

BERGHEIM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD

Thursday, December 12, 2019

The meeting was opened at 7:10pm by President Jeff Hoffstadt.

Jeff made opening remarks thanking everyone for their attendance.

Chief's Report (Chief Adam Hawkins)

- The department has 28 volunteers, about 12 of which are active.
- The department has a new engine being built and is expected to arrive in January.
- The engine is thanks to a \$200,000 grant from the Texas Forest Service.
- The new engine will improve the department's service to our 56 square mile service area and improve our 4/10 ISO rating.
- The new engine will be the first out for fires, and the existing engine will be first out for mutual aid and medical emergencies.
- The oldest engine is planned to be placed in the Cordillera West substation to improve the ISO rating in the north-western part of the service area furthest from the fire station.
- This is looking to be the busiest year with 263 runs thus far, about 80% medical runs. It was noted that we have not had a bad fire year since the 2011 drought.
- It was noted that one problem is that volunteers can't afford to live in the service area.

Treasurer's Report (Nancy Arthur)

- At the end of November, the department had about \$586,000 in various accounts.
- About \$54,000 in donations have been received since end November, with another \$10,000 received in December after the newsletter went out.
- The cost of the new engine is approximately \$580,000. Payment will be:
 - \$200,000 from the Texas Forest Service
 - \$115,000 from existing funds
 - \$265,000 from a Community Leasing Service loan
- Two other small grants have been applied for.

Election of Officers & Director

- Paul Mebane, chair of the nominating committee, proposed the following slate:

President	Jeff Hoffstadt	(incumbent)
Vice President	Ken West	(incumbent)
Treasurer	Nancy Arthur	(incumbent)
Secretary	Paul Mebane	(incumbent)
Director, Place 3	Lola Strause	(replacing Bob Walker)
- The proposed slate was unanimously elected.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 by President Jeff Hoffstadt.