



Minutes – WFPA
Board of Directors Meeting – April 08th, 2023

8:45am – Executive Session

Board members present for the meeting - Roger Nusbaum, Bill Loughrige, Clyde McKay, Lance Gilbert, Jeff Anderson, Scott Phillips, Johnny Ohanesian

9:15am – Begin General Session

- The Quorum has been met.

1.0 – Approve Agenda

Johnny Ohanesian makes the motions to approve the meeting agenda Scott Phillips seconds the meeting agenda. Agenda has been approved.

2.0 – Public Comments

- None

3.0 – Presidents Report

- None

4.0 – Secretary Report

- Minutes from the last meeting were posted to the WFPA website

Johnny Ohanesian makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes and waive the reading of the minutes Jeff Anderson seconds. Secretary's report has been approved.

5.0 – Treasurer Report

Brush 83 sell complete.

Wire transfer for E83 completed and confirmed.

Smile.Amazon has ended and icon was removed from the Website.

Benevity payment to old Foothills account may be resolved pending conformation on change to PayPal. Once confirmed Foothills account will get closed again.

PayPal Here ended. I have set up a new Zettle account through PayPal and have ordered a new card reader for \$30.

Restricted Donations for the new truck are showing \$140,268.03. Need to discuss with accountant how this will clear now that E83 has been paid for.

Donations for this month were \$7,444.53

Expenses for this month were \$6,717.89 not including payroll. This will adjust by -\$1K due to Barrett Propane billing correction.

WTCS cash on hand \$64,209.60

Johnny Ohanesian makes the motion to approve the Treasurer report and Jeff Anderson seconds the motion.

Johnny Ohanesian makes a motion to allow the WFPA to do research and go ahead to open an account for the purposes of investing in a money market fund to improve the interest on our money Scott Phillips seconds the motion.

6.0 – Fire Chief Report

Calls

One medical call.

Training

Radio procedure and fire pack orientation.

The Basin Ops Drill is April 14-15 and we again will have many participants each day.

We've started driver training for the new engine. A/O 4/8, eight people will have had an introductory run.

Fleet

Engine 85 is in service from the Potato Patch station.

Engine 83 is stocked and so it is in service but still a lot of work to do. Graphics are in process, it needs to be registered, we need to buy a spare and do some fabrication to install it, we have all small equipment we need but there are some larger (in terms of dollars) items to buy based on the list I sent out several months ago. We have already procured the radio.

Engine 83 should be going in for graphics on Thursday April 13. Cost is \$940 which is quite a bit less than I was expecting.

I believe we should consider 2 SCBAs for Engine 85 in Potato Patch. They are expensive and so this is being put on the table as a longer-term item, taking priority behind Engine 83's equipment needs.

Squad 81 is in for service and repairs, all in should be \$1200.

Personnel

A total of 23 active firefighters are pack tested with another three who are part of the wildland program.

We've added eight new firefighters this year mostly from the recruiting day plus a couple of others.

PRCC

Engine 83 is now first due to all non-medical calls with Rescue 81 still being first due to medical calls.

Other

The Rural Fire Capacity Grant has been fulfilled.

Notes from annual cooperators pre-wildland season meeting

April and May should be lower than average fire danger. June should be normal fire danger. Monsoon expected to be a little late and mild. Consensus is fire activity will be in lower, grassier parts of the county (consistent with our prior messaging).

Air resources are due to come on May 1st for 90 days but can be called earlier if needed as was the case with the Crooks Fire.

Was able to face to face with APS about the power poles on Walker Rd. Relaying their thoughts; having lines come in on Walker Rd helps the Forest Service and improves reliability. People say they don't care about reliability until the power goes out. The poles will be steel, not wood. They will be 60' tall versus the standard 40'. They believe this mitigates peoples concern about an incident impeding our way out.

Johnny Ohanesian makes the motion to approve the Fire Chief Report and Jeff Anderson seconds the motion.

Johnny Ohanesian makes a motion for WFPA to go ahead and move forward with purchasing 2 SCBA's for the department with a cap of \$ 7,000.00 Jeff Anderson seconds the motion.

7.0 – Committee Reports

- None

Old Business

- New Truck Covered in the Fire Chiefs Report
- Spring Newsletter - Being Worked on plan to get it in the mail 5/1/23
- Election/Annual Meeting – Scheduled for 5/27/23
- Parking – Signs will be made and put up around the station.

New Business

- WTCS – We have been clamping down and caught some illegal dumping the past few weeks.

8.0 – Public Comments

- None

9:56am – Adjournment

Johnny Ohanesian makes the motion to adjourn Scott Phillips seconds, and the meeting is adjourned.

End