

**Bayou Vista Volunteer Fire Department
MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING May 11, 2017**

The Board of Directors of the Bayou Vista Volunteer Fire Department (BVVFD) convened for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Galveston County MUD #12 Reception Hall located at 2929 Highway 6, Bayou Vista, TX. A quorum of the Board of Directors was present and included the following:

President	Paula Eshelman	Present
Vice President	Carlos Price	Present
Treasurer	Stephanie Burt	Present
Secretary	Irene Henry	Present
Director	Bob Althaus	Present

Board of Directors absent: None

Others in attendance: Fire Chief John Venzke and Captain Bobby Doolittle

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Board President at 6:05 p.m.

2. FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Announcement by the President of the presence of a quorum, that the meeting had been duly called, and that the notice of the meeting had been posted in the manner prescribed by law.

3. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken as reflected above.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board members rose to pledge allegiance to the U.S. flag.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No comments from the floor.

6. DISCUSSION

A. Status update on awarded or pending grants to BVVFD – Chief John Venzke.

1. Nothing to report at this time.

B. Status on new First Responder – Captain Doolittle

1. First Responder is now in house and being equipped with lights and other equipment. President Eshelman and the Board thanked Captain Doolittle for all his work and involvement in this endeavor.

7. ACTION ITEMS

A Consider and take possible action to approve BVVFD Fire Chief's Activity Report for the month of April.

A motion was made by Bob Althaus, 2nd by Carlos Price and carried with all in favor to approve the report as presented.

B. Consider and take possible action to award the bid for the Rescue One Truck with the Board reserving the right to accept or reject any and all bids, with the Vice President, Carlos Price,

conducting the opening of the bids.

Three bids were received as follows:

Bid #1: T J Lyke, 1023 Redfish, BV, 409-356-3382, Bid \$9,800

Bid #2: Jason Mitchell, 1118 Redfish, BV, Bid \$10,100

Bid #3: Jeffery McMeans, 498 Pompano, 832-289=5292, Bid \$10,151

A motion was made by Bob Althaus, seconded by Stephanie Burt and carried with all in favor to accept Bid #3 (Jeffery McMeans) for a bid of \$10,151 for the Rescue One Truck.

C. Consider and take possible action to approve the General Operating Financial Report for the month of April 2017.

Stephanie Burt, Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for the month of April. Irene Henry made a motion to approve the General Operating Financial Report for the month of April 2017, as presented by the Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Carlos Price and carried with all in favor.

D. Consider and take possible action to approve the amendments to the 2016-17 Fiscal Year Budget as recommended by Fire Chief Venzke, presented by Stephanie Burt, Treasurer, and Carlos Price, Vice-President.

After much discussion and review, a motion was made by Carlos Price to table approval of the proposed amendments until further adjustments are made. The revised amendments will be presented at the June meeting. Bob Althaus 2nd the motion and the motion carried with all in favor.

E. Consider and take possible action to approve the BVVFD Board of Directors Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting of April 13, 2017.

A motion was made by Stephanie Burt to approve the BVVFD Board of Directors Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting of April 13, 2017. The motion was seconded by Carlos Price. The motion carried with all in favor.

F. Consider and take possible action to approve the BVVFD's providing a "Comfort Station" during the Summer Festival at the Fire Station and with Kona Ice providing shaved ice at the location on Saturday, May 27, 2017, with 20% of the profits earned to be donated back to the Fire Department. They will set up around 7:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Carlos Price, 2nd by Bob Althaus with all in favor to approve the BVVFD's participation in this event as stated above.

G. Consider and take possible action to approve the revised BVVFD's Bylaws as recommended by the Bylaw Committee or determine further discussion is needed for placement on the June Regular Meeting Agenda.

Bylaws Committee member Irene Henry presented and reviewed with the Board the revisions that had been made to the Bylaws as requested by the Board at the previous month's meeting. Committee member Bob Althaus requested some typographical errors be corrected and suggested the following additions: Add title page, Index page, and include Revision number and date in footer. A motion was made by Carlos Price, 2nd by Stephanie Burt with all in favor of approving the revised ByLaws with the inclusion of the suggested additions.

9. MEMBER'S COMMENTS

A. General Members

1. Captain Doolittle announced that the Fire Fighters will be hosting the County Meeting June 1st; dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting beginning at 7:15 p.m. The Board is welcome.

2. Captain Doolittle asked that the Board consider buying an extended warranty for the new truck. His request will be included in the June meeting agenda.
3. Stephanie Burt asked for clarification regarding a comment made to her that as a BVVFD Board member, she should keep a neutral position in discussions with citizens regarding controversial issues. President Eshelman said that was not true. The key is that the person is voicing their opinion as a citizen, NOT as a member of the BVVFD.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With a motion made by Bob Althaus, seconded by Irene Henry, duly put and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene M. Henry
Secretary