

HAINES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2023 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chair Garla Rowe with directors Peter Hall, and Dave Johnson present and directors Jay Wilson and Brad Allen absent. Also attending were Chief Jerry Hampton and Bookkeeper Mary Lewis-Johnson. No members of the public were in attendance. Dave moved to accept the minutes and the agenda, Garla seconded, and motion was passed unanimously.

Mary presented the financial statement. Payment made to Miller's Lumber was for repairs to the Main station. We earned \$109 on T bills last month. We received over \$49,000 from RW Baird investment brokerage. We will then invest \$50,000 back in treasuries, \$10,000 in 30 day, \$20,000 in 60 day and \$20,000 in 90 day. We will also invest \$20,000 in a 9 month CD. We have received about \$69,000 of \$80,000 due in property taxes for the year. Peter moved to accept the financial statement and pay the bills, Dave seconded and motion was passed unanimously.

The Chief gave his report. There were 4 calls last month, 1 motor vehicle accident and 3 false alarms at the school. The Chief will bill the school \$300 per call. 3 of 4 partitions have been built at the Main station. 2 electric heaters have been working for a month in place of oil heat, They will keep going until a propane tank is installed. This should cut heating costs in half. The Chief asked for approval of the purchase of a propane heater. Garla moved to allow the purchase, Peter seconded and motion was passed unanimously. There will be a training at the Burn house around the first of the year. There may be a second vehicle at the local Christmas event if a driver can be found for it, but there will be at least one.

VFA is now VFC (volunteer fire capacity). Civil rights requirements have been added to the system. The Board is required to put a policy in place as a SOG (standard operating guideline). Dave said we should contact the government entity for application rules. Peter will update our SAM registration next year to ensure that our grant applications can go through.

Dave talked about the class he took in Sun Valley. A discussion there was about how to treat public employees using Disney as a model. Dave then wanted to discuss having a dinner next year for the district volunteers. It was decided to have one with date to be determined.

The Chief said he will send a letter in February to district residents outlining what the levy proposal is about and how it will help the district serve its citizens.

Peter put forward a draft of the by law regarding conflicts of interest between board members and other government positions. Dave moved to accept the proposed by law, Peter seconded and motion was passed unanimously. Peter will contact SDAO and FDDA for guidance on completing a full by law document.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm with the next meeting at 7 pm on January 8, 2024.