
The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marc Lowery at 10:11 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Ronnie Rogers, Stacey Caplener, Jason Wills, Don McBride, Marc Lowery, Scott Gann and Lindsey Williams and Ben Hammond

Members Absent: Rachel Nix, DeWayne Rose and Jim Kerr

Guest: Jana Hiland from Dept.of Finance and Lori Arnold and Jo Ann Woody from the Red Cross.

A Motion to suspend the reading of the November 8, 2018 minutes was made by Scott Gann and seconded by Stacey Caplener. Unanimously approved.

Financial Report: The financial report was given by Jana Hiland. Ben Hammond made a motion to accept financial report as read seconded by Scott Gann. Unanimously approved.

Old Business:
We received two shipments of smoke alarms. 515 bought by the commission and 1002 from Vision 20/20. The total amount of smoke alarms on hand is 2158.

Last meeting the commission voted not to have a booth at the State Chiefs Convention due to the expense that the booth would cost. Ben Hammond wanted to know if we could have a booth at the convention if it didn’t cost the commission anything. The commission agreed to this request. This convention is June 27,28 and 29.
Ben Hammond made a motion to have a booth at the convention provided it doesn’t cost the commission, the motion was seconded by Stacey Caplener. Unanimously approved.

New Business:
Ben Hammond gave the commission a report from attending the Vision 20/20 meeting in March. He informed the commission that a representative from Vision 20/20 will be with us for the August meeting. So he will be put on the agenda for August.

Lori Arnold and Jo Ann Woody from the American Red Cross presented the smoke alarm
Program that the Red Cross has. They gave out handouts to the commission about the program. They wanted the commission to know they are available for a partnership if we need them. They also can get the bed shaker alarms if we have someone that would need it.

The commission invited them to join us at our booth at the Chief's Convention on Friday June 28.

The commission had a discussion about having some different kinds of handouts for events the commission attends. A motion from Stacey Caplener seconded by Jason Wills to spend 500.00 on new handouts. Unanimously approved. The president will get with Jana and order these materials.

Motion by Lindsey Williams seconded by Scott Gann to spend the remaining amount of money in our account to purchase smoke alarms. This is to be done after all bills are paid. Jana Hiland will take care of this. Motion unanimously approved.

Performance Reviews:

Motion by Scott Gann seconded by Jason Wills to approve performance reviews for West Memphis Fire Dept.- smoke alarms.

New Grants:

Motion by Scott Gann seconded by Lindsey Williams to approve West Memphis Fire Dept. for 100 smoke alarms. Unanimously approved

Motion by Ben Hammond, seconded by Stacey Caplener to approve Harrison Fire Dept. for 150 smoke alarms. Motion passed with Marc Lowery abstaining.

Motion by Lindsey Williams, seconded by Jason Wills to approve Cherokee Village Fire Dept. for 100 smoke alarms. Unanimously approved

Motion by Ben Hammond seconded by Scott Gann to approve Fort Smith Fire Dept. a grant in the amount of $3620.00. Motion passed with Ronnie Rogers abstaining.

Motion by Ben Hammond seconded by Ronnie Rogers to approve White Bluff Vol. Fire Dept. a grant in the amount of $3250.00. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Ben Hammond seconded by Scott Gann to approve Paragould Fire Dept. a grant in the amount of $3450.00. Unanimously approved.

No other new business.

Next meeting will be August 15, 2019.

Motion by Ben Hammond to adjourn, seconded by Scott Gann. Unanimously approved.