

Sheridan, West Valley and SW Polk Fire Districts
Special Board Meeting at Sheridan Fire District
May 14, 2019

The board meeting was called to order at 3:07 pm by President Scot Breeden.

ROLL CALL

SFD Board:	Tammy Heidt	SW Polk Board:	Ashley Harlow, Adm. Assistant
	Scot Breeden		Frank Pender
	Dennis Rogers		Keith Moore
	Chief Hertel		Rod Watson
	Judy Breeden, Adm. Assistant		Bob Davis
WVFD Board:	Chris Greenhill		
	Don Shelton		
	Rick Mishler		
	Gary Brooks		

Chief Hertel started the meeting explaining the global operations plan. Several questions had been asked about the system that he is working on creating. The plan has the eight positions for the administrative team. The funding will come from reorganizing to operate more globally to manage the 500+ square miles. Chief Hertel stated that this is sustainable within all the budgets and in 3-5 years look at some sort of consolidation which plays into the levy that WVFD will be going for this November. Chief Hertel wanted to make sure that all questions would be answered and to make sure that this is the direction in which the boards wanted to go.

A question was asked that if in 3-5 years this consolidation went to a vote and the vote fails, what happens next. Chief Hertel stated that at that point services would have to be cut. May look at joining two out of the three and then if that doesn't work then may have to step back from this model.

A question was asked about the net effect in Rickreall with the adding of the Battalion Chief's. Chief Hertel stated that the idea was to put the new BC's at the new centrally located Salt Creek Station so they will be able to respond to all three agencies.

Rod Watson asked if would be better to start off slower and smaller. Chief Hertel stated that with SW Polk he doesn't think they can start off small because they were coming from a system where Dallas provided them with leadership and response forces. SW Polk would then have to hire services to augment with the volunteers. SW Polk budget last year was \$815,000 and this year is projected to be \$895,000.

Rick Mishler asked why we didn't go with Captains instead of the BC's saving money. Rick Mishler stated that it would save WVFD \$12,000 because of how tight the budget is. Rick Mishler stated that in the budget meeting Chief Hertel talked about maybe cutting back on services and today now Chief Hertel is talking about maintaining services. Chief Hertel stated that we are budgeting to maintain services. A budget is an estimation of what you anticipate spending and there are variables that cannot be predicted. Chief Hertel believes that the BC's are the key to making this plan work and well worth the money. Rick Mishler asked about conflagrations and the ability to make money this year with the staffing. Chief Hertel stated that he did not think we would be able to this year because we can't short the local staffing levels.

SW Polk is interested in using the BC's on a rare occasion that they may need help. There is no animosity between Dallas and Chief Hertel that Chief Hertel has seen, however, there has been some confusion on what Chief Hertel and the three boards are trying to accomplish. Mutual aid between SW

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Polk and Dallas are still in effect. Chief Hertel plans on keeping the volunteer duty officers' positions because the BC's will need the help on some incidents.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Chris Greenhill. Seconded by Rick Mishler. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:07

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Breeden
Administrative Assistant