

WILLIAMS RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Special Board Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2021

Meeting called to order at 3:58pm

Roll Call:

Board Members Present

Position 1 – Heather Glass (minute taker)

Position 2 – Sue Nevotti

Position 3 – Claudia Pratt

Position 4 – Bill Ertel

Position 5 – Wes Nevotti

Williams Staff Present

Fire Chief -Rick Vetter

Announcements

-No announcements

Agenda review

-no agenda review

Public input

-none

Lexipol Grant Services

A motion made by Heather Glass and seconded by Sue Nevotti to approve the purchase of Lexipol grant writing services in the amount of 1250.00

Discussion:

Lexipol grant expiration for quote has been extended from 11/19/2021 to 11/26/2021.

Chief talked about how people have written grants to get air bottles replaced, the cost is about \$80K and both times the grants were unsuccessful. We will now have to pay for the air packs.

Now we have radios that are needing to be replaced and it is approximately \$110K for new radios. The radios will be obsolete and cannot be repaired.

It takes a lot of time to write grants and Lexipol can write them for the department and the success rate is 54%. We will get a discount for using some of their other systems. We may investigate also changing to Lexipol for training purposes and save money.

We also may be able to save some money on purchasing the Motorola radios if we use Lexipol to write the grant. We could order radios directly from Motorola. Lexipol said we can also write into the grant the cost of the grant writing and we could potentially get the Lexipol money back if we do in fact get the grant.

Bill expressed concern about getting a kick back from Motorola by using Lexipol. Chief talked about how they work directly with Motorola which helps us get the better pricing from Motorola for the radios. This company knows how to write grants so the chances of getting a grant would be higher. If we decided to back out of Lexipol grant we would be responsible for 50% of the grants writing price. On the last page it is asking for a project manager. Rick would be the responsible party for the grant. Rick would be the one doing the worksheet. Nicco would most likely be the one who does the data entry for the needs from Lexipol. The chief is comfortable with doing all that is needed for Lexipol to be able to write the grant.

We contacted Lexipol when we realized how much the cost of both the radios and the air packs.

We were successful on previous grants. Bill is asking about why we would take this gamble.

The deadline for the communication grant is December 17th, 2021.

The grant value would be for \$110K.

20 radios at approximately \$7K each is \$140K. This is what Rick was quoted awhile back. Every truck needs to have a radio, each duty officer, and responding volunteers.

If we are rewarded the grant, we would only need one bid for the radios.

The approval process is based on the amount or other departments that apply for the grants. Then they look at the needs of the department to determine who has the most need.

The board voted and unanimously agreed, 5 ayes and 0 nays, to purchase the Lexipol service.

In the future can we look to the community to see if there are any community people that can write grants?

Policy and Procedure from Lexipol has a video for the board to watch.

Other news

The grange is reserved for the Christmas party on December 18th for dinner.

Meeting adjourned at 4:31pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Claudia Pratt, Board Chairperson