

**Upper Pine River Fire District  
Special Board Meeting Minutes  
December 29, 2015  
4:00 p.m.**

The meeting for December 29, 2015 was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Jeff Dyar.

**Board Member Attendance**

Jeff Dyar (President), Mack Coker (Vice President) via phone, John Beebe (Treasurer), Wayne Walters (member), Casey Cook (member)

**Staff Present**

Chief Bruce Evans, Deputy Chief Joshua Lorenzen, Lisa Eckert (Admin Secretary)

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance

**Additions/ Deletions to Agenda**

Add item A to Old business –re engagement of Rubin Brown

**Public Comment**

Paramedic Dan Miller voiced his opinion on the need for a new medic unit. The District has had issues recently and made an appeal to the Board to approve the purchase of the new medic unit.

**New Business**

- A. Replacement of new medic unit. Jeff presented an overview of the current issues regarding the medic units and different options to resolve them. Bruce expanded on the details of the recent events that have escalated the need to replace the medic unit. He detailed the process he has undergone to resolve the need in the most expedited fashion. His solution is a Dodge demo Braun unit available to the District in approximately 10 days for about 137,000.00. He has pursued a grant that may meet up to 70,000.00 to offset the price.

He also found another unit available to ship January 14<sup>th</sup>, however there are several items that need to be addressed before it would go into service, putting that option out to sometime in March.

Jim Applegate from Durango Fire presented his service history to the Board in regards to Ford vs Dodge and the purpose for their decision to go with Dodge.

Chief Lorenzen comments included his support of the option that Bruce has presented. The crew was polled and was also in support of the option after several comments and questions.

Mack made the motion to direct Bruce to proceed with his discretion, the purchase of the Braun unit contingent on the EMS grant award and without significant expenditures not exceed \$125,000.00. Wayne made the second with discussion. Wayne made the comment that the liability is too high to not address this immediately. Jeff, Mack, John and Wayne were in favor. Casey abstained. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

- A. Re engagement of Rubin Brown. John inquired about the budget vs. the proposal. Rubin Brown is a little higher due to the FPPA audit. John made the motion to accept the Rubin

Brown proposal for the 2015 audit. Wayne made the second. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

At 5:00 p.m. Jeff adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by

Lisa Eckert

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Jeff Dyar, President

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Date

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