

Limon Area Fire Protection District
Board of Directors
401 ½ Avenue, Limon, Colorado
Regular Meeting
November 13, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting was called to order by Vice President Director Rosenberger at 7:05 p.m.

Those present were Director Rosenberger, Director O'Dwyer, Director Harlow and Director Kapple.

Staff present: Chief Perry, Captain Jason Farley, Logan Bauldree, Rose Farley and .

Guests present: Sara Lancaster, Megan Waite, and Stephanie from the Limon Leader

Pledge of Allegiance

The Directors and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

Director Kapple moved to approve the agenda for the October 9, 2024 meeting as presented. Seconded by Director Harlow. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 18, 2024 regular Board meeting were reviewed. Director Kapple moved to approve the September 18, 2024 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Director O'Dwyer. Motion carried.

Added to the Agenda: Motion to approve Director Thompson's absence

Rosenberger moved to approve Director Thompson's absence. Director Kapple seconded. Motion carried.

Ten Minute Citizen Input

Stephanie Zwink - has only heard good things about the Department and all of the help provided during the storm.

Treasurer's Report

Director O'Dwyer presented the financial report for the period of October 13 - November 13. The Department received several donations for snow removal from the big storm. Director Rosenberg moved to approve the financial reports as presented. Seconded by Director Kapple. Motion carried.

Presentation of Preliminary Budget Draft for 2025

Director O'Dwyer presented the Proposed Budget for 2025. She does expect there to be any changes from the counties for the Property Tax Disbursements. There are several items of new paperwork required to be filled out before the budget and be approved and submitted to the State. This budget must be passed before December 15.

Approval of Accounting Services Contract

Director O'Dwyer introduced Megan Waite as the Department's new contract bookkeeper. The contract is year to year. The agreement was updated and cleaned up from the previous bookkeeper agreement. Director O'Dwyer moved to approve Megan Waite as the Bookkeeper and approve the contract. Director Kapple seconded. Motion carries.

November Snowstorm Debrief

Chief Perry and Captain Farley gave a debrief on the calls and services provided during the November 6 thru 10th snow storm. Most calls were helping stranded motorists and assisting with snow removal. The Department shoveled 56 sidewalks.

Change of Title and Duties for Fire Chief

Director Rosenberger explained why the Board originally used the title of Chief Administrator versus Fire Chief and the hierarchy of the Department. For the purposes of clarification the Board agrees to change the title to Fire Chief. Director Rosenberger moved to officially change the title from Chief Administrator to Fire Chief. Director Kappel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator/Officer Reports

Captain Farley Report

- Been in contact with ice rescue trainer. Still to be planned but looking at early in the year. The other local departments will be invited. Chief Perry is going to do an application for a grant to help cover this cost.
- Equipment Update
- Garage door repairs - waiting on parts
- Explorer Program update.

Chief Administrator Perry

- Attended Connect and Collaboration Workshop for Limon Main Street Initiative
- Lots of upcoming Christmas events
- Legion is going to move the food pantry to the equipment shed
- Wants to move ahead with renovating the modular
 - Director O'Dwyer moved, Director Rosenberger seconded to move ahead with the renovations of the modular
 - will be putting an ad in the paper to advertise for bids
- training with Limon Ambulance this weekend
- Still waiting to hear on the Motorola Grant
- Would like to replace the carpet upstairs in the Station
 - Kappel moves to approve new carpet, O'Dwyer second for new carpet
 - Then Director Rosenberger moved to rescind to motion replace the carpet motion. Director Kappel seconded the motion. Motion passes.
- 3 new members this month
- She and Captain Farley will be speaking at the career fair at the school next week
- Presented a Thank You gift to Sara Lancaster for her years of service to the Department as the Bookkeeper.

Directors Reports

- Director Kappel – Heard all positive things. Believes the community will start to take notice of all of the things the Department.
- Director Harlow - appreciates everyone's hard work during the storm
- Director O'Dwyer – Thank you and appreciation to the Department for the snow storm. Also passed out invitations for the Department Holiday Party
- Director Rosenberger - Thank you! Please come to the party.

Adjournment:

Director Kappel moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. Seconded by Director O'Dwyer. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings: Next meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2024 at 6:30.

***** Reconvene**

After the meeting, there was a light display. The Board then reconvened to vote on the Capital Expenditure of buying lights for the Department Command pickup. Director Kappel to move ahead with the light bars up to \$1000. Director Rosenberger seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Brianne Harlow, Secretary

Kurt Thompson, President