

MESA COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 28, 2023

At 7:01 PM Wayne DeGesualdo called the meeting to order. Wayne DeGesualdo, Eric Brown, Chuck Nelson, Darrell Charlesworth, and Randy Zellner were present for the board.

All in attendance recited 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. Randy Zellner made a motion to accept the January minutes as presented. Darrell Charlesworth seconded the motion. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Water Tanks

Rick Weber presented information about the two 22,000 gallon tanks that have been discussed multiply times over the year. After much discussion, Darrell Charlesworth made a motion to purchase the two tanks for \$1000.00 each for a total of \$2,000.00. Eric Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried. Rick Weber will get back with Stacy Cox to let her know who to make the check out to. Chief Cox and Rick will see if they can get quotes of the dirt work, gravel, fiberglass repair and other expenses involved with implementing the tanks as a water source for firefighting. The holes for setting the tank will need to be 10 by 60 and 8 feet deep with 18 inches of gravel.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurers Report

Chuck Nelson presented the year to date treasurer's report. Do need to be aware of a couple of things. One is the gas/electric bills so far this year- these expenses will go over as fuel for vehicles may as well due to raising costs. Randy Zellner made a motion to approve the treasurer report as written. Eric Brown seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Ambulance Rates

Chuck Nelson presented the 2023 Mesa County Ambulance Rates for loading patience into an ambulance for transport. Darrell Charlesworth made Motion to adopt the new ambulance rates for year 2023 as calculated in accordance with the Mesa County EMS Resolution and the CPI formula. Randy Zellner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Charles Nelson made a motion to raise the loaded mileage rate to \$24.00 per loaded mile for 2023 from \$22.00 to help with rising fuel costs. Darrell Charlesworth seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Chiefs Report

SOPs are Complete and are being reviewed by Lexipols attorneys- once reviewed can print and provide copies

Purchase New Soft Ware, The Fire Academy, for training and inventory tracking.

Vehicles: Brush 52 out of service, all other in service

Grants:

FEMA AFG COM tender has been ordered waiting on VIN

CDPHE 2023 EMTS Funding Program- waiting on a VIN for the Ambulance

FFSD 2022 Grant- bunker gear is to ship 3/3

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

CDPHE 2024 EMTS Funding Program RFA #41271- Applied for Stryker Power Cot \$25,990.46 and PowerLoad System \$26,788.58 for a total of \$52,779.04 this is a 50/50 match making our portion \$26,389.52 if we receive the grant. Payment will be due in 2024 so if we get will need to budget according next year. Our regional grant review is scheduled for 3/27/2023. (Our region does not have time, in person or zoom meeting listed yet)

Firefighter Safety and Disease Grant- Applied for 3 TICs at the cost of \$21,960.00 with 100% match up to \$20,000, if awarded our portion will be \$1,960.00

Reviewing the FEMA FY 2022 SAFER GRANT to see if we want to apply have never applied but seems like something we could really benefit from. Closes 3/17/2023 at 5PM https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_afg-safer-2022-nofo.pdf There are two webinars one on March 1st (recruitment & retention webinar) and March 8th (Hiring Webinar) Stacy and I have both registered to attend the webinars.

Trainings: New Software Training, Gurney Troubleshooting, Monitor refresher and Trauma Care-Volunteers voted to take Valentines off of training.

Personal- We have one new volunteer, one volunteer that has rejoined the department and one Personal no longer on protocol.

I have filed an appeal with the state regarding the removal of two personal from protocol.

Currently have one volunteer in EMS class and she is doing great!

Dave's retirement Party-Nice turn out and good event- department gave engraved decanter and cup set.

Calls as of 8pm 2/27-

Image Trend in going through an update/change unable to pull reports at this

Since Last Board Meeting 32 calls 16 of them are Monday through Friday 8-5 see Page 1 for dates and time pulled from Active 911

Year to date 50 calls

Page 2 date and time for just over a year of calls, 164 of them were Monday thru Friday 8-5, and 124 were on Saturday and Sunday leaving the remainder 157 Monday-Friday outside of 8-5 hours.

Fundraiser – June 11th Car show, BBQ and Silent Auction – would like everyone to either get a donation from a company or put together a donation to auction off. Flyer will go out in May to all residents in district along with a volunteer form for citizens

Other Matters before the Board:

Wayne DeGesualdo asked about a time log for Chief Cox and if he has been keeping on. He advised he had not but would start. Chuck Nelson asked if Chief Cox is going to keep one would it be appropriate to have the assistant chief keep one as well. It was agreed that both paid positions should track their time. Wayne said he would get with Stacy to let her know what categories should be tracked.

Wayne DeGesualdo would also like to see a copy of the goals that was compiled at the next board meeting.

Public Comment:

Rich Philips asked about using the building for Whitewater Cemetery Meeting on March 11, 2023 starting about 12 or 1. Stacy Cox advised the building is free at that time but will be used by another group at 5pm.

Adjournment of meeting

Randy Zellner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Darrell Charlesworth seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Next Board Meeting is March 28, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Cox, Board/Fire Chief Assistant

Mesa County Fire Authority

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