

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PECAN GROVE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT HELD A REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ON**

**Thursday, February 7, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.  
PGVFD, 727 Pitts Rd., Richmond, Texas 77406**

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

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Levan, Barski, Baker

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chief Vontz

**CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM:**

The meeting was called to order at 06:32 p.m.. The Agenda was adopted as presented.

**MINUTES:**

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

As of February 6, 2024 Bank balances as listed:

New First Checking	\$ 18,257.80
New First CR Comm Checking	\$ 34,954.07
NewFirst Money Market	\$228,573.41
New First ICS	\$438,419.37
New First CDRS	\$257,981.91
<b>TOTAL OF ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$978,186.56</b>
Reserve Required by Board	\$100,000.00
<b>CASH AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$878,186.56</b>

**FINANCIAL CONTINUED:**

PGMUD has not been paying \$23.58 as collected. They have been paying the old rate since November. Chief Vontz is handling it. MUD 134D paid.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Danna, seconded by Hamrick to amend the motion approving \$55,000 for up-fitting the Chevy Tahoe to read approval of up to \$65,000 for up-fitting the Chevy Tahoe.

The cub scouts request for a storage area at Station 1 - the board is waiting for a plan to be submitted from the scouts. The pinewood derby track may need to stay in the space over the meeting room to be in a climate controlled environment.

### **Committee Report(s)**

- Apparatus - Battalion 61 had an exhaust problem that cost \$500 to repair. New engine 61 is scheduled for an end of April make ready and will be taken to Metro. Chief Vontz is hoping to have it in service by July 4, 2024. E-66 will go for rehab and will become the primary reserve. Captain Davis' truck is still in make ready and the old Tahoe will likely go to Orchard F.D.
- Station – The results of the station poll to rank improvements were presented by Chief Vontz. This included feedback from the Board, Duty Crew, and Volunteers. The CR is looking at possibly funding the work out equipment and patio area from their budget. It was agreed that we need quotes for door openers, and bay ceiling fans for station 1 and a water softener system for both stations. Chief Vontz discussed the problem of tight quarters at station 2 with the addition of the 3rd man on a truck in April. He is looking at adding a shower and removing a wall to enlarge the living quarters.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Chief Vontz reported an 8% increase in calls during 2023 from the year before. We had a decrease in response time and are still below the national average. Turnout time decreased and on scene time increased. For overlapping calls (two calls dropping at the same time) there was a 12% increase. Mutual aid calls, both given and received was increased.

Chief Vontz presented a breakdown of budget projections. He also reviewed the cost to pursue full time employees to cover the district during a county wide disaster. It would decrease the total number of personnel required for duty crew staffing, from 90 to 66. To accommodate this would require \$47 per tap at build out vs \$38 per tap for duty crew staffing. It was presented that the average catastrophic event would occur 1/2 to 1 times per year and would not justify the change in design of the department. Our current tap count is 9645 as of January 2024.

Hamrick brought up a request from Faith Methodist Church that we consider adding them to our insurance coverage as additional insured. This is regarding sponsoring the Boy Scouts. Grillo will research.

**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:** No items for Executive Session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 06:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.