

TRINITY CENTER COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Regular Meeting

May 7, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Glen Ahmann at 6:30 p.m. Other members present: Mike McHugh, Virginia Allin, Drew Rusnak and Dewey Baird. The VFD Chief and Asst. Chief, as well as 2 members of the public were also present.

Announcements

Glen Ahmann announced that all of the Directors have completed the required Harassment training.

Minutes of the last meeting were posted on the web site and were available at the meeting. It was moved by Dewey Baird that the minutes be accepted as written. It was seconded by Mike McHugh. The minutes were accepted as written.

CSD Financial report was made available and the balance was read.

TCVFD Financial report has been updated. It was made available and the balance was read.

TCVFD Auxiliary Financial report has been updated. It was made available and the balance was read. The balance does not include \$3500.00 made on the yard sale over the weekend. Linda Magni acknowledged the work that Robin Reilly and Linda Baird along with others to make the sale a success.

Unfinished Business

Update ISO Audit – Ken Rieke reported that the ISO audit has been completed. Mike McHugh reported that the final report has been received and the District will maintain its 5/9 rating which is good news for the residents. Ken reported that they completed the pump test on engine 1111 Saturday and it passed. Glen added that the hard work from everyone involved in the ISO audit will significantly benefit the entire community's insurance rates by keeping the 5/9 rating. Linda Magni suggested the ISO information be included in the Donation Request letter that will be mailed out. Mike reported that the letters did cover the ISO results and that they were already at the printers. Mike suggested a photo of the FD volunteers with an article about the ISO rating be placed in the Trinity Journal. Mike suggested the ISO item be dropped from the agenda for future meetings. Mike will post the ISO information on the web site.

Present Purposed Budget for 2013/2014 – Glen Ahmann reported that the budget committee met and prepared a budget for 2013/2014. Copies of the work sheet were made available. Glen reviewed the expense and income sheets. The budget is higher than in past years because of the ISO audit, needed repeater repairs and matching fund Grants. Glen will update the figures when the report is received from the County in June. The updated budget will be brought to the next meeting for final approval.

Communications & Director Reports

Letter for Comment from the County Planning Dept. regarding the building of a garage and carport in Covington was received. Glen Ahmann read the request. The Board agrees this will have no impact on the District. It will be signed and sent back with no comment.

Glen Ahmann reported that a thank you letter drafted by Mike McHugh was sent to Trinity PUD from the Board for the donation of the use of their Snow Cat to reach the repeater to make repairs this winter during the snow.

Dewey Baird reported that this was the last year of his term and there is a need for a new Fire House Project Manager as well as a new Director. Virginia Allin reminded that it is the last year of her term as well.

Public Comment

Martie Mullen welcomed Linda Magni back.

Paul Bellinger thanked the volunteers for their response over the weekend. There were a number of call outs. Martie Mullen reported that there was a good response from Coffee Creek VFD to the calls.

New Business

Discuss/Approve purchase of an "Airway Management Trainer" for the VFD – Glen Ahmann reported that this item was brought up as discussion at the last meeting. Bob Bryant has brought up the need for a new Airway Management Trainer. The current trainer is very old and not working properly. The cost of a new trainer is about \$1795.00 plus tax and shipping. The cost would be shared with Coffee Creek VFD and stored at their fire house. The training is conducted for both departments at Coffee Creek. Coffee Creek VFD brought the subject to their Board and it was suggested they look for a grant to help with the cost. No grant has been found. Glen suggested there be a motion to approve up to \$1000.00 to cover half of the cost of a new trainer. After some discussion a motion was made by Virginia Allin to approve up to \$1000.00 for the purchase of a new Airway Management Trainer to be shared with Coffee Creek VFD. The motion was seconded by Mike McHugh. The motion passed. Glen will notify Coffee Creek VFD that they need to make the purchase and TC VFD will reimburse them for half of the cost, up to \$1000.00.

Review Cal Fire Grant purchase activity - Glen Ahmann reported that Steve Renten applied for a grant through CalFire for Wildland related equipment. The grant application was approved by the Board at the last meeting. A 50/50 match grant was awarded for up to \$6000.00 each. Steve has placed orders for Tactical Operator Belts, Goggles, Wildland Pants, Wildland Coats, Boots and Radio/Pager Equipment. Glen reported that Steve has also applied for another CalFire grant for Structure equipment.

Discuss/Approve letter of opposition to California Constitutional Amendment reducing required voter approval for new taxes from 2/3 to 55% - Mike McHugh gave some background on this item. The CSD was notified by CSDA regarding the bills to put a proposition on the ballot to allow voters to lower the threshold for increases in taxes for Special Districts from 2/3 to 55%.

Mike wanted to bring this to the Board. The Board agrees that having a higher threshold may be a good thing for our constituents. After some discussion a motion was made by Mike McHugh to authorize the Chairman to sign the two letters opposing the amendments, one to the Senate and one to the Assembly stating the TC CSD in opposition of the proposition going on the ballot. The motion was seconded by Drew Rusnak. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. Mike will fax the letters tonight.

Fire Dept. Report

Ken Rieke read the Fire Dept. report (attached). There were copies of the report available at the meeting.

Ken reported that the Fire Dept. tested engine 1111 using the new testing gear with Weaverville FD and their gear. The test went well. Ken also reported that the VFD has two new volunteers. Members of the Fire Dept. attended training put on by Weaverville FD at Shasta College over the weekend. The training was an intense, live fire fighting training. It is felt that all of the volunteers should attend this type of training. They found it very useful. This training will also count towards the ISO training requirements.

Ken reported that LN Curtis came up and made a deal on some new fire hose that was ordered wrong by another Fire Dept. There are two 100' lengths of 1 3/4" hose for structure fire and another 100' roll for \$375.00.

Glen Ahmann reported that Kyle Johnson from CalFire came up last week for training and strongly urged the community to stop burning debris even with a burn permit. He said the fuel humidity level is the lowest it has been at this time of year since records have been kept. Glen encouraged everyone to spread the word that this is a really bad year for fire and they should not be burning except under very favorable conditions. Ken added that camp fires are permitted.

Bills for Payment

The list of bills to be paid was made available. Glen noted that there are some large bills due to the ISO required items and the Grant items. After some discussion a motion was made by Virginia Allin that the list of bills be paid as stated. The motion was seconded by Dewey Baird. The motion passed that the following bills be paid:

Regular Expenses

Trinity PUD- Electric-Fire Hall	\$61.63
Trinity PUD- Street Lights	\$139.80
TDS Telecom-Telephone	\$51.63
Jan Bellinger-Salary	\$350.00

Special Expenses

Trinity County DOT-Fuel	\$120.26
Terminix-Annual Pest Control	\$291.00
Bauer Compressors-SCBA Mask Parts	\$1,155.97
Ken Rieke-Batteries for Repeater	\$459.99
L.N. Curtis-Fire Hooks/Axes/Freight	\$776.29
Martie Mullen-Return Postage to Life Assist	\$6.28

Steve Renten-Dump Fee	\$4.28
Baker's Shoes & Clothing-Boots	\$1,917.34
Total - Checks for payment	\$5,334.47
Balance as of 4/30/13	\$175,004.58
New Balance	\$169,670.11

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Items for next meeting agenda:

Approve Purposed Budget for 2013/2014

Next Meeting: June 4, 2013

Jan Bellinger – Secretary

TCVFD ACIVITY REPORT FOR APRIL 2013

Fire Total =0

Coffee Creek – 0

Trinity Center –0

CM-LFE-LC -0

Medicals Total =4

Coffee Creek – 1

Trinity Center –2

CM-LFE-LC -1 (Sherriff assist)

Vehicle Accident- Total =0

Coffee Creek -0

Trinity Center-0

CM-LFE-LC – 0

Trainings – Total =4

Fire -3

Medical-1

TOTAL EVENTS = 8

Feat assisted on Coffee Creek medical- 4 responders