

WILLIAMS RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2022

Called to order: 17:00

Roll Call:

Board Members Present

Position 1 – Heather Glass

Position 3 – Claudia Pratt

Position 4 – Bill Ertel

Board Members Absent

Position 2 – Sue Nevotti

Position 5 – Wes Nevotti

Williams Staff Present

Fire Chief - Rick Vetter

Public Presence:

Wilma Hyde, Support Group Member, Resident

Scott Ceciliani , Watermaster from Oregon Water Resource department

Scott Prose., Watermaster from Oregon Water Resource department.

Announcements:

None.

Public Input:

None.

Agenda Review

No concerns with agenda

Approved board meeting minutes

Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes:

The Board Meeting Minutes of December 6th, 2021 were reviewed. Board Member Bill Ertel is asking for the board meeting minutes be more condensed. A suggestion from the minutes in

regards to the accounting question would be: board discussion of board accounting and with an action item like Bill needs to review the zoom tape verses all the verbiage we had.

- A motion to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of December 6th, 2021 was made by Bill Ertel and seconded by Heather Glass. The motion passed unanimously with all Ayes.

Special Guests:

Scott Ceciliani and Scott Prose are from Oregon Water Resources and are here to discuss putting in a test well site at the fire station.

In Williams there is not a lot of measurement for ground water. Water department would like to drill two to three wells to do some tests so they can prove the water levels are really low. The wells would be for the district to help gather data but to also help the Williams community to see where the water levels really are. The fire station is a great site according to Bill because the properties around here are having trouble getting water for their homes.

One would be shallow, and one would be deep to keep track of the levels. Just observation wells. It would be on a 30 year lease to gain access but after that the wells belong to the fire station.

The Oregon Water Resources department pays the maintenance until the lease is up.

Rare emergencies only for use of the wells as they would not be for usage.

Ground water is a concern in our area, and they would need some wells that are not being used in order to monitor. Take measurements quarterly. The public would have access to the data that is collected.

The water resource department would be responsible if someone gets hurt.

The wells will be within 10 feet. 30 to 50 feet for shallow. 150 feet for deep.

There will be no pump.

They are unaware of any lease being ended early.

If the well site is not the best place for the fire department, they will work with the department to find out the best place in case our future plans are to have buildings or something else in the selected areas.

This project to be put in place would take some time but it would probably start in the fall.

It is hard to tell when the data will be useful. It will just depend on how the water usage is going. 10 to 20 years is very valuable.

They are interested in the eastern part of the property near the creek.

Access to the property can be done in many ways. They may schedule when someone is on site and will work with landowner to make sure it is easy.

Wilma Hyde thinks it is a great idea. She speaks as a member of the public.

First step is to discuss the agreement. The water department will have to present to the county to be bid on. Depending on how long it takes for the agreement and the bids it would be some time.

Chief Vetter asked if local drillers may bid on the project? The answer was they would need to keep an eye out on the website for the opportunity to bid.

Scott Ceciliani would be the contact for any issues if the public is asking for help were they think there may be a water issue.

******Meeting Break******

Meeting Break Started at: 5:47pm

Meeting Break Ended at: 5:49pm

******Meeting Continued******

*****Special board meeting at 5pm tentative for January 10th to discuss the well lease contract.**

Chief's Report:

No written report available.

Will have to report back on the number of calls.

AFG and Safer grants are still in process.

Red cross blood drive will be held in Williams. Feb 14th is a potential date.

Stacy Belt at county health for vaccination clinic looking to get a date. Potentially 22nd of January.

We hired a technician for the tanks to maintenance for the pumps. Problems are being addressed as he finds them. We are using a special pump mechanic technician.

Two interviews with State fire Marshall office. Senate bill 762 wildfire risk reduction. We are ranked 13 in the highest 50 of Oregon. Looking to get some FEMA money to help Williams. A

question was asked if Williams will have an enforcement officer? Equipment may be put in certain areas. Rick will probably ask for a letter from the board to get grant money for the senate bill 762.

Home project and old fire station are still in progress.

A motion to approve the Chief's Report was made by Heather Glass and seconded by Claudia Pratt. The motion passed unanimously with all ayes.

Support Group input:

None

Safety committee

None

Old Business:

Policies and Procedures Handbook are still in process with Lexipol

Employee handbook tabled

Kuntz Workers Comp tabled.

New Business:

Coffee with Chief January 19th

Bill has a report on Illinois Valley board meeting. Some subordinates gave reports and Bill liked this and is suggesting maybe we could implement. They have their meetings on Facebook. When they move money from one account to another, they do that as a resolution in the board meeting. Board Member Bill Ertel asked for his report to be added to the minutes.

Meeting adjourned at: 18:22

Respectfully,

Claudia Pratt, Board Chairperson