

HUNTLEY FIRE DISTRICT

Committee / Meeting:	Foreign Fire Minutes – APPROVED
Date:	07/26/2024
Location:	Station 1 Training Room
Attendees:	P Gordon / S Ravagnie / C Jagels / P Ortiz / M Schulien / Brennen Jacobs

Meeting opened at 8:02am.

Absent: Floyel

Guests:

D/C Wagner

Public Comments

None

Treasurer’s Report

The current balance is \$71,997.75. Ortiz motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Jagels. All in favor say aye and the motion was passed.

Review and Approval of Minutes from April 26, 2024 Meeting

Jagels motioned to approve the minutes from April 26, 2024, seconded by Ortiz. All in favor say aye and the motioned was passed.

Old Business

Independent contract hiring of Alex Vucha – Gitzke & Ortiz

Schulien motioned to approve the \$10,000 seconded by Ortiz. All in favor say aye and the motioned was passed.

This would help us be more proactive in documenting our history and training. He would be really good for our social media presence as well. The original plan was Foreign Fire would pay from November 15, 2023 - May 1, 2024 in the amount of \$10,000.00 as a trial. After May 1, 2024, Foreign Fire and the District would split the cost for the entire year, paying \$10,000.00 each. There were concerns and discussion on if Alex would be an employee or independent contractor and what his duties would include. We want clarification on what he can and can't do. We don't know if he can work as a fire investigator. Foreign Fire cannot pay him as an employee, so we are going to wait to approve until the attorney reviews the contract. Lt. Gitzke will investigate this further.

Blackstone Griddles – submitted by Koelper. Motion was made by Schulien to purchase 1 grill for each station not to exceed \$297.00 each, with shift personnel to be responsible for the cost of propane and accessories. Seconded by Ortiz. All in favor say aye and the motioned was passed.

Hotel Reimbursement Rate Increase – submitted by Koelper. Motion was made by Schulien to keep the funds set at \$5,000.00 and board could discuss increasing the amount should the need arise. Seconded by Jacobs. All in favor say aye and the motioned was passed.

Rigid Jobsite Blower – submitted by King. Motion made by Jacobs to purchase 1 blower with battery as spec'd for each station to be placed in service on the primary fire apparatus. Seconded by Ortiz. All in favor say aye and the motioned was passed.

Rigid Jobsite Radio – submitted by King. Motion made by Jacobs to purchase 1 radio with adapter as spec'd for each station. Seconded by Schulien. All in favor say aye and the motioned was passed.

Stand Down Week – submitted by Floyel. Discussion by board to have a special meeting to discuss once additional information could be obtained. **UPDATE** – special meeting occurred on May 10, 2024. Motion to deny by Ortiz with second by Schulien. All in favor say nay and the motioned was carried. Additional discussions by the board occurred with agreement being made that Gordon, Floyel and Director of Training Madsen could coordinate with Irene Kok.

2024 Family Holiday Events – submitted by Chief Ravagnie. Motion to approve funds not to exceed \$4,000.00 for Halloween and Christmas department family events was made by Schulien and seconded by Ortiz. All in favor say aye and the motioned was passed.

Contract with Vucha – submitted by Chief Ravagnie. Motion to approve \$8,400.00 as equally sharing the cost with the district for June 1, 2024 thru May 31, 2025 made by Jagels with second by Jacobs. All in favor say aye and the motioned was passed.

New Business

Hotel reimbursement for Brad Knudson met guidelines with funds to cover and reimbursement was provided.

Miscellaneous Items

None

Adjournment

Ortiz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jagels. All in favor say aye and the meeting closed at 8:12am.