



Nederland Fire Protection District Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes  
December 20, 2023

\*\* This meeting is being recorded \*\*

**Roll Call**

Guy Falsetti – Present  
Todd Wieseler – Present  
Russ Panneton – Present  
Bob Sheehan – Present  
Ryan Keeler – Present

Chief Charlie Schmidtman – Present

**Announce Quorum & Call Meeting to Order @ 1902**

**Public Statements, Comments or Questions**

(Please state name and if in district or out of district for the record)

**Name**                      **District**

**Approve the meeting agenda**

- **Motion 5-0-0**

**Acceptance of previous meeting minutes**

- Treasurer Todd Wieseler would like to only record meeting minutes where exceptions are pointed out, rather than regurgitating information that is in the reports.
  - **Motion to accept as is: 5-0-0**

**Treasurer's Report**

- Wildland fire billing is for two employees that are used as a single resource.
  - They are paid their base pay and tax-free reimbursement for their deployment until we are reimbursed by the State.
- Accounts payable shows unpaid bills for the month (entered into QuickBooks but not processed).
- End of year suggestions – for remaining funds, where should it be delegated? (apparatus, reserve, etc)

## Chief's Report

- Completed action item – updating purchasing policy
  - Suggestion by Ryan Keeler to have a bid waiver form
  - Purchasing of used goods only approved by Board President, we are not wanting to purchase used goods except in the case of only when used goods can be used to fix an issue (old apparatus).
    - **Motion to accept purchasing policy: 5-0-0**
- Would like to fix old SCBA compressor and then sell it if possible, this would be beneficial to the District opposed to just disposing of it.
- SB217 prevents officers from going hands-on or make people go to the hospital which could make some calls more difficult.
- A developer is trying to raise height restrictions in Town, this increase would require the FD to have a 100' ladder which would cost approximately \$1.75 million (\$250K/year). Who would incur that cost?
  - The developer would need to fund the entire truck.
  - The truck would have to be in-hand at the time of ground-breaking and a funding plan in place. (~ 2025)
    - Decision would need to be made within the next 4 months if the plan is to move forward according to current timeline.
  - Impact study should be conducted.
- Budget has been affected by SB23-238 changing our valuation from \$103 mil to \$90 mil (greater than 10%)
  - -\$206,207 from previously submitted budget
- First Due final numbers will be proposed at the budget meeting in January.
- Board is interested in a strategic plan for the District.
  - Chief Schmidtman is not quite ready to share that but is getting there.
    - Ryan Keeler offered to facilitate a strategic strategy if needed.

## Fire Marshal Report

- Taking our new Captain (Wheelock) to complete the inspections at the elementary and middle/high school.

## Old Business

- NFPD position on Town of Nederland development of Big Springs
  - Discussed during Chief's report
- Fee Schedule 2023 Update [DRAFT]
  - Resolution 2023-13
    - **Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-13: 5-0-0**
  - Highlighted rows are new fees that have not been charged previously.
    - Most operational fees have not changed as we would like compliance more than anything.
  - Violation of fire bans/restrictions

- Summons will be issued by BCSO
- Grace period of 1 week but there must be a record if someone is verbally educated about the ban (could be built into First Due).
- All warnings issued by the national weather service automatically enact fire restrictions, no open fires (red flag, high winds, etc.)

#### **New Business**

- Opening a new bank account
  - **Motion to move checking/savings from Citywide to US Bank: 5-0-0**
- Transfer auxiliary money to ColoTrust as a separate account if possible.

#### **Public Statements, Comments or Questions**

(Please state name and if in district or out of district for the record)

#### **Any other business**

- Board Treasurer role to Ryan Keeler
  - Make transition in January for the new FY
- Board Secretary role to Bob Sheehan
  - Assist with CORA and creating a calendar of events

**Next Special Budget Meeting January 8, 2024 @ 7pm**

**Next Regular Board Meeting January 17, 2024 @ 7pm**

**Motion to adjourn: 5-0-0**

**Adjourn the meeting @ 21:09**