

WILLIAMS RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Special Board Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2021

Called to Order at 2:58pm

Roll Call:

Board Members Present

Position 1 – Heather Glass
Position 2 – Sue Nevotti
Position 3 – Claudia Pratt
Position 4 – Bill Ertel - Absent
Position 5 – Wes Nevotti

Williams Staff Present

Administrative Assistant – Jennifer Vetter
Fire Chief – Rick Vetter
Lieutenant – Oskar Sundell

Public Presence:

Wilma Hyde (Support Group Member)

Announcements:

County Commissioner Meeting on August 10, 2021 at 9am, Chief Vetter was invited to present Heroes in the Classroom Program.

Resolution to Continue Current Levy:

Williams Fire is in the final year of a 5-year levy. Discussions were held to renew the levy by placing it on the November ballot with no changes to the tax rate, and to continue the levy as a general operations levy. Williams tax rates would remain the lowest in the county. The purpose would be to continue current district staffing, improvement to facilities, and the upgrading of wildland and structural firefighting capabilities and EMS.

- A motion to approve Resolution 2021/2022-1 PLACING LOCAL OPTION LEVY ON NOVEMBER 2021 BALLOT was made by Heather Glass and seconded by Wes Nevotti and passed unanimously 4 out of 4.

✚ Heather Glass – Aye
✚ Sue Nevotti – Aye
✚ Claudia Pratt - Aye
✚ Wes Nevotti - Aye

Creek Pump Replacement/Repairs:

Discussions of creek pump usage includes its use for fire suppression and the desired use by Three Rivers School District at Williams Elementary. Jennifer Vetter could draft an agreement/document for submission to legal counsel for review/edits/approval. A recommendation from Wilma Hyde for legal review was given and noted for follow-up. This item will be further explored before any forward progress.

- A motion of Jennifer Vetter to write use/maintenance agreement for creek pump for submission of legal advice was made by Wes Nevotti and seconded by Heather Glass and passed unanimously 4 out of 4.

- ✚ Heather Glass – Aye
- ✚ Sue Nevotti – Aye
- ✚ Claudia Pratt - Aye
- ✚ Wes Nevotti - Aye

Williams Fire received two estimates for repair/replacement of the creek pump used for fire suppression. Rough estimate given by Quinn's: \$10,895; In Season's estimate: \$12,400 (verbal quote). This does not include electrical or the fitting package to the existing suction line.

- A motion to approve the expenditure \$10,895 for creek pump repair/replacement was made by Wes Nevotti and seconded by Sue Nevotti and passed unanimously 4 out of 4.

- ✚ Heather Glass – Aye
- ✚ Sue Nevotti – Aye
- ✚ Claudia Pratt - Aye
- ✚ Wes Nevotti - Aye

Limiting Discussion Times:

The Board discussed Roberts Rules and maximum speech time for a member/meeting participant to speak. An attached document titled Maximum Time for Speech will be edited to add 5 minutes as the allotted time.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn the Special Board Meeting was made by Sue Nevotti and seconded by Claudia Pratt. The meeting adjourned at 4:09pm.

Attachments: Special Board Meeting Agenda, 17-100 Wolf Creek Measure as example, County, City and District Referral Manual, Previous Levy Submission to County 9.7.2016, Proposed Levy Resolution for 2021 November Election 8.6.21, Email to SDAO re Creek Pump & Williams School 8.6.21, Estimate 13819 from Quinns Pump Service and Supply 14248, Maximum Time for Each Speech.

Respectfully Submitted:

Claudia Pratt, Board Chairperson