

SHELDON FIRE DISTRICT
COMMISSIONER MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Present: Wayne Blankenship, Chief Jones, Donnie Phillips, Gregg Gilbert,
George Williams, Rudy Glover, John Kerner

Absent: John Seno

No public comment.

Minutes dated October 17, 2013, were approved.

Motion to accept made by John Kerner, seconded by Rudy Glover.

Unanimously approved.

Old Business:

The FEMA grant has been filed. The Forestry grant has come in but we did not receive one. This has occurred two years in a row. One reason being that they are cutting the grants due to reduced funding.

County council has approved the cash on hand fund balance purchase for the Fire Chief's new vehicle.

Vehicle cost: \$26,258.00

Lights/radio: 3,074.30

Lettering 600.00

Total: \$29,932.30

New Business:

The fire district's audit is completed. Just waiting on a date for Chief Jones and Barbara Winn to meet with the auditor for review.

Had to discontinue the use of the bay heater at the Lobeco Station due to it malfunctioning. The heater is 20 years old and the cost for just an estimate is on average \$100. Some companies refuse to consider repairs to bay heaters. Chief has gone on line to attempt to find a replacement burner for the heater however the

delivery time is a couple of weeks. One company stated they wouldn't even recommend putting in another burner. The cost of a new machine is about \$2,900. Repairs or replacement needs to be addressed quickly. Only one estimate has taken place because of the cost to obtain them. One company will omit any estimate cost, IF they are given the job. Our problem is the freezing temperatures that are coming our way and having no heat in the bay could result in thousands of dollars worth of damage to our apparatus, such as gauges to the pump panels freezing.

Motion made by John Kerner to approve up to \$3,000 (plus or minus 10%) to replace the gas bay heater at the Lobeco Station, as well as Chief contacting SCE&G to discuss needs. Second made by Donnie Phillips. Motion passed. Chief Jones requested to utilize cash in fund balance account for this purchase. George Williams made the motion to use cash fund balance to replace bay heater. Seconded by John Kerner. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report reviewed.

Chief's Report:

Goal this year is to add two additional firefighters.

Training tower is almost complete.

Next Sheldon Commissioner meeting will be February 20, 2014. at 7:00.

Motion made by George Williams to adjourn. Seconded by Rudy Glover.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.