**CACHE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**February 28, 2023**

The Cache County Fire District Board convened in a regular session on February 28, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the Cache County Historic Courthouse, County Council Conference Room, 199 North Main, Logan, Utah.

# ATTENDANCE

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

David Zook – County Executive Rod Hammer – Cache County Fire Chief

David Erickson – County Council

Kathryn Beus – Cache County Council

**Advisory Members Absent:**

Dirk Anderson – Chief Deputy County Executive

Cache Fire Chiefs Association

**Others in Attendance:**

Tara Taylor – Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

David Zook called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

1. **ITMES OF BUSINESS**

## A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 10, 2023

**ACTION:** **Motion was made by David Zook and seconded by David Erickson to approve the minutes of January 10, 2023 as written. The vote was 2-0 with Kathyrn Beus abstain.**

**3. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

## Engine 20 Repair Status

Engine 20 is being repaired. The estimated cost is $65000. Estimated to be repaired within two months. If bill it is more than the $65000, then CCFD will need to contact the insurance company involved with the incident.

## B. Smithfield Fire Changes

Smithfield Fire has a new chief, Jeff Peterson. Jeff Peterson retired from Logan City as their Fire Chief. Jeff Peterson has worked with the CCFD as an instructor. Jeff mentioned that there is a lot of opportunity in Smithfield, Rod Hammer will talk with board as things come up. (considering starting their own Fire District. Smithfield is a standalone fire station, with the EMS provided they are willing to consolidate and allowing city to take over EMS. This is very preliminary.)

### Truck Purchase for Hyrum

Ladder truck, with 100 foot longer. Longer apparatus, not as big water tank truck as a fire truck, but valuable piece of equipment when working with rescue with commercial buildings consisting of more than multiple stories.

Hyrum City has been working on saving money for a Ladder Truck. Hyrum City have been working with the West Point Dairy and Miller to help fund for the purchase, and asking help from CCFD. Rod Hammer says that makes sense to help in purchasing, because it would be a good resource on the south end of the valley. Rod recommends pushing back the purchase of the ambulance a year and using that money to help purchase the ladder truck. Dollar wise, Rod Hammer has $200000 in budget for the ambulance to use towards the ladder truck. Total cost of ladder truck, is about $600000, which is not a brand new truck. Zook asked how many ladder trucks are in the valley; Smithfield, North Logan, and Logan. There are no ladder trucks in the south end of the valley.

Zook asked Hammer what would need to be purchased after the ambulance. Hammer responded by saying a there is nothing capital on the ambulance side. There is money set aside for an engine for Mendon, quoted at $377000, in budget is $375000. Following Mendon’s engine, a replacement for Trenton’s engine will be needed. That replacement can wait a year or two.

Motion was made by Kathyrn Beus and second by Zook to support the proposal to help purchase the ladder truck with Hyrum City.

### Hyrum Fire Staffing

Hyrum Mayor and Chief Tony Staufer have asked Rod Hammer if he would present if the county would consider hiring 2 people to cover the Hyrum Fire Station full time. Hyrum City would pay for the people hired. They would be county employees, but it would not impact the county cost wise.

The motion to support the hiring of 2 firefighters with Hyrum City make by David Erickson and second by Kathryn Beus.

## Clarkston Engine push in Ceremony

Due to weather, have been delaying the ceremony. Would like to make it a big deal and invite and include bodies from the county to come to the ceremony.

## Auxiliary Dwelling Units

Rod Hammer has concerns with this issue of auxiliary dwelling units. This is a big problem for reasons of seeing barns turned into Airbnb and VRBOS. When responding to an emergency, the firefighters look at things from a risk profile. When firefighters see an ag building burning, they don’t go in. The materials in an ag building are not worth saving and risking the safety of a firefighter. The concern is with not knowing if the barn is being occupied or not for emergency services. There needs to be a way to communicate the dwellings occupancies.

Need to get have the units done legally with a zoning, fire building permit, and separate address. Rod Hammer with request to be involved with future discussions on this issue.

## District levy vs. general fund

Comment to the letter sent yesterday. Overall spending in county, with all inter-governmental contracts including Logan, 18 million dollars for fire and ems services, without Logan there is 8.8 million dollars. CCFD annual revenue $817000, Logan’s annual revenue is 3.7 million. Point is without capital equipment, 6 million dollars.

## Other items

No other items to discuss.

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### 4. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m

Next meeting April 25, 2023