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All,

I contacted the Black Forest Fire Rescue and the Falcon Fire Protection districts north of Colorado Springs. The Falcon group has a facility most similar to the one we discussed at the last meeting (23 Oct). It is an unmanned station, 40 ft deep and 50 ft wide that is heated and houses 4 trucks. It was built in 1989 at a cost of roughly \$45,000. The firechief, Mr. Trent Harwig said he would be happy to discuss our needs. The website for FFPD is <http://www.falconfirepd.org>. It is an excellent site with a lot of helpful information. I've also attached Board meeting minutes that contain interesting information on various truck costs.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can ferret-out.

Cathy

Falcon Fire Protection District  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
February 17, 2010

Approved Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Collins called the regular meeting to order at 16:00 hours on Wednesday, February 19, 2010

**ATTENDANCE**

Michael Collins, President  
Larry Robley, Secretary  
Dena Bramhall, Treasurer  
David Starkman, Vice President  
Richard Martin, Director

**ALSO PRESENT**

Trent Harwig, Fire Chief, Falcon Fire Protection District  
Alan Call, Legal Counsel, Shearer & Call, P.C.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Director Robley moved to approve the Agenda as written. Director Martin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Director Collins received information on tax bills currently under consideration in the legislature that may negatively affect Special Districts. Director Collins will provide copies to the Board.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Director Robley moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2010 regular Board meeting. Director Martin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### REPORTS

#### Treasurer's Report

8% of the year is complete. 3% of collected revenue is a normal low at the beginning of the year. District reached 7% on expenditures. Director Bramhall moved to accept the January 2010 Treasurer's Report. Director Martin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Chief's Report

Self-nomination forms for an elected seat on the Board of Directors are due by February 26, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

Proposed changes to the Members Handbook to reflect changes in the Pay, Leave and Allowance Schedule will be ready for the next regular Board meeting.

Battalion Chief Galicia has proposed policy language pertaining to the new EMS volunteer program. The current Members Handbook addresses firefighter volunteers only. If approved, EMS volunteers will come into the program as Reservists and work 36 hours per month on EMS calls in-district. These volunteers will be reimbursed like regular reserves but in an EMS capacity. This can lead to certification for driving tenders as well as working traffic control. The Board approved this added program to the Members Handbook in concept by consensus and agreed to the value of the EMS program.

No information has been received on the stolen vehicle 323. The vehicle has been deemed a "total loss" and the insurance company is sending a check for an unknown amount (approximately \$206,500.00). Battalion Chief Petersma is currently obtaining bids to replace the vehicle with the ability to haul 2,000 to 3,000 gallons of water. The vehicle should have the ability to be used as a rated pump for ISO. A 3000 gallon tender with pump is approximately \$275,000-290,000. The District may need approx \$70,000 out of budget for new vehicle. A used vehicle runs approximately the same amount. Four quotes from four different apparatus dealers were within the same price range. Chief Harwig was authorized to go ahead and replace vehicle 323. The best options for replacement are still being researched. The cost to the District will be taken from reserve funds and the Budget will have to be amended.

#### Attorney Report

Legal counsel and Chief Harwig are in the process of scheduling a meeting to work out the details of an automatic aid agreement with the City of Colorado Springs for the Banning Lewis Ranch area, in connection with the City of Colorado Springs' Petition for Exclusion.

Additional items are to be discussed in Executive Session.

**RECESS TO PENSION BOARD MEETING**

Director Robley moved to recess the Board meeting to conduct the Pension Board meeting at 16:17 hours. Director Starkman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**RECONVENE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Regular Board meeting reconvened at 16:25 hours.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Woodmen Hills Fire Station Update**

Construction is on schedule; dry walling now being done with interior finish next on the schedule. Stucco and stone is ready to go –weather permitting. It is anticipated that sewer changes, fixtures, appliances, beds, lockers, etc., will create an overage of approximately \$50,000. Installation of a generator would run approximately Twenty-seven Thousand (\$27,000.00) Dollars. Applications for FEMA grants to obtain a generator have been rejected twice in the past. Such grants specifically disqualify new construction. Director Martin stated he had no problem with getting a generator for the new building. At this time the District will attempt to cover the overages from the existing budget. The District will wait and see where things stand closer to the end of the year.

The District wishes to keep the current station staffable (i.e., by keeping beds, refrigerator, etc.).

**Cimarron Hills Fire IGA**

Legal advice given during Executive Session.

**Black Forest Fire IGA for District 5**

No additional information is available, and is not anticipated until the ISO evaluation is complete, which could take up to five or six months.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 16:35 hours, Director Martin moved to go into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4) (b), (e) and (f) to receive advice of legal counsel and to determine the District's position on matters subject to negotiation regarding the Cimarron Hills Fire IGA and the Banning Lewis Ranch exclusion, and advice of counsel concerning personnel matters. Director Bramhall seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Bramhall left at 16:53.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Director Martin made a motion to adjourn. Director Robley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 17:09 hours.

I attest to the accuracy of the meeting minutes:

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Larry Robley, Secretary

I hereby attest that the information communicated during the Executive Sessions, which were not recorded, constituted privileged attorney-client communications.

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Alan Call, Esquire

I hereby attest that the Executive Sessions, which were not recorded, were confined to the topics authorized for discussion in Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4) (b), (e) and (f).

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Michael Collins, President