

Bouse Volunteer Fire District minutes

April 24, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 12:04 PM by Doug Williams with John Nault and David Boyer in attendance. Fire Chief John Novak also in attendance.

Minutes for March 12, 2018 approved and minutes for March 18 budget meeting approved minutes for March 12, 2018 financial report accountant approved.

Old business: VFIS renewal contract for review by board. Review of corrected budget of \$7000 correction approved and sent to be published.

New business: Songer company audit report for 2017 by phone. Annual review was in accordance to state regulations deemed correct. See audit report if questions. No questions from the public board accepted and acknowledged and approved.

Fire Chief John Novak question regarding Costco membership for supplies he has been buying at Family Dollar. Would it be cheaper for Costco membership? Board members would like to see items purchased locally instead of Costco. Mileage and gas costs plus membership outweighs local prices.

Fire Chief's contract up for review. John Novak requires medical insurance has gone part-time for ambulance company in order to receive medical coverage. Requests that if fire district were to get him medical insurance coverage, he would drop from 15 days to 10 days with a salary from \$3000-\$2000. Board members main concern was prime days to work, active working on no coverage days therefore board requests new contract drafted by chief to be presented to board for consideration and approval concerning medical coverage. Fire Chief starts May 1 with ambulance company as part timer. Discussion regarding paying medical for cheap instead of having to work part-time for coverage.

Motion to go back to regular session of board meeting was seconded and passed at 12:30 PM.

Nathan medical director and representative for IMD group gave report on on renewal of contract. Fire Chief John Novak stated that drugs to restock costs \$40 per box. Representative states that according to regulations 24/7 staffing for EMTs was number one issue. Company costs \$365 per month: medical director from hospital, treat and refer, submission of costs, and education online with training and two hours on premise training per month. BLS staffing needed. Discussion regarding keeping program or letting it go

public discussion regarding these issues. Motion to resign or re-up contract due in October tabled for new board. ALS equipment for rebuy for IMD for next meeting.

Call to public: questions about auxiliary being members trying to show appreciation for fire fighters and department. Auxiliary will be open for any volunteers in fall to accomplish this matter.

Discussions by board members: John Nault questioning why fire department equipment is sitting outside well exercise equipment is in storage. He expressed his frustration of being only board member attending meetings.

Next meeting set for May 8, 2018 at noon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:19 PM.