

Sanpete County Special Service District #2  
(Fire District)  
02/10/25

Present: Nick Lyon, Sterling; Jeff Hermansen, Ephraim; Zack Jensen, Mayfield; Elliot Anderson, Manti; Shad Hardy, Spring City; Rex Christensen, Moroni; Jed Hansen, Centerfield; Todd Robinson, Fountain Green; Steven Saulter, Fayette; Kelbey Nay, Gunnison; Mark Hightower, Mount Pleasant; Jeffrey Cox, Fairview; Kallen Cox, Fairview; Scott Bartholomew, County

Others: Stacey Lyon, Treasurer; Jordon Allsop, FFSL; Chad Frisby, Siddons-Martin; Ashlyn Sunderland, Secretary

Zack welcomes everyone out to the district meeting tonight. Asks if everyone has gone over the minutes from last month's meeting. Motion to accept minutes made by Jed Hansen, seconded by Elliot Anderson, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Aye; Nick Lyon, Jeff Hermansen, Zack Jensen, Elliot Anderson, Shad Hardy, Rex Christensen, Jed Hansen, Todd Robinson, Steven Saulter, Kelbey Nay, Mark Hightower, Jeffrey Cox, Kallen Cox, Scott Bartholomew

Finances are presented by Stacey Lyon as follows:

PTIF: \$2,431,076.45  
Checking: \$77,492.20

Bills to be paid; Rocky Mountain Power for \$625, and \$2,530 for the fire extinguishers for the new trucks. Those fire extinguishers are here, so if you are getting a new truck grab your fire extinguisher. Motion to accept finances made by Jeff Cox, seconded by Scott Bartholomew, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Aye; Nick Lyon, Jeff Hermansen, Zack Jensen, Elliot Anderson, Shad Hardy, Rex Christensen, Jed Hansen, Todd Robinson, Steven Saulter, Kelbey Nay, Mark Hightower, Jeffrey Cox, Kallen Cox, Scott Bartholomew

UFRA: Raleigh is not present

Fire Warden: Jordon is present. Update on 212, getting a lot of names, a lot of interest in it. Right now I am looking to do two separate dates and two different places. Might be good North and South. It will take a lot to set up that second class. If we go in the evenings it would be almost a full week, four hours each day, 6 to 10. Usually do a field day on the Saturday after. Don't have dates yet. There is a lot in the works with the engine academy this year as well. Looking at doing the squad boss class, which has the 212. Bryan Terry was building us an acceptance form, because we do have a set number that can go to that. I was told we would have that nomination form by the end of the week. If they have 212 we will offer a pump class alongside that. Once I get the nomination form, I will send that out to all the chiefs, just fill it out and send it back to me. Jed brings up a winter fire school where they had their quarterly meeting for the State of Utah Wildland Committee, and it was brought up that task books, not all of them but some, will now be electronic. There is a whole new way to go about them now. Jordon brings up, NFIRS is changing their system, we have a year until they do. When Zack talked to them, the county like we set up everybody else, is not possible with this new system, we will have to pay for each department, so it will cost substantially more for the district, if the district pays for it. Fairview had the emergency reporting before the district bought it so they would just keep theirs, the upgrade though is \$5000. NFIRS is going away, it will be called NERIS. Jed says there will be a substantial amount of training on this coming up. For Fairview

for the modules they have it's \$2200. Fairview ambulance uses ESO already, they seem to be ok with it. They Told Fairview they will be doing the switch in April. Zack says the sooner the better, we as a district need to decide if we are going to continue to pay for it as a district or if each city should be responsible for that. And you don't have to use it, like Elliot said the government does have free reporting, just not as convenient. Plus there is a lot more you can do with it. Jeff asks if we want to make a decision tonight or table it. Zack says just to be mindful of it we can vote on it next meeting, put that on the agenda. Jordon also brings up, they have filled the FMO position, which was filled by Landon Rowley, the Miller county fire warden. Now they are gearing up to take care of the Sanpete warden next. Scott Bartholomew brings up if you are interested in being fire warden put your application in, if it isn't already open it should be shortly.

Truck Committee: Elliot and Rex has put together a proposal of a couple of projects that are of most importance in the county that they have passed that around. Elliot and Rex had the opportunity to go around and tour each station, got to talk to all the chiefs and assistant chiefs, appreciate them for talking with us, and letting us know what they need. With that we have put together this list we believe is where we should start with getting engines. Lead times are still about two and half years, brush trucks a little less than two years. So we need to get started on this sooner rather than later. They are not in any order of priority and feel like they are all a priority that the district should decide together where to start.

Project A is station eights in Fairview. Talked with Jeff and Kallen about replacing their heavy pumper that they have now. This new pumper would replace the 1996 custom Pierce pumper, the new Pierce pumper is highly recommended to meet stations eight diverse response needs, particularly in places like Fairview canyon, and the north stretch of Highway 89 to Highway 6, additionally it will support urban interface operations for multiple stations. This pumper will be essential for what they do up there, these guys are also known to go to Price and Huntington to help, they put on some serious miles on these. Chad has some specs on that. Jeff says it's mainly to replace the pump they have, it's a rescue pumper, use it for pretty much everything, just a combination for everything we do. It will be \$750,000, the main thing is to have a big block engine to make it up Fairview canyon. The pumper they have now has the big block engine, it does really well, they have kept it up really well, but it is getting older. Chad says there are a lot of options we can add or delete, depending on price. The motor he got in this spec is the PACCAR motor, Pierce has the PACCAR and Cummins. This motor has been on the road for about 15 years now, everyone that has one loves them. Very quiet, well built engine. Doesn't mean can't go with Cummins, if that's what we decide.

Project B is a proposal for five new type 6 fire engines. Trucks will be Ford F550 models, each equipped for a 400 gallon water tank. The stations for these new brush trucks include, Mount Pleasant, Moroni, Wales, Fairview, Fountain Green/Gunnison. We have another project for Fountain Green we will talk about here in just a minute. Type 6 engines are the backbone of the fire service in the area, upgrading to these will significantly enhance the district's ability to respond to fires efficiently and effectively. The ones we are looking at replacing are getting really old, will have to start replacing these sooner rather than later. Jed isn't sure if any of those up in the North end are district owned, should check into that for sure. Just a lot of questions of supporting wildland equipment with district money, it has happened before, and there was a lot of controversy around it. Jeff brings up a new truck anymore even if you build it yourself, it's expensive, not sure if some of these smaller communities could pay for them. Can come back to this, discuss it more as a district.

Project C is for Fountain Green, they are working on a military truck, the FFP program, it's a newer truck around a 2015, to get it up and running Todd is looking for a diesel pump to mitigate some issues where type 4s can't go. Todd has been working on some grants, and other avenues but has been coming up short with this truck, hasn't given up looking either. It would

save us from having to buy a brush truck for him to do the same thing. Holiday Oaks up there is a tight, tight community, it's rough up there, it would be good to have a truck like that. Think it would tactically help our wildland, and urban interface up on that side of the county.

Project D, Tom isn't here, but he proposed this idea. He proposed a project, they purchase a new brush truck each year, suggest that the fire district pays 50% of the truck cost, and Tom would like to discuss this with the commission, Zack and the truck committee for a little bit. Not sure where that money is coming from, but he seemed really excited about that. Sorry I don't have more on that, but can hash that out when we get more information.

Project E, involves starting the process of replacing the 2009 Pierce fire engines, the plan includes rotating the 2009 engines to replace older engines in the fleet or selling them if they are not needed to rotate. The stations with the '09 engines are; Gunnison, Manti, Ephraim, and Mount Pleasant. This will make sure our fleet stays modern and fully operational. Would come with the big cities getting new engines and the smaller ones getting the '09s rolled out to them. It does put newer engines in the bigger cities.

Those are the projects that we came up with, Wales had a few things they were working on, they put in for a BLM truck. Not sure when they will find out on that. Shawn is pretty excited about that. This is where we feel we should go with the truck committee, somewhere within these guidelines. Obviously there are a lot of other details, and bids just have rough numbers currently. Pierce has got us some really close bids to what the numbers would be right now. Chad says whatever changes we plan to make can make it go either direction with price, another thing we have right now are stock trucks, there is always type 6s and occasionally rescue pumpers. A downside if you want to make significant changes, you would have to wait until after it's delivered. The other downside to stock trucks, currently the custom ones go very quickly, the beginning of every month they send out a stock list, and we will already have emails for them. They do it by whoever sends the email first, so they pre sign a PO up to said amount, it is a bit different, signing for a truck you haven't seen, but I know what you want. Most do it because they need something now, if you have time, might as well wait and customize. Pierce last week at training, they talked about in detail lead times, they are very aware of it, and working on it. Said in the next 6 to 8 months there should be some big changes to lead times. Elliot says he thinks these truck projects are a good place to start, obviously there needs to be a lot more discussion on them, and which direction to go, but this is what we are seeing across the county for needs currently. Scott asks if there is anything really critical they have seen that is needed in the county. Elliot says that every station is keeping everything really well put together, even the old trucks, there is no red flag that needs to be replaced immediately. Looking down the road a few years, can see that we could have problems if we don't start updating. As far as a whole fleet we are looking pretty good right now. Zack would like to thank Elliot and Rex for going out and doing that. At this point we need to figure out which direction we need to go, don't need to vote on it tonight. The wildland truck thing, it would be interesting to see what Tom has brewing. Can ask Tom to be here next month, and explain a little more about it. Think that would really help ease the direction we need to go. Todd asks if we can put their project on next month's agenda? That would help Fountain Green be ready for the fire season coming up. Maybe put together some better numbers for next time as well. In bylaws we have to get bids before going forward. Out of all the pumpers the need is for Fairview. The heavy pumper has more space, and has the big block engine, that's really the only difference. Did you see the bin space in the trucks we are getting down at winter fire school? Jeff says a little bit, didn't really have the chance to look. The chassis cost goes up a bit if you have to go up. Zack thinks we vote on Fountain Greens next month, I will get with Tom and see with him for that, and see where that leads. Jed asks how soon can we purchase a new engine? Stacey says probably by the end of the year, beginning of next year. Pierce has a prepay discount, and also has some lease options. Today we have roughly \$700,000. Let's just generalize next meeting, just vote on purchasing of trucks. Will get a general idea of prices, just to see where it falls.

Exemption Policy: Jeff sent out an email, also passed around the policy that he put together. Zack's only concern is, irrigation pumps, well house heads without a building, I think we even exempt buildings that are built fire resistant. Elliot agrees. Jeff says it would be up to the fire chief, can add a small fire resistant building to it though. Did this more of guidance to the chiefs. This would be for anything in the future that comes up. Jeff Hermansen has 19 pumps and pivots that are being billed, and airport lights. Where are we going to make the exceptions? Zack thinks that where this shakes out is, anything that we will have to save and protect needs to, but anything else the chief can exempt. Ultimately it is up to the chief then the exemption is brought to the district for approval. Everyone is seeing it, it's a mess here at first, but once it gets ironed out it should be fairly smooth, just making sure all the cities are on the same playing field, if it's a burnable building it needs to be billed. Do you want Jeff to take the examples off, or add more to it? Jed thinks you need to either have them all, or nothing, maybe just put that it is up to the chief. Zack asks if Mark is okay still being a liaison for Rocky Mountain Power, he is ok with that. Jed has been getting pictures of meters that he plans on exempting, they have the number on there. Put on the bottom of the form for district approval. Another conversation that has come up through this, it's going to be another month before much is done, what should we do in the meantime, how do we handle that, do they pay all those that shouldn't be billed. Jeff will get these corrections made and email it back to everyone. By the time we get back to this another billing will have gone through. If your city is adamant on not paying, just get these submitted to Mark, everyone sitting here knows there are problems with the billing. Can agree we don't need the district approval for most of these for the cities. Trust to let the chiefs get that to Mark, get those filled out and sent to him. Jeff Cox makes a motion to approve the policy with the added changes, seconded by Jed Hansen, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Aye; Nick Lyon, Jeff Hermansen, Zack Jensen, Elliot Anderson, Shad Hardy, Rex Christensen, Jed Hansen, Todd Robinson, Steven Saulter, Kelbey Nay, Mark Hightower, Jeffrey Cox, Kallen Cox, Scott Bartholomew  
Policy is in place get to work on those and get them to Mark.

Misc: Jed brings up he did receive an email from Raleigh, you can get onto the regional fire school. All of the classes for that are on the wall, should be online too. Live fire, simulator, no extrication.

Motion to adjourn made by Jeff Hermansen seconded by Nick Lyon, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Aye; Nick Lyon, Jeff Hermansen, Zack Jensen, Elliot Anderson, Shad Hardy, Rex Christensen, Jed Hansen, Todd Robinson, Steven Saulter, Kelbey Nay, Mark Hightower, Jeffrey Cox, Kallen Cox, Scott Bartholomew