Planning and Zoning Department and get their input, as well.

**D. ANNUAL REPORT PREP**

Chief Hammer is working on the 2022 EMS report. There was a 15% increase in EMS calls last year. He is also working on the budget and determining how much was spent on the south end so he can figure a good balance for the whole district. He is also looking at a future plan for the Fire District.

**E. OTHER ITEMS**

There was an internal audit performed on how narcotics are dispensed and stored. Everything came back as accounted for and in compliance with code.

**4. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.