

Plattsmouth Rural Fire Protection District  
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting  
April 1, 2015

**Calling the meeting to order – Acknowledgement of Open Meetings Law**

President John Holdridge called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. President Holdridge acknowledged the Open Meetings Poster located on the wall of the District meeting room/office and available for review. Notice of the meeting was advertised in the Cass Gram, which is an approved publication of the Rural Fire Board and it was posted at the Post Office and on the front door of the rural fire station along with a copy of the agenda.

Board members present were: President John Holdridge, Lynn Vinduska, Ken Winters, and Shane Parshall arrived at 7:35 pm. Absent: Doug Stander.

Visitors present were Janet McCartney, resident of the District/Chairperson of the Cass County Commissioners; Mayor Paul Lambert representing the City of Plattsmouth; Steve Riese, Council President, representing the City of Plattsmouth; and City Councilman Terry Kerns, representing the City of Plattsmouth.

**Public Forum – Reception of Delegates**

No member of the public addressed the board.

**Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the April 1, 2015 regular monthly meeting: Motion by Mr. Vinduska and second by Mr. Winters to waive reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as submitted by the recording secretary to the Board members in advance of the meeting with a typo change in a date in the report. 3 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent and not voting. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

The following bills were presented for review and approval: CassGram - \$18.00; Sharp's Cleaning - \$30.00; NPPD - \$91.78; Black Hills Energy - \$505.37; Higgins Hardware - \$45.99; Keith Dovenbarger - \$95.55; City of Plattsmouth - \$835.13; City of Plattsmouth - \$589.52; City of Plattsmouth - \$5,451.24; Kansas State Bank (Loan Payment 842) - \$10,736.67. Total expenditures: \$18,399.25

PBS: Deposits: \$ 1,439.58	Balance: \$ 2,923.50
CCSB: Deposits: \$ 546.98	Balance: \$ 4,747.55

Mr. Vinduska stated there is one outstanding bill to review prior to submitting to the board for approval. Motion by Mr. Winters and second by Mr. Vinduska to pay all bills as submitted and accept the Treasurer's Report. 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent and not voting. Motion carried.

**Old Business/Committee Reports**

**Inter-local Agreement Negotiation Committee Report:** No action is taken on this issue this past month since negotiations are suspended indefinitely at this time to allow for all options to be explored by the Board. The City Officials present asked the board what it would take to have a meeting. After much discussion, the board committee stated that the District would be open to meeting if it was attended by

elected members of the City Council and the Rural Fire Board, not employees. A meeting date of April 15<sup>th</sup> was set.

**Inter-local Agreement Budget Committee Report:** No meetings at this time.

**Insurance Coverage for PRFD:**

Everything has been put into place. Fire Chief Wilson had some questions regarding when the rural board's insurance was in play during a mutual aid call. Some discussion took place and this will be followed up on. There was also a discussion on qualified drivers for the rural fire equipment, which has been resolved.

**Plattsmouth Rural Fire District Fire Department Constitution, By-Laws and Standard Operating Guidelines:**

The Committee is waiting to hear back from the Department on the second reading of the document. The Fire Department Officers did review the documents on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Cass County EMS Committee:**

No Report

**Website Development Committee:**

Work continues on this project and it remains a work in progress.

**Future Planning Committee Meeting:**

Mr. Parshall made a presentation to the board on progress to date on the research. Mr. Winters discussed the process of developing an EMS Tax District to fund a District EMS Operations, contract with vendor to provide the service, or partner with another governmental entity (or entities) to provide the services. There are other statutory options open the rural board as well for the development of an EMS operation in partnership with other governmental entities.

**New Business:**

**Fire Chief Report:**

**Calls for Service:** There were a total of 13 calls on the month, 8 Rural and 5 City with 4 of the rural calls to the Game and Parks property east of town.

**Roster:** No roster change at this time. Total members of the Rural Fire District Roster is 47 members with a potential of adding one new probationary member.

**Mics:**

- 861 is still out of service and still in the shop due to a generator issue. Most equipment has been placed on fire trucks or in the water rescue trailer and is hitched to 860 for calls.
- This is grass fire season
- 821 needs new batteries, the present ones are 6 years old. 821 also needs a ball valve replaced.

- There is a Volunteer Firefighter/EMS Recruitment and Retention class is scheduled for April 17, 18, and 19 in Lincoln.
- Nozzles are still an issue, there needs to be new nozzles purchased and others repaired.
- Class A Foam supply is dwindling.
- Fire School is in May. Let Capt. Lewis know if any rooms are needed.

Motion was made by Mr. Vinduska to accept the Fire Chief's Report as presented by Chief Wilson and include roster changes. Seconded by Mr. Winters. 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent and not voting: Motion carried.

**EMS Director's Report.**

There was no report from the EMS Director as he was not present at the meeting nor did he send a representative from the EMS Department. The last meeting the EMS Director attended was the October 2012 meeting. The last official communication from the EMS Director was April of 2014.

**Plattsmouth Volunteer Firefighter's Association:** The Association is helping with the Easter egg hunt along with the police FOP.

**Executive Session:** None Needed

**Board Member Comments:** Nothing at this time

**Next Meeting**

The next regular District Meeting will be held May 6, 2015 at 7:30 pm. Please note the time change for next month.

**Motion to adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Winters Second by Mr. Vinduska: 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent and not voting: Motion carried at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Ken Winters, Recording Secretary