

**Oak Creek Fire Protection District May 10, 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, May 10, 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) or via telephone at 970-761-8141

Call to Order:

David Wolfson davidwolfson@outlook.com

Approval of Minutes:

Review and consideration for approval from last meeting.

Swearing In of New Board Members

Election of New Board President and Vice President

Any self-nominations? Adam nominates himself for president; seconded. Motion approved. Adam says he may be moving in 6-months, pending job relocation but can be president until then. David nominated as vice president; motion approved.

Financials:

- **Review and Approval of Current Financials**

Karrie explain financial separation between the Structure finances and Wildland finances. Separation between wildland and structure helps keep budgets organized for business purposes. There are three funds 1) General (catch-all); 2) Wildland, and 3) Structure. Wildland should have zero impact on structure budget and is responsible for sustaining itself financially. As of right now, wildland is sustainable with only one deployment. Priority is to have a wildland crew here for emergency purposes. Total of 16 crew members hired. There will always be a strike team.

Newest installment from County of \$172K just came in. Fire repair bill for Red Metal engines will be shared. Bunker gear expense will be reimbursed.

Motion to approve financials; seconded and motion approved.

New Business:

- **New Mechanic**

Fleet maintenance program required for insurance purposes for equipment. Relying on local companies is challenging; OCFPD has hired Levi Wisecup as contractor to maintain equipment. Process being set up now; mechanic rate at \$80/hour and maintenance rate at \$50/hour...

maintenance rate will go away once we get internal staff trained. Can he work on pumps also? Not qualified for that, but OCFPD is working on pumps where capable then will take engines to qualified professional for more complicated work. Brady will get with Bob Weis to create a subcontractor agreement drafted for Levi. All 3 Type 3's are down currently, so need for maintenance is critical. Critical 80 is happening this week and next week, then will be on the board for deployments.

Old Business and Chief's Report:

- **Dozer (training, DOT, search for backup drivers)**

Stephanie Wisecup has been hired as the dozer driver and will be a crew boss so is going through Critical 80. Stephanie leading charge to get DOT credentials so we can cross state lines. 2 dozer jobs lined up. Thorpe Mountain... road built from CR 14 to top of Thorpe. Approximately 80 hours of dozer work. Land is under conservation easement; CCALT wants road constructed for forest management purposes. Man Camp will go on Craighead's land... transport will happen in 2 weeks. Brady explains Man Camp to new Board members. Mid-July is likely move-in date; 3 years is site limitation, but County has said a 3-year extension may be filed. Building will not be visible from road, but is within walking distance of Town. Water will be trucked in a sewage tanks will be installed and pumped seasonally. Power will be put in.

Search for 1-2 CDL drivers will be posted.

- **Wildland Deployment**

Road 702 Fire (45,000 acres) in NB. Water tender was deployed. Truck did great; only tender on fire.

- **Seasonals Start**

Seasonals' second day, going through critical 80 for this week and next week; then will roll into mitigation work and deployment. (Type 3 or Type 6 Engine Module) Engine with hand crew with chase truck modules will deploy. Crew I and II; always have one crew onsite working on mitigation projects and being available locally for County needs. Will be involved in daily reports with Feds and County at 1000. All wildland calls will be priority over mitigation work. Philosophy is to throw everything at fire suppression. Will also be available for neighbors. 4 Engine Bosses (including Brady) plus 1 potential new hire and Stephanie working on her Engine Boss.

- **Mitigation Contracts**

Gates Ranch; Ski Hill; Thorpe Mountain Dozer; SPOA; Young's Peak;

- **Crews**

Introduction of Crew to Board.

- **Dozer**

- **Patrick Arnone's Items of Concern**
 - **Chief Glauthier's Operation of Rental Cars/Equipment**

(Red Metal got District up and running with equipment; any money generated is after deployment and split 50/50 between Red Metal and OCFPD. No money is made by Red Metal if there is no deployment. This has been vetted by SDA and there is no COI. OCFPD contract is open-ended; right to buy engines and right to leave contract at any time. Wildland Program would not exist if not for initial investment. Dozer purchase is 60/40; Red Metal is supplying transport and trailer. Short term contract to see if works. Agreements are in contract form.

Are there any plans about staffing Oak Creek; Town is concerned about availability for emergency responses. 2 minutes faster on average for response time. Location is limiting ability to respond faster. No money for more staffing or for new building location. Brady is looking at SAFR grant but we're not big enough for that grant. What is status for training captain job posting?... No responses to announcement. OCFPD will be a training department so transition is going to be the norm. Could we make that concept official? Most departments want FFs to go through their own academy. Nick likes idea of turning this into residence (HQ) so we always have 2 people available. Don't need a captain at both, but have 2 on-duty ready to respond more quickly. Since training Captain is in the budget maybe use that towards HQ improvements. Working on affordable housing project on District land (2 acres) in County.)

Pat's concern... are only vehicles being leased engines? Tender 851 and Engine 11 (Purchased through Bank of San Juan); Engine 801; F550 x2 Asset management company.... all not part of Red Metal... 831/2/3/4 so 4 leased through Red Metal... any revenue split between split with Red Metal. Brady's girlfriend 1/3 owner of Red Metal. Brady does not have control over revenue; bookkeeper manages money. Pat concerned there is a conflict of interest with ownership and benefit of revenue. All of this was disclosed to the Board. Concern over public perception of COI. Red Metal makes no money on local responses. **Is there a buy-out plan for the department to be self-sufficient? These are a temporary solution to a permanent problem... in the contract there is an option for a buy-out.** Scott Carlson; Jim Frye; Bridget Hiles... owners of Red Metal.

- **Difficulties Communicating with District Personnel**

Pat concerned that Brady is the only one he is able to get ahold of. Brady does not want to release personal contact information; he is working on website; new phones are installed and should be fully operational in 8 days.

Pat has been trying to get on agenda since December; didn't get replies multiple times; in February checked PO and there was no notice; Pat realizes state statutes 24 hours prior to meeting, but feels it's poor practice to post only 24 hours prior. It would be a good idea to let general population know of standing 2nd Tuesday meeting.

What can we look at for the website? What does it take to get that finished? Brady responds there's limited time... We've hired Josh Cook for website building; it's pretty close to launching. What does Board want for time notification prior to Board Meeting? Will place glass panel outside building and one other public place; look at TOOC to place announcement on Town website. **In-depth discussion happened regarding posting of Board meetings. We just need to follow up.**

- **Qualifications for the Position of Fire Chief**

Fire Chief selected by the Board... Brady recruited by Wisecup, says was content being Captain. Brady provides run-down of quals (attached to notes).

Pat has written presentation (presentation was handed to OC Police Ralph Maher).

Adam addresses issues raised by Pat. Offers availability as ear... LOOK UP COMPLAINTS POLICY. Did you contact law enforcement about criminal activities? No. Why not? Can you restate your goal for airing the criminal activity? Wants to share with community and Board what he knows about Brady. What is your goal for providing document on Narcissism? Doesn't want folks to get sucked into patterns and get hurt. Pat is not a medical professional. No experience with disorder. Is it your lay opinion that Chief has debilitating mental health issue? Do you have any information connecting Chief to illegal activity while with Department. NO. Do you have any evidence of past crimes? List of people Pat will provide Board. Innocent until proven guilty; any allegations of crimes should be reported to the Chief of Police. Felonies from 2015 are still considered crime within statute of limitations. Accusations of mental health disorder... if he has mental health disorder but can still fulfill duties of job; if he's a narcissist but can still do job, President does not care. But President will still follow up with looking into allegations. All of these things are valid reasons to bring information to public meetings but emphasizes the need to distinguish between allegations regarding Department and personal defamation of character. If problems are found, they will be addressed. Complaint is taken seriously and will be followed up. No other Board members with comments.

- **Chief Glauthier Not Qualified for Position**

Community Input:

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting; seconded and motion carried.