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**Canyon Creek Rural Fire District**

**Board of Trustee’s**

**Special Board Meeting**

Monday – Feb , 2025

**This meeting was conducted via hybrid/Zoom. The meeting, in its entirety, may be accessed via zoom link below:**

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**Attending:**

Rick Grady, Chair (zoom) **Firefighters**:

Jim Thomas, Vice Chair John Keller

Ellen Eskildsen, Secretary (zoom)

Max Eskildsen, Trustee-at-Large (zoom)

Wendy Adamson, Treasurer

**Community Members/Guest:**

Gegi Guay (zoom) E.J. Betka (zoom) Greg Weed George Olsen (zoom)

Judith Vincent (zoom) Joane Bayer (zoom) Charlie Spinning Steve? (zoom)

Patty Butterfield Connie Horder Dale Hudec

**Meeting Commenced at 6:30pm**

Chair Rick began the meeting by introducing himself and the board members did as well. He asked the meeting guest to introduce themselves as well. Chair Rick began by reading the criteria for snow removal contract for the station and then proceeded to read the overview of the three bids he received.

**Board discussion.**

Treasurer Wendy asked if Chair Rick had the original bids he received from the three businesses. Chair Rick stated he took the bids and compiled them into a spreadsheet. Treasurer Wendy asked that in the future she would prefer to see the actual submitted bids from the businesses. Vice Chair Thomas asked if we required liability insurance last year? Different board members last year allowed a waiver of liability insurance.

Chair Rick opened it up for public comments or questions.

**Public comments.**

-John Keller speaking as a resident of Canyon Creek wanted an apology for having to hand shovel the snow away from the bay door; if he couldn’t get an apology he would accept a thank you from the Chair; stated a contract should have been awarded for snow removal back in October; what is the backup plan when the company doesn’t show up to plow?

-Connie Horder also stated that she believes we need to get a contract awarded; we don’t have enough firefighters to help remove snow because they all quit.

No further comments

Secretary Ellen made a motion to approve the bid from Big Sky Sprinklers as they came in at the lowest cost; Trustee at large Max seconded the motion. Treasurer Wendy asked Rick what he meant; Rick restated the Kai Bauer withdrew his bid as he didn’t have liability insurance. Vote: 4-1 in favor, motion carried. Treasurer Wendy abstained from the vote as she wanted to speak about her husband who was given the contract last year. Her husband was awarded the contract as the board had Will Adamson sign a release of liability and the fact that since he was a firefighter he was covered under the station’s liability insurance. We have that option of looking for firefighters to help but this year we do not. She said there was no conflict of interest as she was not on the board during the time of the vote to award the contract to Will Adamson.

**Non-agenda items:** No comments from the board.

**Public Comments.**

-Greg Weed asked if Chair Rick needed a ride to the meetings

-Joane Bayer stated a letter is going around that states inaccuracies about Jon Cunningham purchasing the QRU; also stated Wendy missed some meetings wants to know why the board had 24 meetings last year

-Dale Hudec said recall signs were put up and wanted to know who took down and were they were at; Joane Bayer stated she had them

-John Keller asked if we are better off than we were last year; he fears for his life as he is in the death zone and himself and others are at risk; We are far worse off today than last year.

-Connie Horder stated she doesn’t know whats going on with firetrucks personnel and actions by board to get things on track; Not happy that we are lacking in medically trained personnel. Unacceptable to only have one firefighter; need to work together to get things back on track; John Keller is only an EMR and we need to get qualified medical personnel on board.

-John Keller stated the Chair Rick is unfit for the job; step aside.

**No other comments**.

**Chair Grady adjourned the meeting at 6:57 pm**.

**Meeting Minutes approved by the Chairperson** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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