



OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH AREA FIRE & EMERGENCY RESPONSE DISTRICT
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 @ 12:00 P.M.

A. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the South Area Fire and Emergency Response District Board of Directors was called to Order at 12:05 P.M. by SAFER Chairman Al Opall.

Members Present

Opall, Ermeling, Langenhahn, Zeyghami and Legner were all present. Town of Rib Mountain Finance Director Dunbar, EMS Division Chief Bechel, Chief Savage, Deputy Chief Finke and BC Lang was also present.

B. Correspondence/Comments from the public on issues related to the SAFER District

None

C. Consent Items

Approval of prior meeting minutes from February 19, 2019

Legner/Ermeling to approve prior meeting minutes from February 19, 2019. Motion carries unanimously.

Approval of February 19, 2019 vouchers

Zeyghami/Langenhahn to approve February, 2019 vouchers. Motion carries unanimously.

D. Business Items

Discussion and possible action on SAFER Grant.

Chief Savage would like to pursue applying for this grant. He stated it is due by March 22, 2019. If the SAFER District is awarded this grant, it would go before both the Village of Weston and the Town of Rib Mountain boards. BC Lang explained the financials of the grant; years one and two the grant pays 75%, SAFER District pays 25%; year 3 the grant pays 35%, SAFER pays 65%. The fourth year is fully paid by the SAFER District. The numbers are based on what is submitted for receiving the grant; i.e., if SAFER states it costs \$100,000.00 for a full-time firefighter, the grant would pay \$75,000.00. BC Lang reviewed costs for part-time personnel vs. full-time personnel and the possible savings in wages and benefits if the SAFER District is awarded this grant based on hiring 4 more full-time personnel. The 4 full-time personnel would be hired from within; 4 current part-time personnel would become full-time.

Legner/Ermeling to approve applying for the SAFER grant. Motion carries unanimously.

Discussion on SAFER annual report.

DC Finke reviewed SAFER's annual report.

Ermeling/Legner to acknowledge SAFER's annual report and place on file. Motion carries unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on revised EMS transport agreement with Ascension St. Clare's Hospital.

Legner/Zeyghami to approve revised EMS transport agreement with Ascension St. Clare's Hospital pending approval of SAFER's legal counsel. Motion carries unanimously.

E. Staff Reports

Report from Fire Chief

Chief Savage gave a brief report on a recent commercial building fire in the Village of Weston. He also discussed some issues with receiving pages from dispatch. He explained a paging system Wausau Fire is considering implementing. There is a possibility SAFER and the City of Wausau could share the cost of this new system. He

discussed Marathon County's new CAD system and some issues with the new addressing system. He thanked DC Finke for putting together the annual report.

Report from Deputy Fire Chief
None

F. Remarks from the Board of Directors to set the next meeting date, we well as discuss items for the next meeting agenda.

There were no remarks from the Board of Directors. The next meeting date is set for Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

G. Adjourn

Opall to adjourn at 12:58 P.M.