

## KETCHUM RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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### Special Meeting of the Ketchum Rural Fire Protection District November 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman – James E. Gray  
Treasurer – Sarah Michael (via telephone)  
Secretary - Earl Engelmann  
Sun Valley Fire Chief – Taan Robrahn  
Ketchum Rural Fire District Chief – Rich Bauer  
Administrative Assistant – Trish Smith  
Public

#### CALL TO ORDER.

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

#### PUBLIC HEARING: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2020-03, AMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing.

No public comment.

#### MOTION

**Commissioner Michael moved to adopt the amended FY 2020 Budget; seconded by Commissioner Engelmann A roll call vote was taken.**

AYES: Commissioner Engelmann  
Commissioner Michael  
Chairman Gray

NAYS: None.

**Chairman Gray declared the motion carried.**

Public hearing closed.

PUBLIC HEARING: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2020-04, NAME CHANGE.

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing for a discussion and possible approval of Resolution 2020-04 which would change the name from “Ketchum Rural Fire Protection District” to “Blaine County Fire and Rescue”.

Public comment opened.

Public comment: Richard Canfield from East Fork Road expressed his concern for the name that has been selected. He believes departments operating within cities or city boundaries tend to have a geographic connection to their jurisdiction and the area they are responsible for. To him, Ketchum Rural which has been in existence for some 60 years, it is responsible for a jurisdiction that has been previously defined and is basically north of Ketchum up to the Custer County boundary and south of Ketchum to around Ohio Gulch. Mr. Canfield understands that at the last public meeting held, the rationale was confusion of mainly administrative details and he believes those can be corrected administratively and believes those are minor details. He further believes in his heart that eventually there will be some form of amalgamation of services for the north valley, the south valley and possibly more unified than that. To him, going out this early with a name that implies a jurisdiction or coverage area of the entire county is premature. Mr. Canfield believes this name is so broad, that he wondered whether or not there has been any effort to seek feedback from Blaine County Commissioners, the Councils of each of the Cities that are covered by the umbrella of Blaine County, also from the counterparts Wood River Fire & Rescue Commissioners. Mr. Canfield posed the question of why the name change is being rushed. He further stated, the only thing the public needs to know is that if you need a response to a fire or a rescue, you dial 911. The other confusion spoken of, to him seems administrative and can be resolved. That is his concern, he is not opposed to a name change. He knows that we want to keep the name short, but he feels that eliminating the word rural from the name would be confusing. Mr. Canfield stated Ketchum Rural is not only the jurisdiction that holds a primary response, but it is where the electors are located and where funding comes from, He understands that we respond all throughout the county based on agreements for mutual aid agreements. He thanked the commissioners for allowing him to share his opinion.

Chairman Gray thanked Mr. Canfield for his statement and informed him that before a name change is finalized, it will go before the County and the Idaho State Tax Commission. Chairman Gray went on to say that Chief Bateman of Wood

River Fire and Rescue has been attending our meetings, and Jay Bailet, the Wood River Fire and Rescue Chairman attended our meeting when we discussed several different names. While Chairman Gray appreciates Mr. Canfield's comments. As recent as yesterday, confusion of who we are is ongoing. It is time to separate ourselves from the City of Ketchum because we are no longer part of the City of Ketchum. We are an independent fire district that contracts with one city or another, and he believes changing the name to be non-affiliated, to gain our own identity as well as to conduct business in the future. We have had multiple issues where the name has been confused with the City of Ketchum. Chairman Gray stated he believes it is time for us to find our own identity.

Commissioner Michael stated that while looking at the meeting minutes, there seemed to be consensus among the people who participated in this discussion about the preferred name change. She thought if we went more geographical, maybe the name could be North Blaine County or the NBC Fire and Rescue, but there had been input from our fire staff and Chief Bateman. She is comfortable with the name change.

Commissioner Engelmann is very comfortable with it, the way it is. In response to Mr. Canfield's comments, he is hoping in the future there is a sense of consolidation. He is hoping it would happen under one of the rural districts rather than a city department. Because of this vision he likes the name Blaine County Fire and Rescue and hopes that one day we can expand the services under one more consolidated effort.

Chief Bauer agrees with the commission. He further stated we had a well-attended meeting last month and received a lot of input from our fire personnel. A lot of different names were suggested, and the name Blaine County Fire and Rescue received overwhelming support. He further agrees with Commissioner Engelmann, we are trying to build a brand and an identity which is very important. This is a new era for our fire district, we are working today for a brighter tomorrow. There is potential for consolidation down the road. As Fire Chief his priorities are to keep our people safe, provide them with excellent training and most importantly reduce the risk to our citizens. Moving forward with a optimistic mind set of potential collaboration and consolidation, with a name like Blaine County Fire and Rescue, it provides us with a foundation to accomplish these goals. He whole heartedly supports the name change to Blaine County Fire and Rescue.

Chief Robrahn stated he likes the direction we are going and believes the name Blaine County Fire and Rescue is a name that can help facilitate the future.

Chairman Gray read the one public comment received via email regarding the name change, and is as follows from Bill Mancert:

I am writing to voice my support for changing the name of the rural fire district to Blaine County Fire. However, "and Rescue" should not be added as Rescue is not a function of the rural fire district except when requested as mutual aid from Ketchum Fire or Wood River Fire. "Rescue" is a function of the ambulance district, not the rural fire district. Thank you.

Chairman Gray responded to Mr. Mancert's comment by saying this topic was discussed in our last meeting and explained that we do perform rescues involving people from vehicle crashes, horses from bridges and backcountry rescues. There are different aspects of rescue that are not specifically targeted toward medical applications. Chairman Gray feels the proposed name change to Blaine County Fire and Rescue is appropriate to establish our own identity and if consolidation is in the future, the name is already in place.

Public comment closed.

#### **MOTION**

**Commissioner Michael moved to approve Resolution 2020-04 to change the name of the Ketchum Rural Fire Protection District to Blaine County Fire and Rescue and have staff notify the appropriate tax commission and Blaine County Recorder, and that will be the effective date of the name change; seconded by Commissioner Engelmann A roll call vote was taken.**

AYES:        Commissioner Engelmann  
                 Commissioner Michael  
                 Chairman Gray

NAYS:        None.

**Chairman Gray declared the motion carried.**

Public hearing closed.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Gray stated we received a public comment via email shortly prior to the start of this meeting, written by a George Sondone, criticizing the firefighting of 213 Dogwood. Chief Bauer commented that intention is everything and he received this public comment as he was leaving his office to attend this meeting, but he will be happy to address it at our next meeting, and also with Mr. Sondone.

Chairman Gray would like Chief Bauer to address this at our next meeting, and if at that time the commission feels this warrants a response, it can be determined at that time.

Richard Canfield stated he attends these meetings to lend support to the efforts of the commissioners. He likes what he has heard regarding the purchase of a new truck, and the plans to build new housing. He wishes the newspaper would cover more of these meetings. From what he hears in the meetings, about the vision for the future, he believes these meetings need more press. He thanked all the Chiefs for their leadership and the work they are performing. Mr. Canfield wanted to caution the commission about the use of credit cards. As a former school superintendent, he warned that GASB (the Government Accounting Standards Board) does not recommend the issuance of credit cards because it can be subject to abuse. Mr. Canfield made it clear that the gentlemen and others in this room, he trusts with his life, so he is not worried about the credit card itself. He is worried about the public perception. There is clearly a need to have billable accounts, with places such as pharmacies and hardware stores, and those monthly billables would come before the commission for approval. Mr. Canfield expressed the need to be cautious with a credit card. He believes it needs to be made clear publicly who the cards are being issued to and how they would be used. Chairman Gray thanked Mr. Canfield for his comments, and replied that when the commission approved the issuance of a credit card, it would be a single credit card under the control of Chief Bauer, and the sole use of the card would be for wildland deployment incidentals, such as apparatus repairs. In the past, firefighters on deployment would use their personal cards to pay for apparatus repairs while on deployment, and then be reimbursed by the fire district. It is a completely valid point for Mr. Canfield to bring up. There has been misuse by other entities in the past and by narrowing down the usage as we have done, hopefully covers the point.

Mr. Canfield appreciated the explanation of the credit card issuance, bearing and usage. He believes it is good to have this information on the public record.

Chairman Gray stated that in his 8 years as Chairman of this commission, Mr. Canfield has by far the highest attendance record. He further stated we welcome the press to attend our meetings to understand the focus and vision this district has for the future. We are now looking at a very important future for all emergency protections throughout the valley with the types of things we are doing and with the coordination that we are attempting to have. Unfortunately, all we can do is invite the press; we cannot require an article be written about our

organization. Chairman Gray asked if perhaps Chief Bauer or Trish could invite the press to our next meeting.

Commissioner Michael suggested we revisit our efforts to hold our meetings online in some manner, because we had greater participation when people were not required to attend in person. On the credit card issue, it is Sarah's understanding that we were going to adopt the City of Sun Valley's protocols for the use of the credit card, so we have documentation of a credit card procedure. She would like a copy of the City of Sun Valley's policy brought before the commission for review.

Chairman Gray asked Trish if she would circulate the Sun Valley Credit Card Policy for the commissioners to review.

Trish Smith replied that the City of Sun Valley is in the process of obtaining credit cards and will be writing a credit card policy. She will follow up with the City Administrator Walt Femling and report back to the commissioners.

Mr. Canfield wanted to say from his own experience, he can understand the frustration of not having the press come to cover meetings and help distribute information within the community. He became very familiar with writing up his own press releases. He could also be sure the information was accurate. He believes the completion of press releases is an important way to keep the community involved. He thanked Trish for sending an email each month informing him of the meetings and attaching an agenda. He thinks she is doing great work and seems to have a lot on her plate, but if we cannot convince the press to attend our meetings, writing press releases is perhaps our best option, short of being able to broadcast our meetings.

Public comment closed.

#### APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 2020 CLAIMS

Commissioner Michael stated she reviewed the claims with Trish on Monday, and she feels comfortable with all the items listed. Commissioner Engelmann and Chairman Gray concur.

**MOTION**

**Commissioner Engelmann moved to approve the November 2020 Claims; seconded by Commissioner Michael A roll call vote was taken.**

AYES: Commissioner Engelmann  
Commissioner Michael  
Chairman Gray

NAYS: None.

**Chairman Gray declared the motion carried.**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Engelmann has read the minutes, he has no changes, they look good to him. Commissioner Michael stated they are excellent; Chairman Gray stated the minutes are terrific.

Chairman Gray asked Chief Bauer if one could create a press release relying on the information within our minutes. The minutes seem to cover all the topics that are appropriate. Maybe if we start submitting press releases to the newspapers, they may start publishing them. Commissioner Engelmann thinks it's a great idea to highlight a few key items for a press release, because he doesn't think we will be able to get the press to show up at our meetings. Chairman Gray thinks it is a terrific idea. Commissioner Engelmann went on to say that since we are building a brand, we should be spreading the word. Additionally, from the last article, it seems the paper is unsure that we even exist. Chief Bauer stated that between Trish and he, we can send out a few bullet points in a release to the press.

**MOTION**

**Commissioner Engelmann moved to approve the October 21, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes; seconded by Commissioner Michael. A roll call vote was taken.**

AYES: Commissioner Engelmann  
Commissioner Michael  
Chairman Gray

NAYS: None.

**Chairman Gray declared the motion carried.**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACTS.

Commissioner Engelmann stated these contracts between Ketchum Rural Fire District and All Seasons Landscaping for snow removal should be managed by the Fire Chiefs and firefighter Rich who live onsite and the Greenhorn Station. The contracts list hourly rates, and it is up to the Chiefs and firefighter Rich to communicate with All Seasons Landscaping when and how often snow removal is needed. Chief Robrahn stated that we did correct some issues from last season, and All Seasons Landscaping has been cooperative and responsive. He recommended to approve the contracts for both stations. Chief Bauer stated he reviewed the contracts and has spoken to All Seasons Landscaping, and recommended approval of both contracts.

MOTION

**Commissioner Engelmann moved to accept both contracts from All Seasons Landscaping for snow removal at the Greenhorn and Griffin Butte Fire Stations; seconded by Commissioner Michael. A roll call vote was taken.**

AYES:           Commissioner Engelmann  
                   Commissioner Michael  
                   Chairman Gray

NAYS:           None.

**Chairman Gray declared the motion carried.**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE IDAHO STATE FIRE COMMISSIONERS' ASSOCIATION RENEWAL

Commissioner Michael has not seen a great deal of benefit for being members of the Idaho State Fire Commissioners' Association. They do have an attorney who does know fire district law that we could contract with, but she would like to hear what the other Commissioners and staff think about it. Commission Engelmann would defer to the Chiefs, he is not sure what we get for the annual fee of one thousand dollars, which can be spent elsewhere. He is inclined to pass on this renewal. He would prefer to pay as needed for an attorney who specializes in fire district when needed, because unless we need a lot of guidance, that thousand dollars can be used in a better way. Chairman Gray asked Chief Bateman of the Wood River Fire and Rescue if their Commissioners are members of this association. Chief Bateman replied that he has not seen a payable request for such an organization. Chairman Gray went on to say that he is a bit jaded on this



topic since the last time we requested legal advice in regards to our by-laws it went off in a different direction, possibly because they don't have an understanding of how this particular district functions. Chairman Gray is inclined to agree with Commissioner Engelmann for non-renewal. Commissioner Michael stated that she was pleased with Bill Punkoney of White Petersons work on our name change.

### **MOTION**

**Commissioner Michael moved to not renew our membership in the Idaho State Fire Commissioners' Association for the year 2021; seconded by Commissioner Engelmann. A roll call vote was taken.**

AYES:           Commissioner Engelmann  
                   Commissioner Michael  
                   Chairman Gray

NAYS:           None.

**Chairman Gray declared the motion carried.**

### **PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCING REQUESTS FOR THE NEW PUMPER/TENDER**

Commissioner Michael would like a payment amount and payment schedule from Zions Bank. The interest rate provided by Zions Bank is lower than the interest rate submitted by MCM and PNC Bank, and she believes the Zions Bank payment should come in under the other 2 bids submitted, but would like Zions Bank to submit a bid with a stated dollar amount. Chairman Gray stated he is very happy with the interest rate submitted by Zions Bank. He suggested, one option to go with is to approve working with Zions Bank at the posted interest rate of 1.8% subject to receiving a payment schedule. Commissioner Michael added that the payment schedule be less than the schedules presented to us. Chairman Gray would like to see a payment schedule. Commissioner Engelman stated he is very wary of fees, that are not specifically stated or specifically denied. He does not want something written in the contract that we are unaware of until it is noticed at the time of signing. Commissioner Engelmann would like more information such as the annual payment amount. He would like to see the hard numbers and have the facts of the payment amount, and when the payments start. Chairman Gray asked Trish to return to the financial institutions who placed bids and request they provide a payment amount, a payment schedule, with the first payment due date and a statement confirming the lack of fees attached to this

loan and or lease. Decisions on financing will be deferred until our next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

#### MONTHLY UPDATE – CHIEF BAUER.

Chief Bauer reported that we have had 2 structure fires in the Ketchum Rural Fire District since our last meeting. On October 14<sup>th</sup>, we responded to a report of a garage fire in the Heatherlands Subdivision at 213 Dogwood. Engine 2 from the Greenhorn Station responded and arrived on the scene first. The crew faced many challenges in the initial response but did an excellent job of adapting and not becoming flustered. Isaac Blundell who is a resident of the Greenhorn Station, and a City of Caldwell firefighter was the first officer on that engine. The first hydrant they encountered had been damaged and did not have any water coming out of it. Isaac adapted quickly, stayed calm and executed his plan B. He performed his duties admirably, and we are very proud of him.

Chairman Gray asked if the water supply was the sole difficulty on this fire.

Chief Bauer replied by saying, primarily yes, having the unfortunate incident of encountering a hydrant that had been struck by a vehicle and is not producing water, will throw the officer for a loop. However, Isaac stayed calm and worked together with the Wood River Fire and Rescue Engine that arrived on scene. This group was able to establish a water supply and fight the fire. Chief Bauer went on to praise Isaac Blundell by stating it would be very easy for someone who was woken at 1:00 a.m. to get flustered and make unsafe decisions. Isaac on the contrary made sound solid decisions that were analyzed in the after-action review. Chief Bauer did follow up on the hydrant situation and reported that in a typical year, Walker Water performs maintenance for the Heatherlands, through the HOA. They flush and perform maintenance annually on the hydrants. Due to an outbreak of Covid-19 in their organization, they were unable to flush the hydrants prior to this incident. The hydrant should be fixed now, the HOA was given a repair date of November 5, 2020, and Chief Bauer will confirm the hydrant is in proper working order with the HOA. Chief Bauer thanked Ketchum Fire, Wood River Fire, Hailey Fire and Bellevue Fire for their assistance. It was great to see so many agencies there to help with the fire fight.

As with any major incident, some things went well, and some did not. Chief Robrahn lead an excellent after-action report, which is a discussion of what occurred correctly, what went wrong, and how we can improve. It was the first after-action review that Chief Bauer attended where it was not a congratulatory type of meeting. It was a very honest report, and it was humbling. Chief Bauer

stated that as a group we learned valuable lessons in this after-action report. Chief Bateman was kind enough to provide us with detailed notes before and after the after-action report of potential ways to achieve improvement. Many lessons were learned and discussed. Items recognized for improvement are communication and situational awareness. This was a tough fire, but all departments performed admirably. Chief Bateman as always was a great asset on this incident. He drafted a press release on the night of the fire which is very helpful while Chiefs Bauer and Robrahn were busy with command of the overall fire scene.

Chief Bauer expressed how proud he is of the responders from the Greenhorn Station. They are constantly striving to do a better job. Those that responded to this incident, notably Isaac Blundell and Nate Galpin and a pre after-action report prior to the after-action report. These are dedicated paid on call members who are so passionate about the craft, that they took the evening prior to the after-action report to prepare and arrive well informed. Chief Bauer stated that speaks volumes as to how great our Sun Valley/Ketchum Rural overall team is. Chief Bauer closed with a quote by Mohammed Ali, "Don't judge a man by the knock down, judge a man by the way he gets up."

Moving on to the next incident located at 209 Canyon Road. Chief Bauer stated a call came in for a structure fire very near his house. Chief Bauer arrived on scene in approximately 3 minutes with Tanker 2 and Engine 2 from the Greenhorn Station following close behind. The Ketchum Rural Fire District was assisted on this fire by Wood River Fire and Rescue, Ketchum Fire, Hailey Fire and Bellevue Fire. This was a fire that began in the chimney and spread into the attic and cold roof assembly. These are extremely difficult fires to fight. You have got to take the roof apart piece by piece and spread a lot of water around. One lesson learned on the Heatherlands fire was about communications and that in different parts of the valley it is difficult to get on the hand held radios, so Chief Bauer learned to check his portable radio when he arrives on scene. Upon arrival of this fire, Chief Bauer assumed command and checked his portable radio. Overall, the after-action report was very helpful to our performance on the next incident. Nate Galpin who ran the water supply for this fight, only had brief interruptions in water flow, but to have that occur in an area that has no pressurized hydrants, brief interruptions in water flow is an incredible feat. We were able to extinguish the fire shortly before midnight. Chief Bauer cannot say enough about our crews and their efforts to improve and work hard.

Chairman Gray stated the fact that this group was able to learn from the first fire and translate the lessons into use on the second fire is beneficial to all the departments who responded.

Commissioner Michael asked if it is the responsibility of the homeowner's association to ensure their fire hydrants are in working order. Chief Bauer responded by saying if the hydrant system is privately owned, then yes it would be the responsibility of the homeowner's association. Although, Ketchum Rural will be inspecting these hydrants on an annual basis. This first year of having Ketchum Rural we concentrated on locating and inspection cisterns. Chief Bauer did not receive records of any prior fire department maintenance on the pressurized hydrants in the rural. We will be creating a system for inspection of those systems.

Chief Bauer spoke with Jeff Giese who is the Blaine County Building Official about getting news out to the public about chimney and fire safety. Chief Bauer believes since it seems, or everyone is saying we have more people living in the valley now. People are occupying their second homes as primary homes, and we need to get the word out to people who have not lived here full time in previous years. They may not think about cleaning their chimney, or possibly the person or company taking care of that second home, may not have cleaned the chimney. Chief Bauer stated the importance of public outreach and risk reduction, as a fire department, the best thing we can do is prevent the incident before it occurs through education.

Chairman Gray requested we send out a press release as soon as possible, citing these two fires, reminding the public to have their chimneys inspected, and to properly dispose of ash.

Chief Bauer mentioned that one requirement for new construction or remodels is one fire extinguisher for every 1,300 square feet of building.

Chief Bauer brought up some other news. Ketchum Rural Fire District received a \$9,000 check for the Phillips Creek Fire deployment. The Fire Chiefs including Bateman, Bauer, McLaughlin and Robrahn met last week to discuss the need for all the departments to use common terminologies and have better communication. We need to work better as a team. Some suggested solutions are to hold more interagency training sessions, a review and reboot of our current standard operating guidelines and looking at a few programs that both Chiefs McLaughlin and Bateman are familiar with.

We are anticipating a busy holiday season and are striving to keep all our people healthy. We are doing our best to keep all our crews safe and healthy and

navigate the challenges of leading the department through the pandemic. Even during these stressful times, and Chief Bauer cannot say this enough; he is very grateful for this team. From the board of commissioners to Trish to Chief Robrahn, to all the support from the City of Sun Valley, and the rural live ins, it is an incredible team. Chief Bauer anticipates that we will keep moving forward, improving along the way. Commissioners Engelmann said, we already have people looking for rentals, he does concur that we will have a busy holiday season. He asked if Ketchum Rural was going to enact the shift assist again this year. Chief Bauer replied we will have the holiday shift assist again this year, and it is already in the works.

#### MONTHLY UPDATE – CHIEF ROBRAHN.

Chief Robrahn echoed the comments of Chief Bauer regarding the updates of where we stand department wise and the comments of all the hard work from the crews. To have the increased call volumes coupled with the pandemic, we are all dealing with different levels of anxiety dealing with the current situation. The first responders who continue to come out when the tones go off, he cannot say enough good things about them and the efforts they execute for our community. Chief Robrahn believes it will be a busy winter for us.

Chairman Gray asked if there has been an increase in traffic accidents. Chief Robrahn replied we have not seen a significant increase at this time however he does anticipate accidents to happen, we have a lot of new people who are not familiar with our climate and driving in these conditions. When we see more consistent storms and larger snowfall, we anticipate some driving challenges or issues resulting from that. We are prepared for the snow season.

Chief Robrahn thanked Chief Bauer for his command of the fire at 209 Canyon Road, he did a great job, and it was great to see our crews implement improvements in recognized areas.

Chief Ancona of the Ketchum Fire Department will be retiring December 18, 2020. Chief Robrahn expressed our appreciation for all he has completed for the fire service in Blaine County, his hard work, and what he has done for the rural fire district. He is a great asset to our community who has committed a lot of his time, and we really appreciate all his hard work and service.

Chairman Gray requested Trish to purchase a thank you card for the commissioners and the chiefs to sign. Chairman Gray went on to say that he has worked with Chief Ancona for years on multiple different situations and he is a

diamond in the rough. He is truly a dedicated, good individual who believes in the fire protection systems throughout the county.

Chairman Gray would like Chief Robrahn along with Chief Bauer to have a response to the public comment received today at our next meeting. He would like to sort fact from fiction and hear the Chiefs responses.

Chief Robrahn updated the commissioners regarding the letter of support we requested from the Blaine County Recreation District for the project of additional housing at the Greenhorn Station. Last he heard, the BCRD had the letter of support drafted, they did not have any issues, other than finding the time to gather their board together for signatures.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Michael stated the UBS account has been closed.

Commissioner Michael stated a few items she would like posted on our website, the commission discussed and decided to post the following:

- Resolutions prior to approval.

- Quarterly Expenditures Report.

- Press Releases.

Commissioner Michael mentioned we should keep track of the costs associated with changing the name on the apparatuses.

Commissioner Michael thanked Chiefs Bauer and Robrahn regarding their response to the request put forth by the Hulen Meadows homeowners regarding the emergency exit. Commissioners Michael received an immediate response from Chief Robrahn who inspected the bridge. Commissioner Michael passed the information onto the homeowner association board and the individual. The quick response was greatly appreciated.

Chairman Gray stated that shows once again the level of service we are receiving from the Chiefs and affiliation with the City of Sun Valley.

Commissioner Michael requested that Chief Bauer respond to Bill Mancert who made the public comment in favor of the name change minus the word "rescue". She requested Chief Bauer responds to him that we do perform rescues and list a few examples.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Richard Canfield believes there will be discussions around chimney fires. One of his neighbors had a chimney fire years ago where Tom Ancona responded. The fire box is like a wooden frame and, the grout over time had eroded. The fire would have been larger had the fire broken through the grout and into the wood. Chief Ancona's comment to the homeowner was in some ways; this was good because if it burned through where the grout had degraded and gotten to the wood, we would have had a much worse fire. Mr. Canfield went on to say that regular inspections would be a good piece of public information. He further stated he thinks using press releases, photos, whatever we have available to show the public that we do perform rescues would be a good idea.

Chairman Gray thanked Mr. Canfield for his comments.

Commissioner Engemann stated that when branding, the name needs to be put out there, and kept in front of people.

Public comment closed.

Chairman Gray stated as we move forward with the expansion of additional residential units at the Greenhorn Station, we may look for private funding for these projects. The more we are out in the public where they can see what we are doing and planning to do the more likely we are to receive donations to assist us in building new housing which is extremely important to the people we serve.

12/7/2020

**MOTION**

**Commissioner Engelmann moved to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Michael seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.**

**AYES:** Commissioner Engelmann  
Commissioner Michael  
Chairman Gray

**NAYS:** None.

**Chairman Gray declared the motion carried.**

Adjournment 11:44 AM



James E. Gray, Commissioner/Chairman



Earl Engelmann, Commissioner/Secretary