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Final Minutes –Special Meeting of the Bracken VFD Board of Directors
Thursday, December 17th, 2020

Board Members

Charles Flink, President	- Present	Skip Courter, Member	- Present
Kurtis Wilcox, Vice President	- Absent	Bob Schoeler, Member	- Present
Mark Schroeder, Treasurer	- Absent	Rick Shimon, Member	- Present
Jim Moreland, Secretary	- Present	Walter Brown, Member	- Present
Buddy Boone, Member	- Present		

Special Board Meeting

President Charles Flink called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. via ZOOM video conference due to COVID-19 Pandemic public meeting restrictions. This meeting was scheduled only to consider changes to the contract offered by ESD 6 to the BVFD, policies associated with that contract, and new Workmen’s Compensation Insurance rates recently received by BVFD. In addition to the BoD members above, Randy Maschek (ESD 6), Chief Zipp and Marilyn Winters were present. Pledges to the US and Texas Flags were suspended due to this meeting being held by video/teleconference.

Unfinished Business

- 1. Discuss and take action, if necessary, on the ESD contract.** President Flink previously tabled this item to give the BoD more time to review the latest version proposed by the ESD after their legal review. ESD arranged for a special meeting on 2 Dec 2020 between ESD 6 Commissioners, BVFD BoD members and the ESD attorney, Ken Campbell. The meeting was very productive and Mr. Campbell returned a new red-line and clean document on Dec 3rd for further review and approval. ESD 6 Commissioners met on Dec 14th, 2020 and approved the contract for presentation to the BVFD BoD and tonight’s meeting is being conducted to finalize the entire BVFD BoD’s review and approval. Rick Shimon moved to accept the contract as amended and Buddy Boone seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 2. Discuss and take action, if necessary, on policy agreements with the ESD.** President Flink previously tabled this item pending resolution of the contract issues. Since the new contract does not allow policies outside the contract other than the mutually agreed upon budget, no further action was deemed necessary on this item.

New Business

- 1. Discussion and possible action on Workers’ Compensation Insurance proposals.** Marilyn Winters reported that due to significant increases in Worker’s Compensation claims for fire

fighters exposed to carcinogens, Workers' Compensation rates are increasing. Leaving Texas Mutual could save us \$12,015 this year, but would likely go up even more as the new carrier gains experience in the Texas fire fighter market. Going with the new provider (7710) would potentially reduce our net premium \$1,755 over last year, 7710 is rated BBB by A.M. Best and does not pay dividends. 7710 only has 20 customers in Texas vs. thousands for Texas Mutual. If we change carriers, it would take six years to restart earning dividends. Walter Brown made a motion to stay with Texas Mutual, seconded by Bob Schoeler. Passed unanimously.

BoD Roundtable: President Flink solicited input from all present. No further comments.

Adjourn

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan 25th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Buddy Boone made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned, which was seconded by Skip Courter. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Moreland

Secretary, BVFD BoD

NOTE: There are no reports attached as this meeting was held only to discuss the new contract and Workers' Compensation issues.