

CENTRAL ORCHARD MESA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting – May 1, 2024

**PENSION BOARD MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Murray Thiessen. In attendance were Murray Thiessen, John Sigle, Eric Talley, John Chutka, and Randy Zellner. Dave Gitchell was absent with an excused absence. A quorum was established. Others in attendance were Administrative Assistant Stacy Cox.

**MOTION** by Randy Zellner and seconded by Eric Talley to accept the January minutes as written. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

**Old Business-** What happens with the funds if we over pay and there is no people on pension left? After an audit funds Central Orchard Mesa has paid but not distributed to members of the retirement plan, the funds will be returned to COM.

**New Business-** Copy of the Fund reports was provided. Randy Zellner made a motion to except the reports as presented from FPPA. Eric Talley seconded the motion. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Randy Zellner to pay one mil to the FPPA mid-year and the second mil at the end of the year to ensure the retirement plan is eligible for the matching funds from the state for the FPPA retirement plan. John Sigle seconded the motion. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Eric Talley and seconded by Randy Zellner to adjourn meeting. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:14PM

**FIRE BOARD MEETING:**

Meeting called to order at 7:14 PM by President Murray Thiessen. In attendance were John Sigle, Eric Talley, Murray Thiessen, John Chutka, and Randy Zellner. A quorum was established. Others in attendance was Administrative Assistant Stacy Cox. Courtney Griffith a member joined part way through the meeting and Chief Charlesworth came for the last part of the meeting.

**MOTION** by Randy Zellner and seconded by Eric Talley to accept the March minutes as written. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Update on ASA:** Mesa County Fire Authority board members attended the County Commissioner's open meeting in April along with many members of MCFA. Andy asked that the commissioners pass a resolution allowing Grand Junction to provide services to both under serviced ASAs for Lands End Fire Protection District and Central Orchard Mesa Fire Protection District. At this time they are not looking to strip either district of their ASA.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Select Board Member Officer Positions:**

**MOTION:** Randy Zellner made motion that the Officer's positions remain the same as they are now. Eric Talley seconded the motion. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Stacy Cox gave the year to date treasurer's report.

Stacy Cox went over all the deposits and expenses since March's meeting.

Property Tax Revenue for 2024 so far is \$96,500.88 while total income is \$107,548.19.

Total expenses year to day is \$131,643.46, but still have not paid MCFA 1<sup>st</sup> quarter tax revenue.

Being no questions, a **MOTION** by Randy Zellner and seconded by John Chutka to accept the May 2024 treasurer's report. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

**Meeting with GJ-** Chief meet with Gus Hendricks, Chief Watkins and Mark McIntire on Monday. They have presented a proposed rate for apparatus and personnel when responding to MCFA calls.

Apparatus Rates per Hour:

Engine/Truck \$133.00

BLS Ambulance \$45.00

ALS Ambulance \$65.00

SAM 1 \$114.56

Personnel Rates per Hour:

EMT/FF: \$25.13

Paramedica/FF-PM: \$33.43

Engineer: \$33.43

Capitan: \$40.19

SAM Officer: \$40.19

We would pay for all staff and apparatus on a call

**Example one**

*Real MCFA call Non Transport with ALS ambulance*

ALS Ambulance: \$65.00 x .46 hours = \$29.90

EMT: \$25.13 x .46 hours = \$11.56

PM: \$33.43 x .46 hours = \$15.38

**Total Charge to MCFA would be: \$56.83**

*Real Call Example two*

ALS Ambulance with transport

Response and scene time total was 0.87 hours

ALS Ambulance: \$65.00 x .87 hours = \$56.55

EMT: \$25.13 x .87 hours = \$21.86

PM: \$33.43 x .87 hours = \$29.08

**Total Charge to MCFA would be: \$107.49**

Billed Transport Amount = \$1970.20 (UNK reimbursement)

*Real Call Apparatus included 4-man Engine, ALS Ambulance and SAM Officer with transport Response and scene time total was 0.85 hours*

ALS Ambulance:  $\$65.00 \times .85 = \$55.25$

ALS Engine:  $\$133.00 \times 0.85 = \$113.05$

SAM vehicle:  $\$114.56 \times 0.85 = \$97.38$

EMT x 2:  $\$25.13 \times .85 \times 2 = \$42.72$

PM x 2:  $\$33.43 \times .85 \times 2 = \$56.83$

Engineer:  $\$33.43 \times .85 = \$28.41$

Captain:  $\$40.19 \times .85 = \$34.16$

SAM Officer:  $\$40.19 \times .85 = \$34.16$

**Total Charge to MCFA would be: \$461.96**

Billed Transport Amount = \$1544.00

Transport Revenue Received \$662.05

*Example 4 (not real call)*

Structure fire (one hour)

Battalion Chief Vehicle:  $\$114.526 \times 1 + \$114.56$

SAM vehicle:  $\$114.56 \times 1 = \$114.56$

ALS Engine x 2:  $\$133.00 \times 1 \times 2 = \$266.00$

Truck:  $\$133.00 \times 1 = \$133.00$

ALS Ambulance:  $\$65.00 \times 1 = \$65.00$

Battalion Chief  $\$45.53 \times 1 = \$45.53$

SAM Officer:  $\$40.19 \times 1 = \$40.19$

Captain x 3:  $\$40.19 \times 1 \times 3 = \$120.57$

Engineer x 3:  $\$33.43 \times 1 \times 3 = \$100.29$

Firefighter x 4:  $\$25.13 \times 1 \times 4 = \$100.52$

FF/PM x 4:  $\$33.43 \times 1 \times 4 = \$133.752$

**Total Charge for one hour to MCFA: \$1,233.94**

It was advised that MCFA agreed accept proposal for compensation fees schedule with monthly billing with some negotiations... such as fire as mutual aid has always been given to all departments for free and as long as MCFA is working the fire it should still be free. Contract must be in writing with a time frame specified and make it renewable.

**Tank Update-** Sorter called and they were ready to do the driveway pull outs yesterday but tank is not ready for pullouts yet. Should be a couple two or three weeks before we are ready. Rich Phillips gave an update. Finishing the tank at Kannah Creek. The first tank should be done in the next week or so then will work on the tank at the Weber's location. He had to complete some repairs on the tank as it had some leaks. Have all necessary materials to finish the job. Have not had the man power to fill the tanks completely yet. Into the job about \$2500.00 once complete will submit for payment.

**Chief's Protocol Update:** Chief advised he had a meeting with Chris and Dr. Burket, who advised he has not done anything wrong, but would like him to do the paramedic internship. Chief

said he declined as he does not have time as chief, at that point Chris Rowland and Dr. Burket removed him from protocol. Chief advised the board of MCFA received an email from Chris Rowland on Wednesday of last week, April 17<sup>th</sup> pulling Chief off of protocol. The next day MCFA received an email from Andy saying they were going to the Commissioner's meeting for Resolution to provide service to both under serviced ASAs for MCFA. Chief advised just got packet to get back on protocol today and that is the supervised paramedic internship which takes 6 months to do. Chief forwarded packet to MCFA board members.

Chief advised that they sent him an email yesterday about the calls they were concerned about. Was advised that they have already reviewed the calls and they stand by their discussion to pull him from protocol. After reviewing the calls in question Chief said there was nothing wrong with them. One was a stroke, one was for pain management and another was he did not report lung sounds on a lift assist. After consideration Chief sent an email to Dr. Burket and advised he would not be doing the packet to which Dr. Burket responded, "thank you, I will remove you from the program." Chief has sent an email to MCFA Board to advised he would not be being doing the packet to get back on protocol.

**Other Matters before the Board:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**AJDOURMENT:**

A **MOTION** was made by Eric Talley and seconded by John Chutka to adjourn the meeting. . All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried. Murray Theissen adjourned the meeting at 8:54 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for October 2, 2024 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Stacy Cox: Administrative Assistant

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Attest:

