

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PECAN GROVE VOLUNTEER FIRE  
DEPARTMENT HELD A REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ON  
Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.  
PGVFD, 727 Pitts Rd., Richmond, Texas 77406**

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**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Grillo, Hamrick, Golden, Danna, Baker

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Levan, Barski

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chief Vontz and 4 members PGVFD

**CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM:**

The meeting was called to order at 06:35 p.m.. The Agenda was adopted as presented.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on JULY 11, 2024 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Hamrick to approve the minutes and seconded by Danna. The motion carried and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Chief Vontz presented the financial report. The Board reviewed the Financial Report and a motion was made by Danna and seconded by Hamrick to approve the report. The motion passed unanimously as presented.

As of August 22, 2024 Bank balances as listed:

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| New First Checking         | \$ 8,751.11  |
| New First CR Comm Checking | \$ 42,570.28 |
| NewFirst Money Market      | \$232,591.59 |
| New First ICS              | \$320,085.76 |
| New First CDRS             | \$264,074.36 |

**TOTAL OF ACCOUNTS**                      **\$868,073.10**

Reserve Required by Board                      \$100,000.00

**CASH AVAILABLE**                      **\$768,073.10**

**FINANCIAL CONTINUED:**

Chief Vontz reported that one truck payment came due and the annual for E-62.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

TCFP came by the station and did an inspection. There were a few minor issues with policies and records that have been corrected putting us in voluntary compliance with TCFP. A letter has been sent to their attorney regarding Code TX419 - which refers to permanent part time employees. Chief is waiting for a reply to that letter.

Committee Report(s)

- Apparatus - E-62 had a fuel tank repaired. E-61 waiting on a quote to repair the hose bed cover. E-66 was backed into the bay door before it was fully open costing approximately \$1000 in repairs.
- Station – HVAC sweating is causing water problems, The contractor who did the remodel is working to correct the problem even though it is no longer under warranty.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Update on the fire fee increase: 134D passed it with no problems. PGMUD had some push back and will probably approve the request but warned not to look at raising it next year. 118 doesn't vote until December. 134E tabled it because of pushback from one board member, Chief hopes to schedule an educational meeting with them .

Election of board members was discussed - Barski, Danna, Grillo, and Levan are up for reelection.

Chief Hoft presented a by-law amendment to Article 14. It has had the third reading to Fire Department members and was voted on and passed.

New addition proposed to Section 14 - Board of Director Qualifications

1. Must be a resident of the contracted response district.
2. Must be nominated by a current member or director of PGVFD or a contracted MUD district director by September 30, the last date for nominations.
3. Once a person has accepted nomination, they must have an application filled out to have a background check completed before voting takes place at the business mtg in November.
4. Must not be a current member, or willing to step down as a member of PGVFD if voted in as a Board of Directors. (Board of Directors currently sitting on the board as of 2024, will not be required to follow qualification 4 as long as they continue to sit on the board.)

A motion was made by Golden to approve the proposed amendment, seconded by Baker. the motion carried and the amendment was approved unanimously.

Member Blake Thompson presented a report from the CR Team:

They are proposing to purchase 2 large ice machines, 1 for each station for approximately \$12,000. The department has agreed to handle the maintenance. They are also looking at purchasing work out equipment for both stations. They estimate about \$6000 for the Christmas party. A query about the suspension of a member was tabled to executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 7:26 pm.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:** At 7:50 pm.

**ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:** Recommended that a time line be established for suspension while awaiting the outcome of an investigation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 06:30 p.m.  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.