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Purpose: Poudre Fire Protection District Board Meeting Minutes: **September 10, 2025**

Location: Station 2

Attendees: Dave Bliss, Dan Bond, Bette Blinde, Tonya Read and Boots Jaffee

Call to Order: Called to order by Boots Jaffee at 6:52 pm

Reports:

The August minutes were emailed to board members on August 26, 2025. Bette moved to approve the emailed minutes with the corrections. Dan second the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Bette reviewed the treasurer report. Dave moved to accept the report and it was seconded by Tonya. It was approved unanimously.

Property taxes almost paid completely. Next month Bette must present a 2026 budget proposal. Currently, we are putting money aside (\$100,000 per year for 3 years) to pay off the building loan and will be able to pay off the building loan in 3 years. The 40 year loan will be paid off in 8 years. This will be in the 2026 proposed budget. Hugh and Amy will need to submit their 2026 budget needs to Bette.

Unfinished Business:

LPCA/Community Center Lower Canyon – Message from Marci: Requesting a reply to the questions raised, particularly regarding water usage calculations and the installation of a water meter (as outlined in the 2010 ground lease) and if quotes have been obtained from an electrician and plumber for these modifications. LPCA has offered to draft an agreement within the ground lease for the Fire District to only pay for its metered water usage at Station One. This would simplify the arrangement into a straightforward business-to-business agreement rather than relying on neighborly goodwill as outlined in the previous ground lease. LPCA stated that if answers are not provided by September 17, 2025, LPCA will move forward with our attorney to draft a revised document that lays out the guidelines for the ground lease between the landowner, the LPCA, and the lessee, the Fire District, for Station One. We have not responded because Marci stated that they were obtaining a lawyer. A water meter and a kilowatt meter for the pump could cost \$3-4000 for equipment and install. Hugh will get a quote. We could also measure flow.

Tool Library DoorTool Library – Boots is looking for volunteers to help improve the security of the tool library doors. Laurie has given permission to make needed improvements.

CWDG Grant - There is a lot of interest in forming neighborhood groups for fire mitigation. Shady Rest, Rustic Road, and Crown Point are areas of interest.

New Business:

Policy on Community Room Rental - Groups using the UPCA room without signing up on the calendar. Reservations on the website are a priority.

Larimer County Hazardous Mitigation Plan - Larimer County in process of doing their 5 year plan. Is there anything that we want to focus on in the next 5 years? Possibly training for floods could be added as a focus.

Additional Reports:

EMT: Updating expired supplies in Rescue 1.

Chiefs report: 23 call in August, Starlink issues on trucks,

Station 1: stocked engine 111 and need to train people how to drive it, Tony wants a float pump mounted on the rear bumper on the engine, cleaned up station 1, Rescue 1 refurbished and updated stock, Kellie looking to build a rack for the PPE.

Station 2:

Station 3: None

Station 4: Engine 641 is in the shop to get Starlink connection improved and to replace a \$2,000 leaking coolant part. Station 4 hosted a community breakfast August 23rd for nearby residents to meet new neighbors and hear about the CWDG mitigation grant. Many signed up for mitigation assessments.

Cache la Poudre Fire & Emergency Group (CLPFEG): Shows that we paid the USDA payment.

Station 2 Building: Doors propped open and many unlocked doors yesterday. Raking and weed control and starting winterization, keycode lock replacement

Public Comments:

Phone calls with issues at station 1. There is a sign on Station 1 that shows Bob is still the secretary.

Adjournment:

Bette moved to adjourn, Dan seconded, all approved unanimously. Adjourned at 9:17 PM.