CENTRAL ORCHARD MESA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting May 6, 2026

PENSION BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Murray Thiessen. In attendance were Eric Talley, John Sigle, Murray Thiessen, Darrell Charlesworth and Matt Thesing. Dave Gitchell had an excused absents. A quorum was established. Also in attendance were Chef Balke Administrative Assistant Stacy Cox, volunteer member Courtney Griffith.

> **MOTION** by Darrell Charlesworth and seconded by John Sigle to accept the March minutes as presented. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

Old Business-

Paid one mil levy to pension.

New Business-1st quarter reports were presented by Stacy. It was questions on how to lower the Mil levy paid into the pension plan. Stacy will research it.

MOTION by Darrell Charlesworth and seconded by Eric Talley to adjourn meeting. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 PM

FIRE BOARD MEETING:

Meeting called to order at 7:11 PM by Murray Thiessen. In attendance were Murray Thiessen, Eric Talley, John Sigle, Darrell Charlesworth. A quorum was established. Also in attendance were Chief Balke, Administrative Assistant Stacy Cox, and volunteer member Courtney Griffith.

MOTION by Eric Talley and seconded by Darrell Charlesworth to accept the January minutes was presented. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

ASA and Letter to County:

The Board was advised by Chief of the letter from Mesa County for both ASAs for COM and LEFPD. The plan is to purchase two new vehicles and hire on 8 part time permeant EMTs so the station can be manned 24/7 with 2 people per 12-hour shift so that no sleeping quarters are required.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Stacy Cox gave the 2026 year to date treasurer's report.
Stacy Cox went over the revenue and expenses so for this year.

$2011.06 Property Tax Revenue and a total of $281,211.37 income so far for 2026. $273,855.32 of that income is the grant payment for the tender via FEMA.

Total expenses year to date is $166,541.43 which is 59.27% due to the loan payment back to MCFA for the tender.

Being no questions, a **MOTION** by Eric Talley and seconded by Darrel Charlesworth to accept the year to date 2026 report as presented. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

Chief's Report

Mesa County Fire Authority – Fire Chief's Report
April 28, 2026

ADMINISTRATION

- I have posted for the Part-time Firefighter/EMT positions. We have received a couple of applications and several phone inquiries.
- We have had a couple of new volunteer applications. Continuing to interview candidates.
- I have been working on the response letter to the County Attorney on the action plan to reestablish the ambulance service.
- Working with the finance company and sellers on the purchase of the two new fire engines. The finance package is almost complete, and we will need to issue a check for the financing fee of $5,000.00. This is separate from the annual payments.

OPERATIONS

- For the month of March 2026 there were 26 Calls for service. For the period starting January 1, 2026, through the end of April 2026 there have been 89 calls.
- Continue to work with Mesa County Building Department and other fire agencies on the Wildfire Resiliency Code

TRAINING

- The Fire Academy is going strong with a total of 10 participants. At the end of each Sunday training, we have been spending time working on various station projects.
- On April 12th, we took the academy to the two sites in the Lands' End area that have cistern systems and performed drafting training. We alternated water tenders to demonstrate the difference in operation and to ensure both sites were functional.

FACILITY & EQUIPMENT

- We have 800 feet of new 1 ¾" fire hose on order.
- Working with the vendor to get on their schedule for SCBA Flow and Fit testing.
- A new refrigerator has been ordered and delivered.
- We had some electrical work done on station 51 for apparatus bay lights and electrical work performed at station 53 for the extractor placement. The new extractor has been installed and is fully functional

Other Matters before the Board:
None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

AJDOURMENT:

A **MOTION** was made by Darrell Charlesworth and seconded by Murray Talley to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried. Murray Thiessen adjourned the meeting at 7:51 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for October 7, 2026 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Cox: Administrative Assistant

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Attest: _____