

LANDS END FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MONTHLY

BOARD MEETING, May 25, 2021

At 7:01PM Chairman Eric Brown called the meeting to order. Eric Brown, Chuck Nelson, Kent Clinkingbeard, Linda Weber and Wayne DeGesualdo were present for the board. Eric welcomed everyone to the board meeting.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Eric Brown thanked everyone for saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Eric Brown asked if everyone had a chance to read over the meeting minutes and if there were any corrections. Being none Linda Weber made a motion to approve the minutes. Chuck Nelson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Citizen's Concern: It was asked if there were any outstanding concerns around Whitewater Village. It was advised not at this time as no new meetings set at this time.

Website: Corey Early said he would be interested in building our website. It was advised that the Facebook Page and Website need to drive the community to other.

Christmas Party: Looking at honoring our newly pinned cadets at the July 4th on the 3rd of July. Parade around the district from 8:30 to 1:30 followed by a BBQ 12:00. Repining of the one new member at 1PM.

NEW BUSINESS

EMS Coordinator

Staci Olson resigned effective May 31, 2021. EMS position is a board appointed position that comes with a \$300 monthly stipend. It was mentioned that Staci resigned before and the position was given to other volunteer but then Staci did not leave and the position remained with her and now the Chief is recommending someone else. It was recommended that the board open the position up for applications and then do interviews at the next board meeting. It was also recommended that the position be labeled as temporary, so there is an understanding that things can and may change with the forming of the authority. It was decided that Stacy Cox, will send out a message to all members and ask they submit a letter of interest to her by email if they want to apply for the EMS Coordinator position by June 15, 2021. Then they can interview at the next board meeting and Chief can be the interim for this month and delegate someone to go to QAQI meeting this next month.

Forming an Authority

Wayne DeGesualdo asked if there has been any movement on forming a fire authority. Linda Weber advised that both this board and Central Orchard Mesa Board have both approved moving forward with forming the fire authority. COM attorney's estimate is \$25,000 to \$75,000 to help us form the authority. It was asked if the county attorney would help. It was mentioned but they currently do not have a county attorney at this time. Both stations are already training together. Shawn is working on automatic aid agreement.

Treasurers Report

Linda Weber gave the treasurers report, advised we have spent 38% of our budget so far this year. We did not have any unusual bills this month. Question line 403, it was asked why it was over the budget, Linda Weber explained that it was more this year than we expected. Sam Craven explained Check It and how it is used to track inventory, vehicles and equipment. Sam explained that the department added Check It with in the last year and it emails when things are expiring, when maintains needs to be done on a vehicle etc. Lexipol and Target solutions have been on board for the last two years. It was asked why the volunteers here during the day are not working on getting our inventory into Check It and Sam responded "it is due to a lack of motivation but we are working on that." Rich questioned if the people here during the day are volunteers and how we can "make" them do that. It was explained they are but we are paying them a stipend to be here and they should be working on station related issues while here. Rich asked about insurance for the volunteers. It was explained there is no insurance that we provide for the volunteers. Sam explained that it is a balance; if we "make" them do things members would be unwilling to come out and do a shift. Sam explained there is no standard or SOP for the on call shift. Chief has been in the process of re-writing the SOPs for a while now, which is why we purchased Lexipol a couple of years ago. Wayne DeGesualdo said, "There should be a level of expectations when are members are here that they should be held to, it could be only a hour or so worth of work but it needs to be a set of standards for each day. We need an organization that we can be proud to be part of. An organization that has high standards usually attracts more people." Rich said that he agrees, but is worried that we are expecting the volunteers to operate like a paid station. Chuck Nelson, said that volunteer thing across the nation is a difficult thing, some are motivated and others are not and over the last ten years we have added to the incentive program to try and entices volunteers.

Wayne DeGesualdo made a motion to except the treasures report as presented. Kent Clinkingbeard seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Chief's Report

Chief's Report May 2021 Given by Lt. Shawn Cox

Personnel: Staci Midgley (Olson) has turned in her letter of resignation from the department. This opens up a spot for the EMS Coordinator position. This has been a paid position appointed by the board.

It was asked if we still have an exit interview process when volunteers leave. Looked it up in the policy and it is still part of the SOPs. It was asked that someone try to set an exit interview with those that have left the department.

Vehicles: - Brush 111 is back in service. Did not receive an invoice for the work Richard Rupp did for Engine 111 and Brush 111. I need to get an estimate of what the work would have cost through an outside resource and get with him for payment of work done. Idea still might be to give him the Kodiak, but he is on vacation and not available to discuss this option. Eric Brown said he would be willing to create an invoice for what the county would charge for the work that was done so we have something to go off of.

Projects- still moving forward with combined districts with Central Orchard Mesa. Having a map of call volume done for each district to determine proper area for a future station. Currently looking at doing an "Automatic" aid between both districts. Shawn was speaking with dispatch. Also looking at Active 911 where we all could just get each other's dispatched calls and work with Dispatch to "patch" both of our operational channels and potentially just going to one operational channel and reprogramming radios. Shawn advised setting up Central Orchard Mesa ambulances like Lands Ends' so that no matter which ambulance is used, everything will be in the same place and easy to find and use.

Grants:

1. We wrote an EMTS grant for 3 personnel to attend EMT school. We did not receive the grant. Class starts June 1st. I have authorized Corey Early to attend class. Cost is \$2200 for 1 person. In the past Mesa County Fire Chiefs have put on an EMT class- however we have not heard if they planned on putting on a class this year. It would be my recommendation to wait for the other 2 for EMT class and hopefully send them to the County EMT class. Cost is significantly less and they also put in for an EMTS grant upon successful completion which lowers the cost.
2. We have submitted a grant for wildland equipment.
3. We were awarded the Anheuser-Busch Emergency Drinking Water for Wildland Firefighters program- at least one pallet of canned drinking water but will not know exactly how much until they schedule delivery.

Call Volume:

April 2020- 16

April 2021- 27

Year to Date 2020- 64

Year to Date 2021- 66

3% increase from last year so far this year.

Training- S. Craven or S. Cox to discuss

Lte Sam Craven presented training report. Lands End Fire Academy is starting June 1st with ten solid candidates. Strong dedicated personalities. Working with EFPC to get burn tower time. Training for non-academy members will be at Central Orchard Mesa on Thursdays for joint training. Will have some joint trainings with the academy so they can learn the vehicles for memorization among other things. Going to be a long academy going on through November or December.

Training:

Apr-21 Call Volume Report

Incident #	Date	Time(24hr)	Call Type		Mutual Aid	Mutual Aid Dept
40	4/2/2021	14	MVA	Transport	Mutual Aid Received	GJFD
41	4/4/2021	19	EMS	cancelled enroute		
42	4/6/2021	20	MVA	Transport	Mutual Aid Received	EOM
43	4/8/2021	17	BRUSH	No Incident Found		
44	4/10/2021	13	BRUSH	Out of Control Burn		
45	4/10/2021	17	BRUSH	Out of Control Burn		
46	4/13/2021	15	EMS	Transport	Mutual Aid Received	GJFD
47	4/13/2021	15	EMS	Accidental page by dispatch		
48	4/15/2021	16	EMS	Transport		
49	4/18/2021	20	BRUSH	Unauthorized burning		
50	4/20/2021	22	EMS	Transport		
51	4/21/2021	21	EMS	refusal		
52	4/22/2021	8	EMS	Transport	Mutual Aid Received	GJFD
53	4/24/2021	14	MVA	DOA -	Mutual Aid Given	Gateway
54	4/24/2021	17	EMS	Transport		
55	4/24/2021	23	BRUSH		Controlled Burn	
56	4/25/2021	0	MVA	no medical problem		
57	4/27/2021	0	EMS	Transport	mutual aid received	GJFD
58	4/27/2021	15	BRUSH	Brush Fire		
59	4/27/2021	18	EMS	Transport	Mutual Aid	GJFD

60	4/27/2021	21	OTHER	No Incident Found	Received	
61	4/27/2021	21	EMS	Transport		
62	4/28/2021	1	OTHER	Lift Assist		
63	4/28/2021	13	EMS	Transport		
64	4/29/2021	9	EMS	cancelled enroute	mutual aid given	Gateway
65	4/30/2021	13	SMOKE	No Incident Found		
66	4/30/2021	22	EMS	Transport		

Other Matters Before the Board

None

Open to the Public

Bill Thompson wanted to thank everyone from the department that responded to the call when his wife, Patricia Thompson had passed away. He said they responded quickly and professionally and while they could not save her, I really appreciate what they did. Lands End Fire presented him with a sympathy card.

Rich Phillips asked that they decode call 42. EOM- is East Orchard Mesa. Rich advised he is in favor of interviewing the members who are interested in the EMS coordinator position. Lastly, he said that on 6/7/21 at 5:30pm there is a meeting about Elk Run splitting up property. He believes that Chief is aware with this situation as that is his subdivision. Whitewater Sand and Gravel is the petitioner rather than a developer- to split off 10 acres and one to place a house. Rich plans on being at that meeting.

Mrs. Cravens was asked if she had a comment- said no but then went on to say it is great to come and learn about what is going on in the district and to see so many people who are passionate about helping others. Thank you for having us at the meetings.

Adjournment of meeting

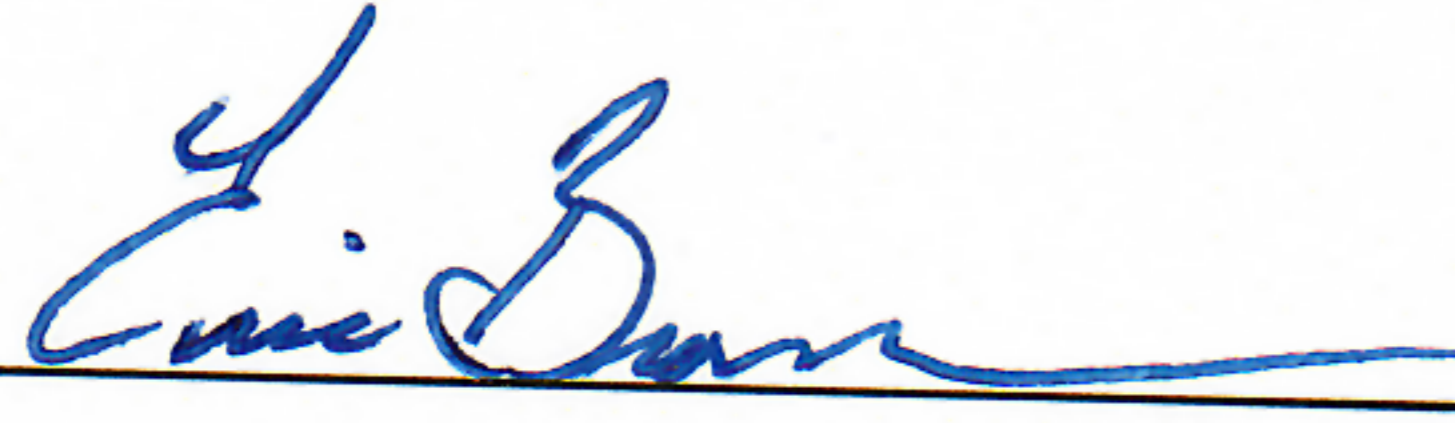
Chuck Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda Weber seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Eric Brown thanked for everyone for showing up.

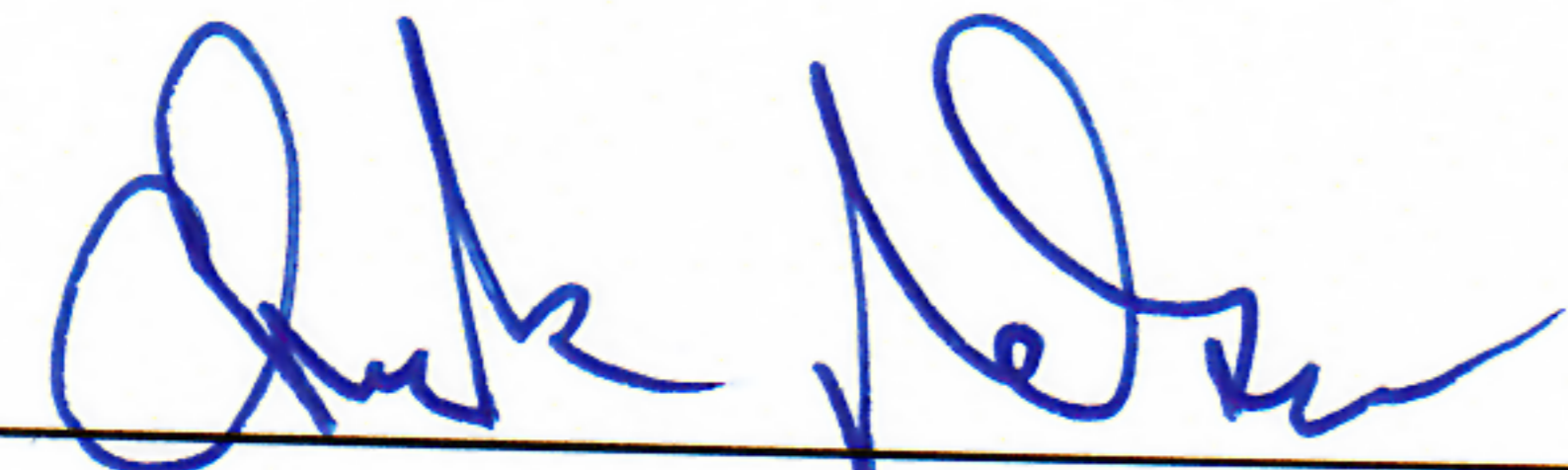
Next Board Meeting is June 22, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Cox, Board/Fire Chief Assistant
LANDS END FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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