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Regular Meeting

February 28, 2013 - 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order – 5:32 p.m. by R. Bates

- 🔊 **Roll Call** - D. Adams, R. Bates, M. Erickson, P. Farnham, B. Gustafson, S. Linden, A. Washnock
Absent Excused
Absent Unexcused

- 🔊 **In attendance** – R. Lyons (Board Counsel), Chief R. Leshar, Capt. S. Forman, M. Dolgener

🔊 **Public Comments**

🔊 **Minutes**

- * Action Item – January 2013 meeting minutes review & approval – Under committee reports, Finance; change to read: S. Linden reported that the Finance Committee met on Tuesday to review the current balance sheet and income/expense report. S. Linden asked committee members if they find the financial graphs beneficial. Members felt the reports were useful so S. Linden will continue to send to all board members. Under Chief's report 6th sentence add "in which case" so it would now read as; TVEMS may work on an auto aid agreement to fill-in when an emergency drops and their ambulance is out, in which case we would cover that area and they would do the same for us. Motion by P. Farnham, second by M. Erickson to approve the January 2013 regular meeting minutes with corrections is carried unanimously.

🔊 **Approve Treasurer's Report**

- * Action Item – January 2013 financial statement review & approval – S. Linden reported on several account balances, some in line with budget and a few others are not. It is still very early in the year to be overly concerned. Employment expense was up due to the hiring of six new employees who started their training in January. Worker's Compensation coverage is paid once per year in January to receive a discount, and the final premium came in higher than expected. The COP pre-payment on the Balance sheet reflects the 2013 board approved \$100,000 accrual. Chief Leshar mentioned that beginning March 1, if the U.S. Government sequestration happens we may see a 2% reduction in Medicare payments for transport billings after March 1. Motion by A. Washnock, second by P. Farnham to approve the January financial report as presented is carried unanimously.

- 🔊 **Old Business** – R. Bates notified T. McNally of the new board member appointment. T. McNally commented that it probably worked out well for him as he will now have more time to spend with his children.

🔊 **Committee Reports**

- Finance
- Liaisons
- Long Range Task Force
- Publicity

- Personnel/Morale – Chief Lesher’s annual evaluation – Personnel Committee distributed the Chief’s completed self evaluation and asked members to refer to this form when completing their evaluation of the Chief. Board members should have received the Chief’s evaluation form via email. The completed evaluation should be returned to the Personnel Committee (Anne or Pat) by March 15th. Email or USPS mail is fine.
- SDA – Not much to report that is relevant to TVHSD. The Leadership program is getting good reviews.

🔊 **New Business**

🔊 **Legal (Attorney)** - Colorado Legislature is still in session; SB 13-23 is in regards to The Governmental Immunity Act. This bill could increase limitations on recoverable damages under the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act. Currently, limitations are set at \$150,000 for injury to one person in a single occurrence and \$600,000 for injury to two or more persons in any single occurrence. If SB 13-23 passes those would increase to \$478,000 and \$990,000 respectively and would be adjusted for inflation every four years. SB 13-25 pertains to collective bargaining for firefighters. This bill would grant firefighters the right to “organize, form, join, or assist an employee organization or refrain from doing so” and to “negotiate collectively or express grievances through a representative”. This bill does not include volunteers, prevents firefighters from striking and includes districts that employ two or more firefighters. The Governor has indicated they he would veto this bill if it reaches his desk. R. Lyons mentioned that he will focus on board self evaluation for the March 9 retreat.

🔊 **Chief’s Report** – Chief Lesher reported that he is currently working on mutual aid agreements with Windsor Fire District, Johnstown Fire District and Poudre Valley Ambulance (PVA). TVEMS has always helped our neighbors in the past when their call volume leaves them without ambulances to respond to emergencies and TVEMS would like to continue to do so, as long as it does not interfere with responses to the citizens of TVHSD. Beginning May 15, 2013, PVA is staffing ambulances in Johnstown, Windsor and at the Greeley Emergency Clinic that are designated for those areas only. Due to the fact that PVA has these units in those areas, TVEMS may not respond in Fort Collins if PVA is out of ambulances. Chief Lesher is in discussions with PVA Chief Steve Main to find common ground on an auto aid agreement.

Chief Lesher said that there are some locations in the city of Windsor that are taxed in Larimer County not Weld County. 911 calls originating from those pockets have been routed to the Weld County dispatch center the last few years. There have been up to 20 minute delays to have those calls rerouted to the Loveland dispatch center. Chief is working with Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority (LETA) board and the city of Windsor to have those calls returned to the Loveland dispatch center to correct the delay in dispatch issue.

Banner Health/McKee Medical Center has provided staffing for the Budweiser Events Center First Aid Station that last few years and TVEMS provided the ambulance standby for the 911 side of care. Banner Health/McKee Medical Center would like to contract with TVEMS to take over the first aid station care. If this does come to fruition we may have to hire additional EMT personnel. Chief said discussions are currently ongoing.

Chief was pleased to report the in January staff responded 90% of the time in fewer than 9 minutes; this is the first time in about 6 months.

The annual audit work in-house has been completed. There are some final items being completed at the Rubin-Brown offices. The final audit should be presented to the board at the March or April regular meeting.

One per-diem employee resigned to attend nursing school full time.

The fire sprinkler system on crew side of Station 350 had a significant water leak issue that was inspected by the contractor at which point he deemed the issue a major problem that should never have passed initial occupancy inspection. The contractor is in the process of making the repairs under warranty.

The hospital destination report now shows P355 (transfer van) calls at the bottom of the report and shows total calls for each month since it has been in service.

Other business: Mike Erickson has accepted a job in Canada and is submitting his resignation effective at the close of the February meeting.

R. Bates said with the resignation members will need to consider a new member to appoint. The plan is to have letters of interest submitted to M. Dolgener by March 20th, review the letters and hopefully appoint the new member within 60 days from tonight. M. Dolgener will post notice of member vacancy on TVEMS webpage. R. Bates suggested that the March 9th retreat be postponed until a new member is appointed and all members agreed.

 **Mail/E-Mail** – Thank you letter from Banner Health for the lifeline grant.

Adjourn – Motion by B. Gustafson, second by D. Adams to adjourn the regular board meeting at 6:56 p.m. carries unanimously.