

MESA COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 25, 2023

At 7:02 PM Wayne DeGesualdo called the meeting to order. Wayne DeGesualdo, Eric Brown, Chuck Nelson, and Darrell Charlesworth were present for the board. Randy Zellner was excused absence.

Everyone said the pledge of allegiance.

Wayne DeGesualdo said an opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes

Wayne DeGesualdo asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes. Darrell Charlesworth made a motion to accept the March minutes as presented. Eric Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Tanks

Darrell Charlesworth said he spoke with Billie at Sorter Construction again and said the whole project of burying the two water tanks will be for about \$10k. But, they will be busy for the next two months. July or August would be a good time to do the project for him. Rick Weber said that they will be watering for May and June so it would not be a good time to bury them anyway. Chief Cox said he calls the fiberglass company every Monday but still no call back, not sure if he showed up. Two boat repair companies said they would not be interested or willing to do the repair.

Goals

Stacy Cox created a Google document that is live that Chief Cox and Assistant Chief Woodard has access to and can edit. The goal document was reviewed by the Board and public.

Handbook

Darrel Charlesworth, Eric Brown, Wayne DeGesualdo and Charles Nelson all provided their suggestions for sections 3-6 of the handbook. It was suggested not to review the handbook at this public meeting but to either form a committee or hold a special meeting after all sections have been reviewed and suggestions made. After some discussion, Chuck Nelson, made a motion to continue to review three sections each month on their own and submit their suggestions. Once the whole handbook has been reviewed, call a special meeting with lunch provided to go over the suggestions and create a final employee handbook draft. Eric Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

Bank Rates

Chuck Nelson said that he has spoken with several banks and talked to them about different options to help protect the Authorities money and help it grow. He presented the board with three different bank options and their rates for 12 or 13 month CDs. He also provided information on 6 month term CDs. Darrell Charlesworth made a motion to invest \$235,000 into CDs at Vectra Bank for 12 months at 4% and \$235,000 in Alpine Bank for 13 months for 4.5%. Eric Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurers Report

Chuck Nelson presented the year to date treasurer's report. Chuck said that we are almost a quarter of the way through the year and everything is looking pretty good. As stated last month, we do need to be aware of a couple of things. One is the gas/electric and propane bills so far this year- these expenses will go over as fuel for vehicles may as well due to rising energy costs. Darrell Charlesworth made a motion to approve the treasurers report as written. Eric Brown seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Chiefs Report

Vehicles: Brush 52 out of service, all other in service, all ambulances have been in for DOT inspections and one required minor repair.

Grants:

FEMA AFG COM- Prebuild is done- no changes made, waiting on VIN

CDPHE 2023 EMTS Funding Program Prebuild is done, waiting on new drawing and VIN

FFSD 2022 Grant- waiting on one last shipment

FEMA AFG – applied for a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) \$500,000 and is a 5% match (wait and see)

CDPHE 2024 EMTS Funding Program RFA #41271- Final review is schedule for May 10th and 11th- should hear after that.

Firefighter Safety and Disease Grant- Did not get this grant this year

Trainings: Pediatric by Dr. Stinar, Rescue, Operations and EMS

Personal- One new member

Fiberglass tanks- not sure if he showed up, have called him a couple of times and no return call.

Lots of construction happening in district- lots of site visits, plan reviews

Standby: Starting Drag Way 2023

Calls: 28 From 3/28 to 4/25 as of 5 pm

Report 1 Calls by Category (year to date)

Report 2 Calls by Area/District (1 month)

Report 3 Time of Day & Arrival in Minutes (1 Month)

Report 4 Mutual Aid (1 Month)

Going to be out of state May 5th to May 12th

Time Log

Chief gave a copy of his and Chevelle's time log to the board. The board was advised that GVFPD used to use Emergency Reporting but no longer does- so they are not doing logs any more. Chief and Stacy advised they looked at Trello and have signed up but not sure how to use it. They hoped that Randy would be here to help navigate it as it looks like it is set up for dispatching. The board said it would table it until next month.

Other Matters before the Board:

None.

Public Comment:

Rich Phillips advised Kannah Creek Ditch has water in it and they will not be burning this year. Wayne asked for any other comments, thanked the public and said that they were going to enter an executive session if the public wanted to leave they could or they could wait until they were out of executive session. Public opted to leave and the board thanked them for coming.

Executive Session:

Chuck Nelson made a motion to enter executive session for personal matters regarding Chief Shawn Cox and Assistant Chief Chevelle Woodard pursuant to Colorado revised Statues § 24-6-402 (4)(F). Wayne DeGesualdo seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried. Executive Session entered at 8:58pm. Executive session ended at 9:20pm and board returned to open meeting.

Adjournment of meeting

Darrell Charlesworth made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eric Brown seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:21PM.

Next Board Meeting is May 23, 2023 at 7:20ish following LEFP.

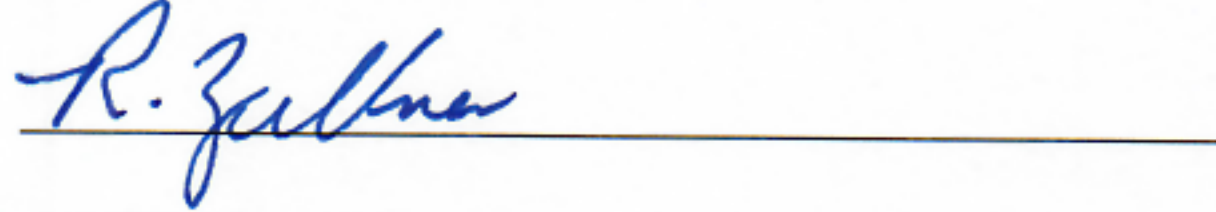
Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Cox, Board/Fire Chief Assistant

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