

# North Bench Volunteer Fire District, Inc.

## Monthly Board Meeting

Date: March 13, 2017

### Minutes

**Present:** Burrow, Kirby, Mead, Kralik, Cossette, Pine, Fioravanti, Douglas (board attorney), Jackson (Chief).  
Guests: Rohrwasser.

#### Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Fioravanti called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Approval of Previous Minutes

Secretary read the minutes of the February 13, 2017 meeting. Walt Kirby moved to approve the minutes as corrected, 2/passed.

#### Treasurer's Report

Greg Mead presented the treasurer's report, a copy of which will be included with the minutes. As requested by the Board, Chief Jackson asked the firefighters about the option of cutting checks on a quarterly basis to save the department money and reported to the Board. Marlaina will be able to accommodate the desires of individual firefighters. There was an unexpected large payment for extrication equipment that will have to be adjusted for in the budget. The treasurer's report was received and filed.

#### Chief's Report

Gus Jackson presented the chief's report, a copy of which will be included with the minutes. Received and filed.

#### Old Business

1. Planning for outreach activities to constituent. Minor discussion, scheduling activities deferred to next month. OPEN
2. Schedule quarterly Q&A with firefighters. April 20, 6:30, Station 1, was decided upon by mutual consent. CLOSED
3. Fortieth anniversary activities – initial planning. BBQ & open house on June 24. Burgers, 'dogs, etc., grilled here by the department. Marciavee Cossette will be in charge of the menu. Cut up a car, Lifeflight, bounce house, etc. Further planning will be done as the months progress. OPEN
4. Suggested changes to by-laws (notification requirements have been met as per Article XII, By-Laws, Section 3, ¶12)
  - Change Article VII, Section 1, Annual Meeting by striking the words "2:00, o'clock p.m." and replacing them with "10:00 A.M."  
The board agreed that we could change the time. To be considered at this month's meeting.  
Len Pine moved to approve the change in the by-laws as noted, 2/passed. CLOSED

#### New Business

1. Initial consideration of consolidation of area agencies. The proposed idea that is being considered by Chiefs Jackson and Rohrwasser would be the annexation of North Bench by South Boundary Fire Protection District. Chief Tony Rohrwasser of South Boundary FPD was granted the privilege of the floor to explain the concept more fully and answer initial questions. The request at the point is to consider getting the two departments, including their boards, together for fuller discussion in the near future. Marciavee Cossette moved that the two agencies get together to discuss the details related to annexation, 2/discussion/passed. A date is suggested at March 23, 6:30 p.m., to be held at the County Extension Office. Agreed upon by consensus.

#### Adjournment

Walt Kirby moved to adjourn, 2/passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

# North Bench Development Worksheet

Action Item	Lead Person	Est. Cost	Priority	Target Date
Table at Sharon's, grocery stores, etc.				
Community BBQ.				
Informational banners in front of Station 1 (& 2?).				
Preparing a video for posting online about the department.				
Radio spot with JoJo Baker.				
Utilize county PIO more often.				
Restructure outreach at county fair.				
Community events "vendor."				
Insert in title company packets for new property owners.				
Informational piece of comparison between taxation districts and subscription based services.				
Phone calling to thank constituents for their support. Phone # on enrollment form?				
Survey Monkey				
Social media				
Town halls				

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