



BESC Apparatus Plan Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2022 6:00pm
Ryley Community Centre

Present

Chair Gene Hrabec, Beaver County Division 3
Vice-Chair Debora Dueck, Town of Tofield
Commissioner Lionel Williams, Beaver County Division 1
Alt Commissioner Milt MacGregor Village of Holden
Commissioner Dale Pederson, Beaver County Division 5
Commissioner Nola Wood-Herrick, Village of Ryley
Commissioner Cindy Lesfrud, Town of Viking (via Zoom)
Kevin Moos District Fire Chief Station 1
Terry Magnuson District Fire Chief Station 2
Blair Ewasiuk District Fire Chief Station 3
Rob Roulston District Fire Chief Station 4
Kevin Fornal District Fire Chief Station 5 (via Zoom)
Kelly Overbo District Fire Chief Station 6
Allan Weiss, BESC Regional Emergency Manager
Sheila Lusk BESC Executive Assistant
Kayla Miller BESC Administrative Assistant (via Zoom)
Russ Farmer - Farmer and Associates Consulting (via Zoom)

1) Call to Order

Chair Hrabec called the meeting to order at 5:50 pm

Motion 22-014 VC Dueck moved the agenda be accepted as presented

CARRIED

2) Organization Review Comments

Russ Farmer gave an overview of the organizational review process.

He explained the scope of the review is very broad and will cover areas such as people management, SOGs, organizational design, capacity, service standards, staffing as well as other concerns that arise during the review.

The review is intended to be as inclusive as possible so they will interview board members, administration, and the district fire chiefs and send a survey to the volunteer members. If members are not comfortable completing the survey, they will be able to provide their comments directly to the organizational review team.

He noted it is critical that the board share results of the process with all members.

Russ Farmer left the meeting at 6:15 pm

3) 5 Year Apparatus Plan

REM Weiss provided an overview of the 5 year apparatus plan and then opened the floor for comments. Comments arising from the discussion included the following

- Station 1 is responsible for the Blackfoot Grazing area and the Ministik Bird Sanctuary. Quads are more suitable to accessing these areas than Side X Side units. Station 1 is gathering information regarding the safety of quads.
- Unit 14 Utility Truck replacement – consider replacing with a cab and chassis unit with cabinets to safely transport personal protective equipment – helmets are to be transported in cabinets.
- The senior's villa in Tofield is a 3 storey building – consider a ladder truck for 3rd floor rescue
- Station 4 agrees moving a tanker to Kinsella is a good idea however, the requirement for a class 3 license plus airbrakes creates a challenge.
- Station 3 only has 3 units, therefore the configuration of its rescue unit may need to be a bit different than the other stations for example a crew cab rather than a 2 door unit.
- Station 3 may need an expansion in the future, if so, give consider cutting the lot down rather than building it up for an addition.
- As Station 3 does not have a pick up, members use their personal vehicles for hauling hose.
- Station 2 members need to get class 3 plus airbrakes.
- Station 1 is a registered training location so members who need to upgrade their licenses can do it there.
- BESC needs to look at its other capital asset requirements – building and equipment
- SCBA meets old standards it needs to be upgraded overtime – costs are significant. Upgrades to SCBA will require compressors and fill stations upgrades.
- Fire department members
 - Tofield 27 members – 1 probationary
 - Holden 12 members
 - Bruce 8 member
 - Ryley – 15 members
 - Kinsella 7 Members
 - Viking 22 members

Note the number of members that typically respond to calls is less than the total membership.

Recap of factors to consider when purchasing apparatus

- Do we have the right number of units?
- Do we have appropriate space for the units?
- Do we have members trained to operate the units?
- Are we meeting regulatory requirements?
- Are we being fiscally responsible?



4) Round Table

- Board and administration are encouraged to come to the stations
- Once we are through Covid look for activities to increase interaction between the board and the stations and with the communities.
- Thanks to all of the DFCs and their members for their dedication
- Reminder to DFCs and their members to feel free to bring all their concerns to the organizational review team.

Administration will schedule a meeting with the Board and the DFCs in April. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the Organization Review findings.


5) Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm

Chair



Vice Chair



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