

**Oak Creek Fire Protection District March 22nd 7:00 p.m.
131 E. Main St, Oak Creek**

AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that **Regular Meeting** of the District Board, of the Oak Creek Fire Protection District, Routt County, Colorado, will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022.

Agenda is subject to change up to 24 hours before scheduled hearings

This board meeting will be held in person and via zoom conference. If any member of the public wishes to join this via zoom meeting please contact the Fire Chief via email (chief@oakcreekfire.org) or via telephone at 970-761-8141

Call to Order: 7:12

Roll Call Tim; Doug; Mike

Approval of Minutes:

Review and consideration for approval from last meeting.

Doug asks for discussion; none. Motion to approve minutes; seconded. Minutes approved.

Financials:

- **Review and Approval of Current Financials**

Different format... please explain format (Tim). Now in compliance with government auditing; Karrie broke down into different funds (Structure, Deployment, Mitigation). Funding is healthy currently; expenses are around the corner. Payroll portion hasn't been separated yet but Karrie will do this. Are there separate bank accounts? Yes... two accounts; one for wildland and one for structure. Will help us understand where we are within budget, grant apps, management of private dollars. On track with budget; at \$200k in residuals; money from ski hill work is in wildland side. Salaries are lower currently because fewer are onboarded. Spike in expenses once seasonals onboarded, then funds should be coming in from deployment. How is pension fund? VFP is taken care of and funds have been allocated. Looking at ways to buy out pension fund.

Awarded \$19,000 for bunker gear (does not require a match).

Motion to approve financials; motion seconded. Motion approved.

New Business:

- **Addition of Dozer to Wildland Engine Lease**

Dozer D8 2008 (5000 hours) ... Red Metal and OCFPD need to front first payment for yearly payment on dozer. OCFPD front \$30k and Red Metal front other half. Moneys after that split; 60/40 split on moneys (Red Metal=60). \$5/hour for every hour of operation goes to repair fund, then 50/50 after for repairs. Red Metal will take bigger hit

for expenses. Stephanie Wisecup will be operator; training additional operators will happen in future. Applying operator skill level to existing wildland firefighters. Red Metal supplies transport and tractor and will get revenue from this. Seems like a reasonable machine for wooded and non-wooded areas. Resource made priority local; understand rating locally to determine how far it could go. Permitting will be required for [blade restrictions]... have we thought about this? Yes. We don't see resource going to permit heavy locales like CA; not counting on this ever leaving state. Will break even after 1.6 deployments; even if we only break even and have a piece of equipment available locally will be good. Dozer will arrive "fire ready". County is interested in hiring dozer locally.

Modifications to existing contract with Red Metal needed? Yes, because not a 50/50 split and finite profit sharing and maintenance. Existing contract will be amended to address dozer specifically.

Do we want to do a single year as trial or attach the dozer to 3-year lease agreement? Will depend on D8 or D6. How much use will we get deployed for a D8? 6-foot blade is more desirable (Type II). Brady notes money making difference... Can we negotiate a D6 with Red Metal? Let's do a cost benefit analysis between D8 and D6. Brady and Doug work together to see what might be best for this area and national resource. Mike also concerned about size of D8... what is practical usability of D8? Much less than a D6.

OCFPD borrow \$30k from reserve; once first deployment payment comes in we can replenish reserves.

Special meeting will be set to approve purchase of equipment. Stephanie, Doug, Mike, Brady get together to create feasibility analysis for equipment selection.

- **Cancellation of Board Election**

Two openings on board: Adam and Nick, newest board member. Nick works for SS fire rescue; background is structure. Both will be sworn in sometime after May 3 within 30 days; do this at May board meeting.

Resolution to cancel board elections (read by Doug): motion to approve; seconded. Resolution passes.

Old Business and Chief's Report:

- **New Officer Hiring**

Tim introduced (wildland crew; engine boss; structure background and wildland background; will work both); interviewing Training Capt and Line Officer jobs; settling on Training Capt and still looking at Line Officer position

- **Long response time to Oak Creek remedies**

Utilizing wildland personnel to help with response times (until crew is "in the woods")... band aid for a couple months. After that, looking at setting up OC station as more comfortable hangout to be closer to majority of calls.

- **Affordable housing**

Conversations with YV Housing Authority and Planning; 15-17 units to place on land; looking at pots of money and pro bono work; OC will only need about 4 units, remainder will be used by other members of the County... will take approximately 3 years for doors to open. Kathi Meyer may be a great connection for support (suggests Karrie).

Man Camp: Lucky 8 Ranch in negotiations for piece of land; on hold until negotiations go through. Man Camp will be permitted onsite. Having OC onsite will help insurance rates and also tax write-off. Man Camps likely won't be established until July; temp housing in Steamboat available (probably) during interim time period.

Community Input:

Patrick Arone – thanks Bob Reilly for helping daughter in rollover. Would like to get on agenda; would like to address difficulties in communicating with anyone other than Brady; express concerns about qualifications of current fire chief; concern about rumors circulating of rental cars throughout town managed by Brady.

Do you feel comfortable discussing now or would you like to prepare something for next meeting?

Patrick would like to be put on Board agenda May 10th. Set board meeting times will now be 2nd Tuesday of each month, at 6:30.

Adjournment: 8:19

Motion to adjourn; seconded. Meeting adjourned.