

Regular meeting of West End Board of Trustees was called to order on May 16, 2024 at 7:01 pm.

Board members present: Frank Magee, Michelle Cummins, John Carpenter, Richard Medley, Brooke Lincoln

Department present: none

Public present: none

Minutes were presented. Motion to approve made by Brooke, seconded by Richard, carried.

Treasurer's report was presented. Motion to approve made by Brooke, seconded by John, carried.

Chief's report: EF recovery is caught up.

Old Business: Two of three members completed the Wildland training in Frenchtown. Frank attended in the third members position to finish it. Pump has been installed in Saltese, freeway crew has been drawing off it daily. They agreed to leave the \$6500 pump for us when they are done. They have dropped rotomill for us to spread or give away. There has been a new well drilled at Taft for the freeway asphalt plant. Frank will find out who owns it and maybe we, and other departments, can use it as a water source. We did not get the slip-on tank state grant basically because we have not had a large wildland fire here. County Commissioner's reimbursed us \$7815.00 for our new repeater and truck radios. Still no movement on reattaching our Lookout Pass repeater. DeBorgia Community yard sale is June 21 & 22. We will set up a table and hand out ice cream cones on the 22nd for recruitment. Richard is still looking at copiers.

New Business: Frank would like to build a type 6 wildland fire vehicle ourselves. With our own, we would get paid for both the truck and manpower when we get called out. We already have the truck and chassis. It will cost about \$32,000.00 with tank, lights, radio, cameras, paint, brakes, et al. To purchase our current DNRC loaner, they would charge about \$60,000.00. If we build one, the DNRC loaner could be returned to them or we can keep it. The truck would earn approximately \$200.00 per hour, 16 hours per day, 14 days on a fire. We can set a maximum distance we would travel. Brooke made a motion to approve a capped price of \$32,000.00 to build a Type 6 engine, seconded by Richard, carried. Frank would like to have it built and done by July 13 for our open house. Michelle suggested we create a roster of previously trained volunteers that could be contacted should the need arise for manpower. Marlow will grade and level our rotomill in Saltese in exchange for the railroad tanker car in Saltese. He will haul it. John made a motion to allow this, seconded by Richard, carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Brooke, seconded by Richard, carried at 8:20 pm.

Next meeting June 12, 2024