



Minutes – WFPA Board of Directors Meeting – December 14, 2024

8:45am – Executive Session

Board members present for the meeting – Clyde McKay, Bill Loughrige, Marti Mahoney, Jeff Anderson, Lance Gilbert, Louie Reale, Roger Nusbaum.

9:15am – Begin General Session

- The Quorum has been met.

APPROVE AGENDA -

Bill Loughrige makes the motion to approve the meeting agenda. Louie Reale seconds the motion. Agenda is approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Clyde McKay

Newsletter was out last month and a lot of great comments were received for the information. Thanks to Marti Mahoney for the work on it. More donations received for the promotion on the truck.

Bill Loughrige makes the Motion to approve report. Jeff Anderson seconds. All in favor.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Marti Mahoney

Minutes from the last meeting have been sent to the Board and Chris for posting on webpage. Bill Loughrige makes the motion to accept the minutes from last month and dispense with the reading of the minutes. Jeff Anderson seconds. All in favor

TREASURER’S REPORT – Lance Gilbert

Prepared available cash for new truck into savings account. Plan to hold the reserve cash in the Fidelity account due to higher interest earnings. Investigated fastest ways to send cashier’s check. Request for the Title to be signed and sent certified / express mail. Roger will set up transport / hauling after the payment has been received by the seller.
UPDATE: Email received on contact information for seller. Lance has processed the check payment on 11.15.24.

Motion to request merchandise budget increase by \$5000? Discussed plan with Karen and best to stock now at a higher quantity for lower cost per item.

Fall newsletter cost was \$5956.11 (Comment from Clyde and Marti. This is incorrect. Lance will be verifying the invoice).

Donations this month were \$310. Note there was a donation surge starting 11/27/24 after the Chief's social media post that brought in \$13,700 through the end of November.

So far there has been an additional \$5,740 as of 12/1/24 and more that has come into the PO box.

Expenses for this month were approx. \$14,846.42 not including payroll or Ramp liability \$5,003.95
Major expenses were VFIS, newsletter and medical supplies

WTCS cash on hand is \$30,770.77 (note moved \$20K into WFPA savings 12/13/24)

Accountant has also received several mail in trash subscriptions she will be sending info on as the payment was still at the old rate.

Donation cards / emergency cards will be provided by Lance after the first of the year. Discussion on multi color options (depending on amount of donation) is rejected. One color for the year provided.

The accountant raised a question with Lance on the state monies remittance from Wildland. Discussion to leave funds as is; do not refer as grant monies; possible list as "state reimbursement". Lance will discuss this with Rachel.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Bill Loughrige. Jeff Anderson seconds. All in favor.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT – Roger Nusbaum

Calls

4 calls total, medical call, two HAZMAT, illegal burn.

Training

Social media guidelines/tender 82 operations and Chainsaw refresher

Fleet

Water tender 81 is in for annual maintenance leaving only WT 82 remaining.

Personnel

Firefighter Manning has almost completed his EMT class, Firefighter Aubrecht is scheduled to start taking the EMT class.

Facilities

We'll need to park the vehicles differently in the garage when the new truck comes.

PRCC

No report.

Other

We renewed Active911.

The 2024 Rural Fire Capacity Grant opened on 12/13. This is the 50/50 grant we apply for every year for PPE. Firefighter Direen will be helping with the paperwork and then taking over the task for subsequent years.

New Truck notes from Domenic and Charlie – investigating onsite.

Unbelievably clean, new LED lighting. Truck has 19,000 miles; 900 hrs on Pump.

Pump and ladder testing, truck inspected, pump works great

Ladders included, suction hose, flashlights, spanners, fittings, Stortz (faster refill when working with other departments

Generator looks great, operates from in the cab and panel

Several small fixes needed; none are urgent. Recommend air dryer replacement, generator needs service, small air leak, tires 2013/2014, water pump seeps, brakes good, a little rust on brake drums, transfer case seepage needs seals, has new power steering box needs new hoses, a little oil leak not leaking into motor, valve cover replacement might solve
Frame is rust free, small rust where it's not painted
Painting is not an obstacle but it's pretty much scratch free

Board comments – Approval was given last month to move forward with purchase and amount of budget. (Ref Treasurer's report comments). Discussion on the minor repairs; possibly replacing seats. And costs on a truck wrap to match the rest of the Engine fleet red color.

Engine 86 – Roger and Dominic will move forward to approaching CFMA on possible purchase.

Motion from Bill Loughrige to approve arranging for hauling / transport on new truck. Costs would be included in the November meeting budget.

Motion to approve costs on the truck wrap. Cost would be covered in the November meeting budget approved. Jeff Anderson makes motion to approve; Louie Reale seconds. All in favor.

Bill Loughrige makes the Motion to accept the Fire Chief's report. Jeff Anderson seconds. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Trash – Louie Reale and Clyde McKay

Clyde has been working with Chris on the updated website as well as a new site and link to the WTCS trash services sign up, contract forms and payments. The Walkerfire webpage will direct them to the new trash services page.

- An email will be sent out in the next week from Clyde to the community for renewal, sign up and new contract form; with information regarding the electronic locks.
- An email and instructions will also be sent out and available on the link regarding the EL locks, app info for the smart phone usage.
- Clyde will be sending an email to the board members for testing the information, instructions and sign up. Please respond when you receive this so he can fine tune it.
- Louie Reale will be the main contact point. His information / email will be provided.
- Clyde needs to order the balance of locks needed. And attach to the dumpsters.
- Goal is for this to be up and functioning by the first of the year.

Insurance – Clyde McKay and Lance Gilbert

No new changes. Insurance currently paid up to date

Station Maintenance – Rudy Erdman (not in attendance. Email update)

- Scheduled this month for regular maintenance on the station heaters were completed.

Station Improvements – Clyde McKay

Discussion on providing Community with more education on cleaning around property, firewise information, training. Would videos be useful on providing that information? And adding these short videos to the webpage for access.

Roger will approach the crew about making the videos; utilizing different locations and residences; keeping a 5-8 minute video on a topic.

Walker Fire Webpage –

Clyde is working with Chris continually on getting the rest of the webpage updated for an early 2025 release in January.

Request to the Board for photos of Walker areas, old mining site areas, historical photos. Please send to Chris in December.

Fund Raising –

Jeff Anderson has reached out to Antelope Hills on possible dates for 2025 Golf Tournament. The best option is April 25th. He will contact them regarding reservations for that day.

Information will be updated to the Community next year.

Grants – Jeff Anderson

The grants open date is Dec 16th. He will be sending in our applications for two different possibilities. Roger Nusbaum would like to recommend that grant monies be used for replacement of the Water Tender Brush 80. A new water tender needs a minimum of 2000 gal ideal size for usage; and for parking in the station or in the Fire house Garage building.

- Discussion on parking location to be determined if and when we get a new truck; any impact to the Rummage sale items storage; possible Connex box option for rummage sale.

Firewise Report – Loren Bykerk

- No date currently on 2025 Chip n Haul from Loren, or for the Walker Calendar.
- Loren is currently working on 4 assessments regarding grants. Includes (70) acres to be addressed in 2025. Owners are waiting on reimbursement for their work on firewise.
- Current information on Grant monies for 2025 is only \$5100. Loren is following up on the reason for such a small amount for the overall total of slash and hours information he provided.
- Discussion with Board on the overall cost impact on Chip & Haul is \$20+ dumpsters, trucks, manhours, gravel. Gravel push back needs to be addressed better in 2025. And better coordination on the days of chipping, hauling, equipment at the same time.

Merchandise – Clyde McKay / Marti Mahoney

Calendars 2025 ordered. (UPDATED – Arrived 12.18.24) – plans are to promote and sell as soon as they come in.

Karen has ordered the Vintage logo / support shirts. They are due in January and Marti will take photos and start to promote and sell. These will be \$50 and monies promoted for the new truck.

Karen purchased higher quality items from Antigua sportswear. Those will have embroidered logo. Additional apparel items will be ordered and expected in January and February to promote for 2025 event sales.

OLD BUSINESS –

Newsletter – Clyde McKay / Marti Mahoney

Newsletter Winter 2024 was mailed out in November; and community email link to newsletter sent out by Chris.

Clyde noted that approximately 90-100 mailing addresses are incorrect or no longer valid. He will be researching the mailing list vs Owners before the Spring 2025 Newsletter is mailed out.

Discussion on the mail out costs (from the printer) vs consideration that the Board spend a couple hours stuffing and mailing it ourselves.

Clyde will be investigating different sources for printing prior to Spring mail out.

NEW BUSINESS – None

Public Comments – None

10:45 – Adjournment

Jeff Anderson makes the Motion to adjourn and Louie Reale seconds. All in favor and we are adjourned.

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