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Agenda: July 19, 2022 @ 7 p.m. Station 1
Elsie Vinemable Fire and Rescue District (EVFRD)
<https://elsiefire.org/>

Please observe current COVID 19 recommendations

Pledge of Allegiance

Open the Board meeting (Wayne)

Read/Accept the Minutes from June 21, 2022 (Wayne)

Treasure's Report-(Hans)

Accept and Pay the Bills

Old Business

1. The 2022-2023 EVFRPD budget Followup (Wayne/Group). Based on Vivian's June email-I made the following possible changes to publicly reporting our yearly budget process:

Vivian and group. Vivian makes some good points but as we understand, it is the way we need to set the budget. The Grants have been applied for, and have to be listed, or if they are funded the grant can't be spent. They can only be used for the items in the grant and don't contribute to maintenance or operations.

I would make the following suggestions for the group to work on:

1. Check Special Districts budget procedures to see if this can be modified to make it clearer--see attached pdf
2. Put a more detailed explanation in our minutes of what the numbers refer to -as this is the only public document we have out for explaining the process
3. Get the Dept website operational-so we can post budgets and minutes to explain the process. As far as the website goes, I find I don't have the time or skills right now to do this, so some help is needed.

Other suggestions welcome for future meetings.

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3. Updates Station 2 (Hans/Mike; TJ/Mike Utilities service progress; Mike/Wayne (estimate for water access).
4. Zoom updates-Use of Starlink/Verizon. (Mike/TJ)
5. Followup to Ed's spot-review of incident reports with an eye toward possible income from billings that is not currently in use. (Services provided to residents is included in residents' taxes, but insurance companies may be billed for services provided to non-residents.) (Mike-updates)

New Business

1. Cradlepoint subscription. Do we want a one year or renewal or multiyear-or not at all. See email from Mike Carter:

“Gents,

Looks like your NCM subscription for your Cradlepoint is set to expire in 20 days. If you have received emails from Cradlepoint notifying as much, you have the option of going directly through them or through me to renew the subscription.

Why would you renew?

1. Keeps the modem under a hardware warranty as long as you maintain an active subscription. It breaks, they replace it. Hamlet Fire found out the hard way. They let theirs lapse and it died - so they had to buy a new one.

2. It makes it FAR easier to support. Something not right? I can log in remotely and fix / troubleshoot and change WiFi names and passwords as needed. Otherwise I have to do it in person. I haven't asked Elsie Fire for my usual annual management fee that I charge per device to tend to firmware updates and help w/password resets etc because it's only one unit and it takes me all of 5 minutes to do most things. If I have to show up on site, that's different and I'll have to charge my usual hourly.

3. Did I mention firmware updates? Like anything these days, cellular companies are constantly modifying and updating things on the cellular towers - modulation schemes, frequency usage and all manner of flags and symbols. The NCM subscription provides you with over-the-air firmware updates that keep your device in step with changes at the cellular towers.

The very basic NCM subscription is all you need and I think that's still just below \$40 a year. You can get 3year and 5 year subscriptions.--

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