

LANDS END FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MONTHLY

BOARD MEETING, JUNE 23, 2020

At 7:00PM Chairman Jeff Prinster called the meeting to order. Eric Brown, Linda Weber, and Wayne DeGesualdo were present for the board. Chuck Nelson was absent with an excused absence.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Jeff Prinster thanked everyone for saying the Pledge of Allegiance

MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Jeff Prinster asked if there were any corrections or additions to the May minutes. No one added any information or comments. Linda Weber made a motion to except the minutes and Chairman Jeff Prinster seconded the motion. All board members were in favor and motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Jeff Prinster asked if we had any old business. There was no unfinished old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Jeff Prinster wanted to take a minute to talk about the military Oath of Office many of the people in attendance have personally taken. Jeff wanted to address the meeting due to situations we have been seeing around our country. After reading the military oath he spoke of it being our duty to protect our community, government and our religion and finished with reading a bible verse.

Chairman Jeff Prinster then said he had one more matter before moving back to the agenda. Jeff Prinster grabbed papers out of his folder, handed one to Stacy Cox and one to Vice-Chairmen Eric Brown. Jeff turned to face the public and read his letter of resignation. Jeff Prinster resigned as Chairman of the Board citing deteriorating health concerns at 7:18 PM. Jeff Prinster proceeded to pick up his belongings, told Eric Brown he was now in charge and left the meeting.

Eric Brown ran the rest of the meeting. A new chairman of the board will be installed at the July board meeting.

Treasurers Report

Linda Weber gave the treasurer's report. We have received 70% of our tax revenue for the year. Ambulance income is slow in coming in. Advised over on legal fees due to problems with last board administer, and the only legal fees we should see the rest of the year is for the election and budget. 501 is over due to PPE dryer. 602 is over because Engine 111. The vehicle donated by Gateway, was not up brought up to DOT standards. Received our first fine from the IRS for not paying 2019 quarterly taxes on

time which was about \$417.00. Should see three more fines this year. Wayne DeGesualdo asked about 707. It was explained that the non-profit auxiliary fund was created to help out members with things they might need such as tires, food, rent, school books etc as the District did not have a legal way to help members. It was explained that it is now funded by City Market loyalty card and such.

Chief's Report

Chief's Report June 2020

Personnel: No changes in personnel status

Vehicles: All vehicles have passed DOT Inspection except for Rescue 111 (vehicle that was donated to us by Gateway.) There is extensive work that needs to be done for it to pass DOT, since it was just a vehicle for rope rescue (needed a 4x4 for backcountry access and off road access) Decided at this time it was not worth spending \$10k to get it to pass DOT inspection. Explained it is road worthy but will find out more from Lte. Shawn Cox when it gets back from Denver on what needs to be done to bring it up to code. Have a couple of people interested in buying it but need to reach out to Gateway first and speak with Shawn before we move forward.

The thought moving forward is to look for a light duty rescue for housing that gear and possibly selling R111 to help with the purchase. Since it was donated – not sure the ramifications of that move.

A-112 is currently being borrowed by Gateway Fire. They had an ambulance break down so they reached out and we were able to loan them our 2nd ambulance. They sent us a nice thank you email to help them out since they broke down on the way to a call.

Grants: No active grants

We purchased an inventory system that will allow us to track all inventory in the vehicles and the station. It is an add on to our Training Program (Target Solutions) and it will be a yearly fee. Approx. \$1900 / year. This will help us in saving costs for expired EMS equipment, will allow us to be DEA compliant in our controlled drug inventory – keep track of all equipment, expiration dates, replacement dates of our current equipment. SCBA's, rope/hose/PPE/ etc.... Wayne DeGesualdo asked if there would be enough cost savings to cover the cost of the system. Chief believes so but said it is more than that, it is knowing what we have, what we need and knowing in real time.

East end collaboration: We are currently having meetings to discuss future collaboration with Clifton Fire, East OM, Palisade and ourselves. We have had several meetings and we are currently looking at EMS equipment / bulk purchase but allowing smaller departments to order small amounts so we do not have to order bulk (which Bound Tree requires) and it ending up expiring. They are also looking at cost savings for ordering PPE / Hose. They would also like a member of the board to be a part of a group that will

be looking at future collaboration within the departments. If I have anyone interested, I will let Chief Balke know.

My Stance on this: If this helps the citizens of Lands End Fire Protection District with saving money, allowing better coverage or quicker response I am willing to sit down and listen. My ultimate goal is to give the best care for both fire and EMS to the citizens in which we serve.

Calls: May 2020- 26 (EMS calls – 11 / Dispatched and Cancelled enroute- 3 / Outside Fire – 6 / MVA's- 4/ Car Fire- 2

May 2019- 8

Increase of 225%

YTD 2020 – 90

TYD 2019-63

Increase of 43%

Wayne DeGesauldo asked if Chief can track the calls by time of day along with types of calls to see if we have any trends and if we are manning the station during peak calls. Image trend will pull that data but it would be difficult to wade through the data from 2006 to 2016ish. Chief said he would be happy to gather that data.

Training – S. Craven to discuss. Chief said Sam is out training as he did not realize the board meeting was tonight. He still has five people going through the academy. Talked about two applications they got from certified firefighters and EMTs and how they want to handle that as far as full academy or other training to bring them on- it is a work in progress.

Eric Brown asked for clarification on Lexipol, ImageTrend, and Target Solutions. It was explained Lexipol is for SOP and SOG, ImageTrend \$568 and is our call database, and Target Solutions is for training and inventory.

Open to the Public

Rich Phillips asked about somehow burning the property that borders his land. He is worried about the grass catching on fire and it burning down his shop as it is right on the border. Chief said there is a lot of liability involved but he would look into it with the county and others and see if something could be done.

Rich Phillips also expressed that even though the Rescue did not pass DOT inspection does not mean it can't be a resource for the district and respond to calls.

Rick Weber said time will tell whether the inventory system is saving us money or not, but the main fact that Chief and the lieutenants know what equipment is in service and not in service instantly and where it's found can be life-saving. I think that can be huge

benefit to the community. Knowing you can respond with which equipment; I think that's a huge benefit for the department and in time you'll decide if it's actually saving the department money also but I think that knowledge on what's available is huge.

Rick Weber said on the brush truck. I have a different opinion. Rick referenced an OSHA scare back when he was in business and how other companies didn't do what was required but he did not want to get that \$85,000 fine and he didn't want to have someone get hurt or be stuck with a two or three hundred-thousand-dollar bill. So, he has a different viewpoint, he would not pay attention to whether Gateway or any others are following DOT requirements. I would not want to take the risk or the liability involved should something happen while using equipment we know is not DOT approved.

Eric Brown said he agreed with that, he said being the county's vehicle mechanic and still involved with DOT regulations. I know emergency vehicles are exempt from DOT inspections such as snow plows and we get this come up in the county all the time but if you are not DOT Compliant and you kill somebody because that vehicle failed that exemption doesn't matter anymore. Taking unsafe vehicles out is a risk. Wayne DeGesualdo agreed.

Rick Weber, Rich Phillips, Chief and the board all agreed that they needed to do something special for Jeff Prinster in honor of him and all the time he has donated to the board and department.

Eric asked if there was anything else before we adjourned the meeting. Linda made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wayne DeGesualdo seconded the motion. Motion carried meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm

Next Board Meeting is July 28, 2020.

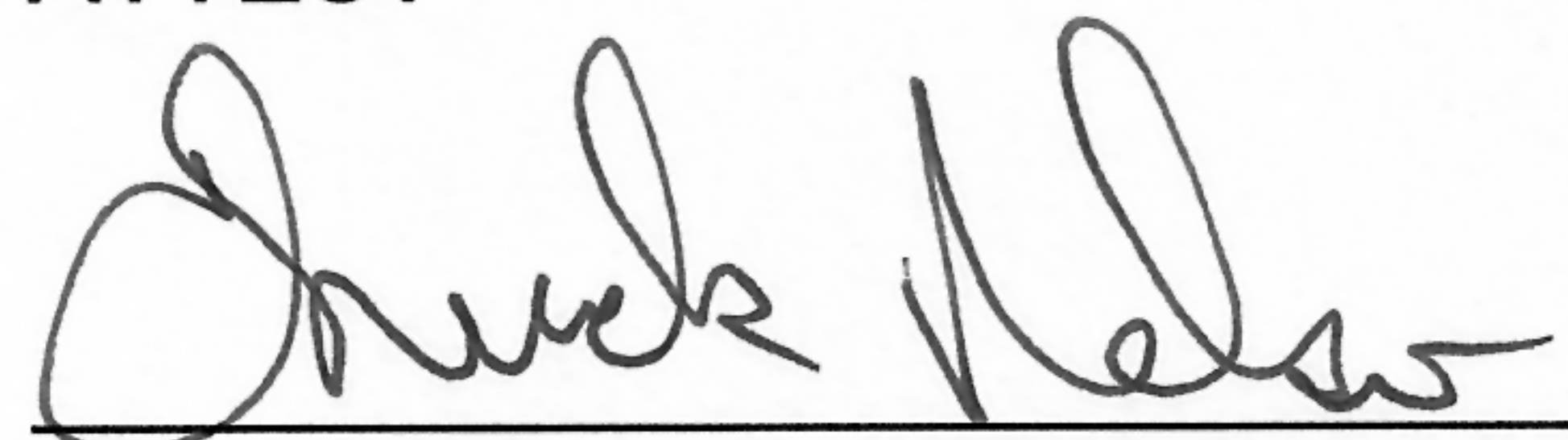
Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Cox, Board/Fire Chief Assistant

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