

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING AUGUST 7, 2023

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY JOHN HINSON. 4 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AS WE STILL DO NOT HAVE THE CHAIR FILLED. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY JOHN HINSON. PRAYER LED BY TONY ROY.

WE HAVE A GUEST TONIGHT, EDWARD CHAPMAN, OUR AUDITOR. RICHARD ALLISON DECEMBER 3RD WAS HIS LAST DAY. HE WAS A PAID CONTRACTOR AND TRAINER. PAID BY THE SAFER GRANT. HE WAS HIRED UNDER THE SAFER GRANT. HE WAS CERTIFIED TO WORK UNDER THE GRANT. HE ADMINISTERED THE GRANTS. COVID GRANT, HE WOULD GET QUOTES AND BRING THEM BACK TO THE BOARD. THE ONLY GRANT HE DID WAS THE FORESTRY GRANT. HE STARTED IN 2021 AND QUIT IN 2022. KENNETH EVANS TERMED OUT. DID NOT RERUN. TONY ROY IS THE SECRETARY. EUGENE JACK CAME IN AND THEY WERE SWORN IN DEC. 5, 2022.

2022. GARY HAMILTON RESIGNED HE WAS MEMBER AT LARGE. JOHN HINSON TOOK OVER HIS PLACE. (APRIL 4, 2022). JOHN HINSON MOVED TO VICE CHAIR ON DEC 5, 2022. AND JOHN BOTTOMS IS TREASURER. MR. CHAPMAN WILL UPDATE HIS NOTES.

ENGAGEMENT LETTER NEEDS TO BE UPDATED. (WAS GIVEN TO JOHN HINSON TO SIGN) WILL DO THE AUDIT FOR \$7,500.00. THE MORE COMPLICATED IT GETS THE MORE THE PRICE MAY GO UP. MR. CHAPMAN WILL TRY TO KEEP IT LOW AS POSSIBLE. NEVER HAD A PROBLEM WITH LIBERTY. BUT THIS YEAR HE HAS HAD ISSUES WITH THE QUESTIONS HE HAS ASKED. MAY HAVE TO GO BACK TO 2020 BECAUSE FRAUD HAS BEEN BROUGHT UP.

JOHN HINSON WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FROM THE AUDITOR.

DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE FROM LAST YEAR. ANYTHING YOU DON'T OWN OR DON'T WANT ON THE LIST ANYMORE, SCRATCH THEM OFF AND SEND IT BACK, AND MR. CHAPMAN WILL TAKE CARE OF IT.

SERIOUS ALLIGATIONS IN THE OPAGA REPORT THAT THERE WERE REPORTS OF FRAUD WHEN APPLYING FOR GRANTS. TONY ASKED WHAT THE ALLIGATION WAS AND JOHN HINSON TOLD HIM HE HAD TO TALK TO THE INVESTIGATOR. ALSO, WE DO NOT HAVE A BUDGET. IT'S NOT A LEGAL BUDGET. AND STATE SAID THE SAME THING. WE MUST PAY BILLS. OUR DISCRESCETIONARY AMOUNT IS VERY MINOR. WHEN WE GET THE GRANTS, THAT IS OUR RELIEF. THERE HAS BEEN NO NOTIFICATION THROUGH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

LIBERTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICT RECEIVED \$31,000.00 OUT OF \$125,000.00 WHICH WAS ONE FIRST PAYMENT ON THE TRUCK PAYMENT. WE HAVE ASKED FOR THE 2ND PAYMENT BUT WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED IT YET.

BUDGET MR CHAPMAN WANTS TO KNOW IF WE ARE GOING TO DO AN AUDIT ANYTIME SOON? PER MR. CHAPMAN IF YOU SPEND OVER THE BUDGET, YOU ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE STATE STATUTE. SINCE YOU DON'T HAVE ANY BUDGET, YOU ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE STATE STATUTE. WE DO HAVE A 5-YEAR AND 10-YEAR PLAN. NEED TO SEND TO MR. CHAPMAN.

AS A BOARD MEMBER WE GET PAID FOR NOTHING. BUT AS A FIREFIGHTER, WE GET A STIPEND. WE KEEP THAT SEPARATED.

DISSOLVE THE DISTRICT THE BOARD STATED THAT LIBERTY NEEDS TO STAY THE WAY IT IS, BUT 2 BOARD MEMBERS STATED THAT LIBERTY NEEDS HELP. RENEE YULE (SHE IS ALSO THE ATTORNEY FOR SOUTH BONO. PHILIP CANTEBERRY WANTS TO USE AN OUT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY.

WEBSITE-TONY HAS TALKED TO A SITE CALLED STERLING. THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO CALL IN BUT THEY HAVEN'T. \$1,000.00 FOR THE DOMAIN AND \$80.00 A MONTH. WAITING ON A BOARD MEETING FOR IRA-DEPENDS ON THE PARTICIPATION. SHOULD BE 1099.

RELATIONS ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. TONY ROY-BROTHER VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER ROGER ROY DONNA DUNHAM, JOHN DUNHAM, JOSH DUNHAM, KATINA DUNHAM.

\$1,753.00 ISSUED TO JOHN DUNHAM. NO INVOICE, CAN'T FIND WHAT IT WAS FOR.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BANQUET-SHIRTS, PLAQUES AND BRING THE FAMILY IN. USING THE MONEY FOR RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION. GRANT PAYS FOR SHIRTS AND PLAQUES. FIRE DEPARTMENT PAYS DONNA DUNHAM WAS ASKED ABOUT THE GRANTS AND TOLD MR. CHAPMAN THAT SHE WAS STILL LOOKING FOR THE STUFF THAT RICH ALLISON HAD. BUT RIGHT NOW, SHE WAS UNABLE TO FIND.

TONY ROY AND JOHN HINSON HAS HEARD HERE SAY ABOUT FRAUD. PHILIP CANTEBERRY DOES SUSPECT FRAUD AND JOHN HINSON DOES NOT SUSPECT ANY FRAUD. SUPPOSEDLY YEARS AND YEARS BACK.

TONY MADE A MOTION THAT MR. CHAPMAN BE PAID \$5,000.00 FOR THE WORK ON THE AUDIT THAT HE HAS DONE. 2ND BY PHILIP CANTEBERRY. MOTION PASSED. MR. CHAPMAN LEFT.

LIBERTY'S MINUTES

TREASURY REPORT READ BY JOHN BOTTOMS. TONY ROY MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT TREASURY REPORT 2ND BY PHILIP CANTEBERRY MOTION PASSED.

SECRETARY REPORT READ BY TONY ROY. MOTION TO ACCEPT SECRETARY REPORT (FOR JUNE) MADE BY PHILIP CANTEBERRY 2ND BY TONY ROY. MOTION PASSED.

WEBSITE IF WE WOULD HAVE HAD THE MEETING IN JULY, HE WAS GOING TO CALL IN BUT TONY ROY DID TALK TO ARGYLE ABOUT THEIRS. TONY DID ASK PHILIP ABOUT THE GO DADDY ABOUT WEBSITE AT THE LAST MEETING. TONY ROY FOUND STERLING. TONY ROY HAS TALKED HIM DOWN TO \$80.00 A MONTH.

NVFC LAST TIME HOPING TO BE ABLE TO USE IT WITH FEMA. BUT WAS UNABLE TO USE IT. SO CANCEL IT. NOT. DONNA DUNHAM WILL DO THE BEST THAT SHE CAN.

JOHN HINSON MENTION THAT WE WENT AGAINST THE SUNSHINE LAW BECAUSE WE DID NOT
ADVERTISE THAT THE MEETING IN JULY WAS CANCELLED. THE DISCUSSION ON THIS IS IF YOU DON'T
HAVE ENOUGH BOARD MEMBER FOR A FORUM THEN YOU CAN'T HAVE A MEETING. TONY ROY SAID
EARLIER THAT HE WASN'T GOING TO BE THERE BECAUSE OF THE HOLIDAY AND JOHN BOTTOMS WAS IN
THE HOSPITAL. MORE DISCUSSION ON THIS IS THAT WE NEED TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY TO SET EVERYONE
STRAIGHT ON THE LAWS.

JOHN HINSON MENTIONED THINGS WE NEED TO DO IS:

HIRE AN ATTORNEY, FIGURE OUT A BUDGET DEAL AND GET A WEB PAGE UP AND GOING.

TONY MADE A MOTION THAT IF JOHN HINSON'S WEB PAGE GUY IS CHEAPER THAN TONY ROY'S GUY
THEN GO AHEAD AND LET HIM DO THE PAGE. JOHN HINSON WANTED TO CHANGE IT TO IF TONY ROY'S
GUY IS CHEAPER THAN JOHN HINSON'S THAN TONY ROY IS TO HAVE HIS GUY DO THE WEB PAGE. JOHN
HINSON ASKED IF DONNA DUNHAM COULD SEND HIM THE MINUTES EVERY MONTH AND I SAID IF I
COULD GET A NEW PRINTER I COULD BUT IF NOT, THEN NO I CAN'T. THIS MOTION WAS 2ND BY PHILIP
CANTEBURY. MOTION PASSED.

TONY ROY WANTS TO GET THE BUDGET GOING.

PRINTER HAS BEEN OUT FOR 2 MONTHS. GET A SMALL BUSINESS PRINTER. LASER JET. \$600.00. WHAT IS
NOT USED, BUY TONER WITH THE REST. 2ND BY PHILIP CANTEBURY. MOTION PASSED.

GENERATOR-JOHN DUNHAM THINKS IT WAS HIT BY LIGHTNING. IT IS NOT WORKING AGAIN. ROGER ROY
IS GOING TO BE AT THE MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) NIGHT AND HE WILL LOOK AT IT THEN.

JOHN DUNHAM GOT THE PRICE FOR THE TRUCK BED. BUT WE HAVE TO GET THE TRUCK TO PANAMA
CITY FIRST TO BE INSPECTED. TABLE THE BED UNTIL LATER.

CHRISTMAS PARTY NEED TO START THINKING ABOUT THAT. OURS IS USUALLY THE 1ST SATURDAY OF THE
MONTH IN DECEMBER.

RED CROSS THE 2ND SATURDAY DURING THE DAY

PAT BOTTOMS THE 2ND SATURDAY AT NIGHT

JOHN BOTTOMS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, 2ND BY TONY ROY. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023, DUE TO LABOR DAY. MOTION PASSED.