

Ellendale Fire Protection District

Monthly Meeting Minutes

11-2-21

Attendance:

Mike Thorpe, Tyler Middlestead, James Jenkins, Corey Gulke, John Grimm, Brandon Rall, Harold Swatfager, Mark Hahne, Paul Wedell

Meeting Called to Order by Fire Chief

Minutes of previous meeting where read and approved

Old Business:

- Extrication class was cancelled due to the fact that the State Firefighters Association was not able to find an instructor. Eric was not in attendance to discuss future plans for a class. It is believed that the State has extended Extrication Certifications because of Covid restrictions and we should be ok until spring when we can schedule another class.
- We have applied for a Forest Service Grant again this year requesting funding for a Thermal Imaging Camera to put in 7383. This is a 50/50 matching grant and we won't hear if we were awarded the grant until December.
- Eric was not able to attend the Rescue School held last weekend because of other commitments.
- A thank you was shared to all those that were able to help set-up and serve at the Annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. We had good support from the community and raised approximately \$2,890.00 before expenses.
- We have received the \$100 check from TBC for propane and the use of the griddles for the Applefest breakfast.
- No update on raffle ticket sales as the Butch was unavailable.

New Business:

- The membership voted on two applications received this past month. Andrew Severy and Daniel Moreno were both voted onto the department. Paul will notify each individual of the results and Mike will schedule a time to get them gear and go through orientation.
- We received and accepted a resignation letter from Mason Deering.
- The District Board had approved the purchase of a new wildland truck earlier this year and the officers have been working through specs and options for the last couple of months. A contract was signed for the new truck last week and we are expecting delivery in 12-15 months. We will be receiving a F-550 chassis with a 400 gallon tank, front monitor, storage compartments, winch, and other equipment. This truck will not have a "cow-catcher" area or a "walk-thru" area. The contract price was \$169,657.00.
- There was trouble hooking up to the internet for training at the fire hall this evening. James Jenkins was asked to look into the issue.
- Corey Gulke & Paul Wedell were each presented with their 30 year membership pins.
- There was some discussion about the time invested when we allow other entities to use the firehall for breakfast fundraisers. There was also concern with confusion in the public's eye as to whether these "extra" fundraisers were put on by the fire department. Typically a fireman or two will spend the day at the firehall supervising the event from set-up to clean-up. Is this a reasonable request for our volunteers? This item was tabled until next month.

Motion to Adjourn by Brandon

Minutes as recorded in secretary's absence. Pending approval.

Training was ropes & knots.