

The annual meeting of the Rural Urban Fire Board was held at the City Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Alma Interim City Manager Aerick Ripley. A quorum of the Board was present.

*Roll Call*

Board members present: Kevin Beeson, Ron Hunt, Greg Mapes, Tish Mallory, Doug Merchant, Aerick Ripley, and Danny Wernick.

Board members absent: none.

Others present: Curtis Dancer, and Harold House.

**Motion by Mapes, seconded by Beeson, to approve the minutes of September 15, 2020, and June 23, 2021, as presented. Motion carried.**

**Voting yes: Beeson, Hunt, Mallory, Mapes, Merchant, Schooley, and Wernick.**

**Voting no: none.**

*Presentation of FY 2023 Proposed Annual Alma District Fire Budget*

Treasurer Curtis Dancer reviewed the proposed budget and noted it was based on the prior year's budget but included internal service fees which were inadvertently left out in the prior year's budget. At a request from the Chair, Dancer explained internal service fees. In response to a question from Beeson, Dancer explained the budgeted ISF amount did not include make-up costs from the previous year and those would not be charged. Discussion followed about monthly reporting. Beeson requested monthly check registers. Merchant asked to have more say in the budget and decisions. Discussion followed about expenditures, approval of purchases, amending the by-laws, providing transparency, adding meeting dates, response times, and locations.

Merchant spoke about a discussion he was in regarding district lines. He feels it would be beneficial to consider a county wide authority, with each department retaining their own names. Members agreed more information is needed to evaluate the options.

Beeson said he needed more time and more information before budget approval should be considered, and recommended the budget be rejected and brought back for review in 30 days. Ripley said requests for information could be sent to him, and he would work with Finance to fulfill requests.

Discussion followed about meeting dates and times. It was agreed the Board would meet the third Monday of each month at 7:00 a.m. at the Alma Municipal Building. Agenda packets will be sent the Wednesday prior to the meeting. Additionally, all agreed meetings could be moved or cancelled as needed.

**Motion by Beeson, seconded by Mallory, to reject the proposed FY 2023 Fire Budget as presented, for lack of information, and recommend Board meetings the third Monday of each month at 7:00 a.m. for review until a budget is established. Motion carried with all ayes.**

*Presentation of FY 2023 Proposed Annual Alma District Rescue Budget*

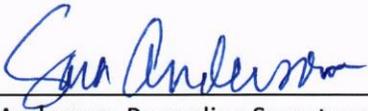
Dancer reviewed the proposed budget. Discussion followed about how to get run information to Finance. Harold House answered questions about record keeping and methods for wage payments. House said they are still ironing out details. Beeson asked for monthly reports. Merchant said they were never invoiced for rescue for 2020-2021. Discussion followed about issues from the transition including oversight and a name change on the rescue truck.

House noted a new location for the rescue truck needs to be found because certain items in the truck need to remain at a warmer temperature. Additional discussion followed about the need to keep members informed and hold additional meetings.

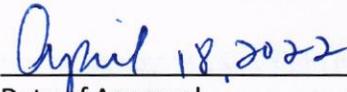
**Motion by Beeson, seconded by Mallory, to reject the proposed FY 2023 Rescue Budget as presented, for lack of information, and recommend Board meetings the third Monday of each month at 7:00 a.m. for review until a budget is established. Motion carried with all ayes.**

Discussion followed about member budgets and conflicting budget years.

**Motion by Wernick, seconded by Hunt, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 a.m. Motion carried with all ayes.**



Sara Anderson, Recording Secretary



Date of Approval