

**Oak Creek Fire Protection District April 12nd 6:30 p.m.  
131 E. Main St, Oak Creek**

**AGENDA**

Notice is hereby given that the **Regular Meeting** of the District Board, of the Oak Creek Fire Protection District, Routt County, Colorado, will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

**Agenda is subject to change up to 24 hours before scheduled hearings**

This regular board meeting will be held in person. If any member of the public wishes to join this via zoom meeting please contact the Fire Chief via email ([chief@oakcreekfire.org](mailto:chief@oakcreekfire.org)) or via telephone at 970-761-8141

**Call to Order:**

Ryan, Tim, Doug, Mike Brady, Karrie, Sally, Tim H, Nate C, Dillon

**Approval of Minutes:**

Review and consideration for approval from last meeting.

No questions or comments. Motion to approve minutes; seconded. Approved.

**Financials:**

- **Review and Approval of Current Financials**

Brady reviews the current financials; we're on track. Received first payment from taxation. Revenue – in the middle of audit for EMS fund; hoping for \$20-30k. Payments have been made to get equipment prepared for fire/deployments. Motion to approve current financials; seconded. Approved.

**New Business:**

- **Addition of Dozer to Wildland Lease**

Changed direction of Dozer acquisition; changed from D8 to D6, per suggestion of Board. Brady shared information with Mike and Doug as searching for D6. Requirements from feds needing emissions control. Concern expressed to get additional equipment to outfit and/or repair D6 because of backlog in equipment availability. Brady reviews contract agreement between Red Metal; suggests engage in contract for a one-year trial period. Goal for first year with dozer is not money maker but having additional protection availability locally. What is realistic deployment time for dozer? Dozer will be loaded and ready for deployment and will be parked at garage in OC. Hiring Stephanie Wisecup for dozer operator and will train additional operators and provide CDLs for hauling. Concern expressed for driving 100k lb piece of equipment. What are liabilities that we're exposed to? Brady states if we train them, we're covered. Drivers will get task book that will sign them off on transport. Brady has reviewed liability with insurance company. Board expresses "red flag" concerns for safe transport. Doesn't feel we have safe transport addressed adequately... who gets behind the wheel with 100k lbs behind them? Brady makes case that

Stephanie is trained and qualified for transport. Question regarding whether we need to put this out to bid for companies to provide dozer? Brady suggests that we don't need to because we have a contract in place with the company for other equipment. Board wants us to make sure we're legally correct with process, to ensure we don't need to provide open bid. Brady will follow up with legal counsel.

Brady requests approval to add D6 onto Red Metal agreement. Ryan suggests we need to find answers to questions before Board feels totally comfortable adding equipment to agreement with Red Metal (operations training, public bid process).

Motion to approve the need for Brady to seek additional approval based on further conversation with legal counsel re outsourcing bid and providing additional details for operation training; seconded. Motion approved.

- **Add New Employee Credit Card**

Requesting that – rather than having each employee go to bank/board for approval process to receive cards – can we have blanket approval? Motion to approve; seconded. Motion approved.

- **Housing for Employees**

Since we last met, the potential for the department to own a house for employees has potentially become an option. Board asked if we have any comparables for this model? USFS has barracks... never heard of department owning housing. Suggestion to research models and develop/answer questions before pursuing seriously.

- **Ryan is resigning from Board for personal reasons.** Has different things needing focus. This is Ryan's last meeting.

### **Old Business and Chief's Report:**

- **Wildland Deployment**

Critical delays thwarting wildland deployment attempt; certifications were fixed and now we're better prepared to deploy. Probably won't go anywhere until Critical 80 (training) is complete. Conversations for temp housing unit locations still underway; waiting for landowner to complete transaction. Multiple contingency plans in place until unit location is ready

- **Wildland Seasonal Hiring**

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- **Seasonal Housing**

(see above)

- **Structure Fire / Paper Article**

New tender was critical in knocking down the fire quickly and in-house without additional support.

- **Internet, Website, and Phone System**

Almost finished with wiring for internet and changing to Star[something] from Zirkel. We are currently hard to get ahold of because of these changes. Website is for the most part done, but a few relevant photos are needed and updating relevant info needed; information will help streamline processes such as burn plans. Board cautions providing personal information on website.

**Community Input:**

None.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:28