



SHERIDAN FIRE DISTRICT

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2021 - 6:30pm
Buell Station – 5895 SW Mill St., Sheridan, Or 97378

Meeting called to order by President Cooley, followed by flag salute.

Rollcall: Board attendance: President Harry Cooley, Vice-President Tammy Heidt, Secretary Ray Bottenberg, Directors Carol Harlan, Pete Gutbrod

Staff Attendance: Chief Les Thomas, Deputy Chief Larry Wooldridge, Office Admin. Susan Shepard

A. West Valley Fire Discussion:

Chief Thomas handed out the counter proposal from West Valley Fire. He color coded the proposal for contrast between original and our proposed counter. He and Chief Warden have met several times and are in agreement. This is in no way speaking for the Tribe.

To verify – SFD is not agreeing to put an ambulance in WV station. We have discussed putting one in Buell. It cost approx.. \$250k to hire three staff and that doesn't pay for an ambulance. This is to help the citizens out not the board. SFD is putting out all the expenses; vehicle, med supplies, people, maintenance, etc.. We are also trying to get back the trust of the people. We have a levy coming up and in no way want any issues. From Buell we could service both areas.

Asked for a motion to clarify this for the record.

Director Harlan - motion that if we do the agreement with West Valley there will not be an ambulance placed at the West Valley station.

Director Gutbrod – second

All in favor – motion approved.

In regards to the agreement presented to us; \$275k requesting services and financial. \$25k for admin and financials, cannot do since we are buried ourselves. They need to hire part-time people on. Our goal for West Valley is to help for as short a time as possible to help them get back on their feet, then we can concentrate on Sheridan. If can't happen then a plan for transition into a much larger picture will happen.

Opinions/thoughts:

Establish a service that is viable and sustainable while being careful that when we commit that we fulfil that commitment. Build back the trust of that community also that when they call someone will come. There are so many layers, and we are still unraveling ours.

The union wants to be taken care of. They like WV but Sheridan's new admin are doing a great job and they want to see it continue.

Help WV understand the long-term goal is to get them back on track. They are doing a good job, numbers look okay, but we have to be very careful not to fall in a sink hole with them. It's a fine line.

President Cooley – recapped, what he is hearing is; no financial services, no admin services, \$250k and we supply the ambulance.

Reality is that admin and financial is going to be a lot more than 25k and to accept the money and not do it wouldn't be the right thing to do, but we will help them.

Chief Thomas stated that he would like to get a motion from WVF before we spend money on an attorney to make an agreement. West Valley has a board meeting Thursday, December 9th, and we can present them with our counter proposal so they can make a decision. Their 190 with SWP ends at midnight on 12/31/2021. This is a lot of responsibility in a short time, with a lot to do. We will do a big volunteer push for WVF.

If need, we can do an executive session on the 13th.

Director Gutbrod – Motion to counter back with what is in blue on the sheet, excluding everything in red and black print.

Director Bottenberg – Second

All in favor – motion approved.

We will let YCom know as soon as possible.

Our meeting on Monday, December 13th will start at 6pm with searing in ceremony and board meeting immediately after.

B. Auditor:

Director Harlan – stated she asked Susan to find out from Accuity if we went with a 3-year contract if they would lower their fee for the 2nd and 3rd years since the books will be cleaned up by then.

Susan Shepard reported that they answered that for a 3-year contract the first year being at \$9,500 they would lower next two years to \$9,000.

Director Harlan - motion to go with Accuity as the auditor.

Vice-President Heidt - second

All in favor – motion approved.

Audience participation - None

Motion to Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm

Minutes by Susan Shepard