



ESTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT INC

Annual General Membership Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2021

Location via Zoom

Minutes:

1) Call to order at 1607.

A) Members Present: Tong, Rainey, Weatherly, O'Donnell, Karikomi. Chief Conner Jeff Conner and Mimi Hill also present.

B) Members Absent: None.

C) Quorum met? Yes.

D) Public Present: Charlie Gallagher, Mindie Gallagher, Karyn Holdér, Kay Sisson, Ritchie Musick, Katrina Lehse, Monique Musick, Jenny Brown, Nancy Burnham, Cat Stephenson, Robert Grove, Margaret Rogers, Stephanie Graf, Carol Meyer, Mike Musick, E.A. Smith, Greg Selid, Mark Simpson and Jill Cameron.

2) Public Comments: None.

3) Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by R. Musick. Move to second by Tong. Approved by unanimous consent.

4) Approval of September BOD Minutes: Motion to approve by O'Donnell. Move to second by Tong. Approved by unanimous consent.

5) Reports:

A) Treasurer's Report: Review of assets and expenditures. See attached.

1) Charlie Gallagher asked if he could receive a copy of the report via email as a member of the Commission. Hill confirmed she will send a copy.

B) Fire Chief's Report: Review of operational issues. See attached.

1) Charlie Gallagher asked Chief Conner to explain Code Blue grants.

2) Charlie Gallagher asked Chief Conner to explain Blue Card training.

3) Ritchie Musick asked about the status of the water tank on Oboe. Chief Conner stated it is not operable due to contaminated soil.

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- 4) Bob Grove thanked Chief Conner for his leadership during the roof collapse and subsequent repairs.
- 5) Barb O'Donnell thanked Chief Conner for his leadership on the flag pole project, septic field repair/replacement, obtaining a snow-balance for local trail response.
- 6) Mike Musick asked about the forensic investigation of the roof collapse.
- 7) Mike Musick asked about future solar panels for the station. Chief Conner stated he is interested in pursuing solar panels.
- 8) Bob Grove stated he visited the University Fire Department and Fire Chief Doug Schrage regarding solar panels being used at Station 12 and the success this program has experienced.
- 9) Greg Selid asked about outdoor cameras for Station 51. Chief Conner stated the plan is in progress to have camera's mounted to the hose tower to help with vandalism at the community park.

6) Old Business: A recap of the last year presented by Board President Tong.

- A) O'Donnell's article in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner on February 3rd, 2021.
- B) New employment agreement for Fire Chief Conner.
- C) Review of changes with bank accounts and monthly review of purchases.
- D) Flag Pole project.
- E) Board documents now on the website.
- F) Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation was a BOD project since November of 2000.

7) New Business.

- A) Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws revisions. These were addressed in order to be up to date. Posted 34 days prior to this meeting. Tong asked for public comments.
 - 1) R. Musick motioned to adopt the Articles of Incorporation as presented. Move to second by K. Sisson. No opposing votes or dissension was presented. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

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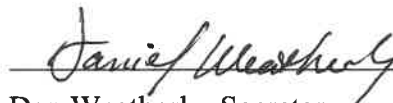
- 2) O'Donnell asked about residency requirements for members of the BOD. Tong confirmed members must meet residency requirements per the Bylaws. R. Musick gave background explaining the reason.
 - a. M. Simpson asked if officers of the fire department can be voting members of the BOD. Tong read the proposed version of the Bylaws. R. Musick elaborated that the new revision does not allow for an officer of EVFD acting as Liaison to the BOD to have any voting powers.
 - b. B. Grove spoke to legal issues at the Steese VFD (historically) that occurred due to firefighters also being the directors of that board.
 - c. O'Donnell asked about the annual meeting requirement regarding the change from the first Sunday in October.
 - d. M. Simpson moved to adopt the changes to the Bylaws. Move to second by M. Musick. R. Musick asked for clarification whether this was for the entire Bylaws or the two sections (Article I, Section 1 and Article III, Section 1.B.) as discussed. Tong clarified this is only for the two proposed changes. R. Musick motioned to approve. Move to second by M. Simpson. Tong asked for vote by dissension. No dissension noted, passed by unanimous consent.
 - e. M. Musick motioned to pass Article IV, Section 6. Move to second by M. Simpson. No dissension noted, passed by unanimous consent.
 - f. M. Simpson motioned to pass the Bylaws as previously amended. Move to second by C. Gallagher. No dissension noted, passed by unanimous consent.

B) New Member Voting.

- 1) Tong and Karikomi not up for re-election. Rainey, O'Donnell and Weatherly are seeking re-election. Current vacancy of two additional members exists. M. Simpson motioned that Rainey, O'Donnell and Weatherly be re-elected.
 - a. B. Grove proposed amendment to the motion to make these terms for two years. R. Musick pointed out this is not needed as Bylaws already make this clear.
 - b. Vote by dissension with no dissension noted. Approved by unanimous consent.

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- 2) Remaining two vacancies: Karyn Holder and Carol Meyer expressed interest in serving on the BOD.
 - a. M. Simpson made motion to vote in Carol Meyer. Move to second by M. Musick. No discussion. No dissenting votes. Passed by unanimous consent.
 - b. R. Musick made motion to vote in Karyn Holder. Move to second by C. Gallagher. No discussion. No dissenting votes. Passed by unanimous consent.
- 8) **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by C. Gallagher. Move to second by M. Simpson. No dissenting votes. Unanimous consent to adjourn. General Membership meeting adjourned at 1750.
- 9) **Officer Elections:** BOD remained in meeting to elect officers.
 - A) President: Tong volunteered to remain President. No dissenting votes.
 - B) Vice President: Karikomi volunteered for Vice President. No dissenting votes.
 - C) Secretary: Weatherly volunteered to remain Secretary. No dissenting votes.
 - D) Treasurer: Rainey volunteered to remain Treasurer. No dissenting votes.
 - E) All positions filled as stated. Passed by unanimous consent.
 - 1) The need to balance the election cycle back into a 4-3 split was discussed and tabled for the next BOD meeting.
 - 2) Next meeting will be on November 8th, 2021.
 - 3) BOD adjourned at 1757.



Dan Weatherly, Secretary