Minutes from June 12, 2024

General Board Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER: Time 5:00 pm by President Robert Whipple

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Whipple thanked the following people and organizations from the board: Lawrence and Brian Vintus, Jan Steele, Fire Department and OES.

1. ROLL CALL – Director Whipple, Director Tucker, Director Staggs were present. Director Golden was absent. Director Hazelett is an unexcused absence.

Jody Howard, General Manager and Renee Beaty, Office Assistant, were present. Chief Clemmons and Beckay Nash.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Director Staggs 1st, Director Tucker 2nd motioned to accept agenda.
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
3. AGENCY REPORTS
   1. Sheriff's Report –attached to Daggett CSD Website
   2. CHP’s Report- none
4. Fire Department –
   1. Report attached to Daggett CSD Website.
   2. Concern of Chief Clemmons having duel chief positions on 2 different CSD Fire Departments. Logistics, staffing, expenditures, and equipment. The discussion was EF Recovery would be used at both departments; SDRMA needs brush engine off and updated with new information. All personnel would be separated. The structure in place for mutual aid would stay the same. May work on combining at a later date. Benefits both Districts.

The following is being requested of the Board from Chief Wayne Clemmons.

* 1. Authorization for Fire Department to utilize Towing Service for emergency towing when / if needed budgeted up to $1000. If leaving the Tri Area or Barstow Area for an assignment need to contact the General Manager. Director Whipple 1st, Director Tucker 2nd motioned carried.
  2. After discussing: Authorization for Fire Department to utilize American Towing , Firestone Conversions, Ted, and/or Stew Dietri for repairs of fire apparatus as needed. Tabled motioned by Director Tucker 2nd by Director Staggs.
  3. Review/clarification of grant application process for Fire  
     Department. Fire department proposed grants: the fire department chief or who he assigns can submit a grant without authorization by the board. Once approved then the grant shall be then submitted over to the office for record keeping. All receipts of the items purchased or use of funds on this grant shall also be turned into the office for accounting purposes. Director Tucker 1st, Director Staggs 2nd. Motioned carried.
  4. Authorization for Fire Chief to have a pre-set spending limit of  
     $500 for general fund use without prior board approval. Check with the office on funds available.

Director Tucker 1st, Director Staggs 2nd. Motioned carried.

* 1. Authorization for Fire Chief to make purchases of fire equipment  
     with excess grant funds that have already been allocated to the department  
     without prior approval up to $500. Check with the office first. Turn in receipts for grant accounting.

Director Staggs 1st, Director Tucker 2nd. Motioned carried.

* 1. Approval of Firefighter stipend program resulting from approval of  
     FEMA grant. Director Staggs 1st, Director Tucker 2nd. Motioned carried.

Also need to look into a fire department checking to separate funds.

* 1. Approval to purchase front tires for Water Tender from Firestone  
     Conversions.  Three quotes obtained, with the lowest from Firestone  
     Conversions. Not to exceed $1500. Director Tucker 1st, Director Whipple 2nd. Motioned carried.
  2. Approval of Daggett Ordinance 24-001 authorizing billing of any  
     fireworks related calls within the Daggett CSD boundaries. Director Tucker 1st, Director Staggs 2nd. Motioned carried.

1. ACTION ITEM, Financials: The board approved the General, Water, Savings Accounts for May 2024. All Accounts Approval: Motion: 1st Director Staggs 2nd Director Tucker All in Favor; Motion carried.
2. ACTION ITEM, Minutes: the board approved the minutes for the Regular Meeting for May 8, 2024. Motion to approve 1st Director Staggs 2nd Director Tucker All in Favor; Motion carried.
3. ACTION ITEM: : It is recommended that the board approve the start of the new audit ending June 30, 2023, being done by David Witford, jr. Motion to approve 1st Director Staggs 2nd Director Tucker All in Favor; Motion carried.
4. ACTION ITEM: : It is recommended that the board approve Water Haulers by appointment only; times will be from 9am to noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday , starting June 30, 2024. Motion to approve 1st Director Staggs 2nd Director Whipple All in Favor; Motion carried.
5. District Water Update: Director Whipple states jack-in-the-box water leak is on their side. Becky thanks the Ventis brothers, Mark, and the Chief as a team they worked well together during our water issue.
6. Old Business: None
7. New Business: Lawrence Vintus presented Chief Wayne Clemmons with a plaque of appreciation for his work for the community of Daggett.
8. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR REPORTS (3 Minutes)

1.President Robert Whipple – Amazed at all the team effort while pump was down.

2. Director Trudie Tucker – New baby swing up at park. Trees need to be cut back, office to get quotes.

3. Director Mark Staggs –Good Teamwork with the pump down. At the Yermo School they will be using the building just purchased for medical clinic and working on a new Gym.

4. Director Mentie Hazlett- absent

5. Director Kareen Golden – absent

1. Staff reports: 1. District Operations: the general manager, Jody Howard - Prichard and Provost has updated their feasibility study; it is on the website. Different studies have been going on for around 10 years from different grants. It is a long process. It looks like it'll be three years for anybody to connect to our Daggett water. We have asked for help to get well six up for backup. Bottled water restarts by the 1st of July. We had above $13,000 in this weekend’s cost; we are trying to get grants to help with the costs of the wells and the pumps. Trying to get a new generator for backup the electricity for the pump. The state may have an administrator come in at this point. We have asked the state for a grant to help us with the fire hydrants. It was $7500 just for the jack-in-the-box hydrant. In the meantime, California River Watch and the nearby Travelodge hotel is threatening to sue if we get sued all moving forward will stop on all grants. Marsha Higgerson then asked about the alternative source at the north I-15 aquifer. The answer to that was the state had done a feasibility study and they did not wish to drill there. Brian Ventis at this time then said we don't have qualified people maintaining the pumps and wells; the pump needs yearly pump checks. Director Staggs states we have been maintaining and doing checks; we also just had an inspection.
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next General Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 10, 2024
3. ADJOURNMENT Director Staggs motioned to adjourn; Director Tucker seconded: all in favor. Motion carried. Time: 6:37 pm.

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