

MESA COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 22, 2022

At 7:22 PM Chairman Wayne DeGesualdo called the meeting to order. Wayne DeGesualdo, Eric Brown, Chuck Nelson, and Randy Zellner were present for the board. Tim Bevan had an excused absence.

Wayne DeGesualdo opened with a prayer. Everyone thanked him for doing so.

Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Wayne DeGesualdo asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes. Randy Zellner made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Eric Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Website: Stacy Cox presented the new website to the board and public. Everyone will review the website and come back with suggestions or ideas for improvements at next meeting such as a ticker for calls. They will send them to Stacy so she can compile a list.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurers Report

Chuck Nelson presented the treasurers report. Chuck advised that all ambulance income is going into Central Orchard Mesa until MCFA can get up on running with Dispatch and Image Trend. Chief is still being frugal with the budget overall. A couple of points: 205, fuel will be more expensive this year. Maintenance is a little high and will get higher due to new tires. 211, 212, & 213 Long distance transport- this is still a guessing game as Shawn is getting this off the ground. Chuck talked about options of debit and credit cards to send with volunteers who go on LDTs. Chuck will activate his card and have it available. Stacy will look into a second checking account with limited funds in it. Shawn advised once we get our new fuel cards there will be one just for LDTs. Chuck said on page 3, workers compensation, covers our 24 volunteers, our full time chief, and our board members but this is for the full year. A fourth of the year is over and we are sitting at 16% usage of the budget. Randy Zellner made a motion to approve the treasurers

report as written. Eric Brown seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Chiefs Report

Personnel: Two volunteers resigned due to full time jobs and family commitments. Board asked if they did exit interviews. Advised no, but Stacy will reach out to them to see if they are interested in doing one.

Vehicles: Ordered new tires for two ambulances.

Grants:

The Firefighter Safety and Disease Grant: Both LEFPD and COM received the grants for \$20K each, meet with rep today.

FEMA AFG is still at the wait and see stage.

CDPHE Grant FY23 EMTS Provider Grant- Financial review- went really well, made it to phase 2, Chuck and I will be going to Meeker on 03/28/22 for that meeting.

FTO Program: going well- everyone is signed up to start shadowing Dr. Burket.

Dispatch: Did not go live on the 1st of March- the person we need to work on Image Trend has been out sick. Hoping will go live soon.

Trainings: 1st Pumper operator and Fire apparatus Awareness, 3rd FTO Training (protocol and report writing), 8th Protocol training, 10th FTO Future Planning, 15 Business meeting, 22nd BLS skills

Calls: 76 calls so far this year, 41 were between 8-5.

Reviewed the four different reports that the board asked for-

Basic Incident Type

Response Time

Basic Incident Actual time

Basic Apparatus Responding

Other Matters before the Board:

Chuck Nelson explained that Shawn, Eric and himself went to Gateway to a meeting about a proposed hydro-electric turbine plant that would set on the border

of both Gateway and Mesa County Fire Authority. Explained what they are proposing and that it is many years in the future and not sure it will ever get off the ground but it is a “wait and see” what happens project.

Chuck Nelson also presented a new billing agency option, which only charges only 8% of what they collect, and they are familiar with LDTs, and they are a local company in Montrose. They cannot start until we are being dispatched under Mesa County Fire Authority and we are set up in Image Trend as such due to Medicare and Medicaid until that is done. The board talked about the possibility of establishing an indigent application process in the future.

Talked about SDA Annual Regional Workshops coming up in Montrose on June 14th and it would be a good idea for board members to attend. Chuck cannot attend this one but would be willing at go to another location another day.

Public Comment:

Rich Philips thanked the board for doing such a good job for the residents.

Adjournment of meeting


Randy Zellner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eric Brown seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Next Board Meeting is April 26, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Cox, Board/Fire Chief Assistant

Mesa County Fire Authority



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