

**MESA COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**June 28, 2022**

At 7:04 PM Chairman Wayne DeGesualdo called the meeting to order. Wayne DeGesualdo, Chuck Nelson, Tim Bevan, Eric Brown, Randy Zellner and Darrell Charlesworth were all in attendance.

Wayne DeGesualdo asked all in attendance to raise and recite the pledge of allegiance. Wayne DeGesualdo then opened with a prayer.

**Approval of the Minutes**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Signs:** Chief is not here but was told because of the placement of the lettering and materials of the vehicles magnetic signs will not work. He is looking at vinyl stickers to cover. Three companies have come and looked at either the building or trucks but we only received one quote back to date. When Chief arrived, he was asked to get another quote.

**Mission Statement:** Chairman Wayne DeGesualdo presented a rough draft of a mission statement and asked that everyone work on their ideas for a vision, mission and value statements and submit them to Stacy Cox or bring them to next meeting. Darrell Charlesworth said it needs to be a short mission statement so members can memorize it. It was stated that the mission statement should distinguish us from law enforcement.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**New Station Committee:** A meeting for the new station committee was set for Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 meeting at station 53. Will compile a list of times when station 51 has been used as a community center this year.

**Treasurers Report**

Chuck Nelson presented the treasurers report. He explained that our income from tax revenue has been bumped up. LEFPD wrote a check for \$67,466 and COMFPD wrote one for \$43,533 for second quarter tax revenue. Ambulance revenue is coming from COMFPD and they wrote another check for \$3,149 for that. June is 50% of the year and this shows how we are doing on our budget. A refund for the overpayment of the vehicle insurance has been received and applied back to the account. Still looking good on everything, we will have to watch all fuel line items and possibly adjust in the future due to rising costs but for now things look good. We did pre-paid propane for station 52 on line 308. It was questioned about the cost of medical supplies- explained had to replace a lot of expired items after the Authority was formed plus we have had an uptick in EMS calls. If needed an amended budget can be done in October as this is Mesa County Fire Authority's first year we just estimated at numbers and will have better data to base our budget on next year.

Randy Zellner made a motion to except the treasurer's report as presented. Darrell Charlesworth seconded the motion. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion Carried.

### **Chiefs Report**

Personal- Two new volunteers. One volunteer passed her Fire I, promoted three volunteers- 1 fire lieutenant and 1 EMS lieutenant, promoted one to assistant chief.

Vehicles: No issues- all in service

Grants:

Firefighters Safety and Disease Grant – ordered equipment for both COM and LEFPD grants. SCBAs (LEFPD) and Extrication equipment (COM) have been received- waiting for cleared checks so we can submit for reimbursement.

FEMA AFG (COM and LEFPD) tenders- are at the wait and see stage.

CDPHE Grant FY23 EMTS Provider Grant: Ambulance – Asked for \$190,305 received \$189,945 - *This is all thanks to Linda, Chuck and Chief. Linda wrote the grant and the other two did the interviews. Linda said that we could not have done it without Rich Phillips and the community support with the signatures and donations he solicited.*

Does not look like we can get NFIRS change from COM to MCFA.

Lexipol- Still working on it

Fundraiser: Raised \$3,520.05

Pie in the Face: \$150.00

Head Shaving: \$50.00

Dunk Tank: \$50

Palisade Pies \$160.00

Bake Sale \$57.00 (Courtney)

Tamales \$30.00 (Ashley Dahl)

Cotton Candy \$6.00

Donation Checks \$1100

Fill the Boot \$213

Auction: \$1679.05

Would like to allocate funds raised to fix up station 51 as that is what the volunteers would like to do with it. *Volunteers feel like Station 51 does not represent well and makes a bad impression on new members and they want to be able to take pride in their station. They don't feel like they can with the way station 51 is right now. Asked to come up with a plan and submit it.*

Next Fund Raiser- Plans changed. Looking at a haunted house and chili cook-off.

Signed the lease for station 52 for one more year for \$250.00.

Trainings: 1 fire, 2 EMS, 1 Business Meeting

June's Confined Space training- county wide training was canceled due to COVID

Calls-

37 Calls this month

Chief was asked about wildland team. Advised not able to get it up and going this year but it is his goal to have that in place for next year. One reason, classes were canceled at Fire Camp in Silda.

### **Other matters Before the Board:**

Chief said he would like to look at getting pay for the assistant chief. Has not had a chance to review the budget and meet with treasurer for review.

### **Public Comment:**

Rich Phillips is happy with the board and everything that is going here.

Rick Weber said he has been to COM station 51 several times- and would suggest that everyone views it. If you haven't it is depressing, it old and antiquated and needs to be fixed up, cleaned and organized but I agree there needs to be a plan. It was suggested that we host a meeting at this location one time.

Rick Weber said that he finally met up with Mike Kelleher as he has been gone and away from cell service. I am waiting on numbers, I need the cost of the tanks and burial of the tanks before the board can move on it. I am hoping to get the fiber glass guy there next week to find out the cost of the repairs. Once we get all the information the board can make a decision on it but it has been a slow process. Wayne thanked Rick for sticking with it and working on it.

Rick Weber asked about volunteers that are on our roles that do not respond to calls. Chief advised it is starting to be taken care of. He advised the SOPs have never been enforced at either department. The SOPs state you will make 30% of calls and 50% of trainings or you will be gone. We just sent out an email last month- stating you will make these requirements or you will be gone and asked that they sign and return them. So basically they have 3 months to fail- then they will meet with me and fix the issue. If the issues are not fixed in 3 months they will be released. Talked about volunteer appreciation- and Chief said that he bought the cups for everyone as a thank you gift.

### ***Adjournment of meeting***

Randy Zellner made a motion to adjourn the board meeting Darrell Charlesworth seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:39PM.

Next Board Meeting is July 26, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Cox, Board/Fire Chief Assistant

Mesa County Fire Authority

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