# LANDS END FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MONTHLY

BOARD MEETING - October 27, 2020

At 7:00PM Chairman Eric Brown called the meeting to order. Chuck Nelson, Linda Weber, and Wayne DeGesualdo were also present for the board.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Eric Brown thanked everyone for saying the Pledge of Allegiance and he thanked Wayne DeGesualdo for running last months meeting.

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Eric Brown said that he is sorry he missed presenting the plaque and honoring Jeff last month. Correct Honor Former Board Meeting to Board Member. Linda Weber made a motion to approve the minutes. Chuck Nelson seconded the motion. All in and favor motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

East End- Did not have a meeting last month. Palisade and Clifton are moving forward at a quicker pace because of Richard Rupp being gone. The Chief at Central Orchard Mesa Fire Protect District is retiring and that will leave them in a little bit of a limbo. Lands End Fire Protect District and Clifton Fire will be helping them out temporally while Central Orchard Mesa figures out how they will move forward. Chris Rowland would like a formal automatic mutual aid agreement in place. Motion was made by Linda Weber to have an automatic mutual aid agreement between Central Orchard Mesa Fire Protect District and Lands End Fire Protect District to assist Central Orchard Mesa until February 2021 and at that time the aid agreement can be revisited. Chuck Nelson seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

## Treasurers Report

Linda Weber gave the treasurers report, which covered January 1 2020 through October 27, 2020. It was reported that everything is where it should be and looks good. Linda explained that a budget meeting was held with Chief Lurvey, Eric Brown, Lt. Sam Craven, Stacy Cox and herself. Linda Weber explained that at the time of the budget meeting the assessed value for next year was not yet released. Those numbers were just released and there was a slight increase so an additional \$9,000 was moved into 801, 802 and 803 since the budget meeting. Gallagher this year stayed the same so the Residential Assessment Rate will be at 7.15 percent. There were not many changes from last years budget other than putting more into 700 for volunteer benefits. The reason behind this is so that we can increase the stipend to our members who take the daytime driver-on-call shift which will put two people at the station from 8-5 Monday through Friday. Also, increased the weekend pay for on call shifts so we always have someone responsible for responding by radio to page outs. Estimating \$17,000 in

grants but with COVID unsure what will happen with grants next year. Linda Weber asked the public if they had any questions about the budget and they responded they did not. Chuck Nelson made a motion to approve the 2021 budget. Wayne DeGesualdo seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

## Chief's Report

October 2020 Chiefs Report

Personnel- no changes. There are a few people that are thinking about coming on and we are looking at doing an academy in 2021.

Vehicles- E 111 still out of service. The pump had some issues and we thought it was a packing issue but once Richard Rupp got into it he realized that we had some water going into the gear boxes. He does not believe it ruined anything but we are currently waiting on parts to fix it. A-111 had issues on a transport and is currently at Dodge. A-111 is a 2019 with about 4,000 miles on it so it should be covered by warranty. Waiting to hear back with more information from Dodge.

Grants- currently not working on any.

Working on purchasing Rescue gear for new members- which will run about \$750.00 for pants and jacket.

#### Calls:

Sept 2019 – 19 calls

Sept 2020- 14 calls

YTD 2019- 157

YTD 2020- 164

Incident		Time	
#	Date	24 hr	Type
151	1-Sep	9	<b>EMS</b>
152	4-Sep	10	<b>EMS</b>
153	6-Sep	10	<b>EMS</b>
154	6-Sep	23	<b>EMS</b>
155	7-Sep	7	Smoke Illegal
156	7-Sep	14	burn
157	8-Sep	2	<b>EMS</b>
158	12-Sep	13	MVA

159	15-Sep	16	Alarm
160	15-Sep	17	Alarm
161	18-Sep	9	<b>EMS</b>
162	26-Sep	10	<b>EMS</b>
163	26-Sep	23	<b>EMS</b>
164	26-Sep	23	<b>EMS</b>

Chief Lurvey said that he went to a meeting about the Palisade Plunge and learned that about 75% of the trail is in Lands End Fire Protection District. The sections that are in our district seem to be mild and lower risk. It appears that once it clears our district and drops into Palisade it becomes very technical. Search and rescue has told us that there's only one access point and that's up at Lands End Road. I think is right around Bob's Nob, three miles from the top three miles from that and we can access it there. But we have to walk, potentially, 13 miles up to the top of it, or up to eight miles down to where they can drive a car so it's only accessible by foot. They do have about four areas where they can land a helicopter. And search and rescue basically understands this they know that and they've got signs all the way down the Palisade Plunge on mile markers for when these people wipe out. Maybe they'll at least be able to know where they're at and they can bring in search and rescue.

### Training- S. Craven

Starting next month, we will be working on the driving training. Lands End Fire will look at doing an academy in 2021 as Clifton is not looking at bring anyone else on at this time. For other trainings such as Fire 1 we may be partnering with Clifton Fire and doing a joint training and then possibly the end of 2021, we might put on a hazmat class. Five EMTS on protocol and 2 getting on protocol.

#### **Open Board Seat**

Kent Clinkingbeard was present at the meeting and advised he would be interested in filling the empty board seat. At 7:49 PM Chairman Eric Brown called for executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(F). The board and Kent Clinkingbeard moved to an executive session. The board and Kent Clinkingbeard ended the executive session and rejoined the public at 8:19 PM. Linda Weber made a motion to appointment Kent Clinkbeard to the board filling the position member at large. Chuck Nelson seconded the motion All were in favor, motion carried. Kent Clinkingbeard with join the board in November and sign his oath of office.

#### Other Issues Before the Board

The individual that is on workers comp has been sent to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party for evaluation, it is his findings that the individual has reached their maximum amount of medical

improvement and is sending those finds to the primary doctor overseeing their care. If they agree then a settlement will be offered and benefits terminated. This individual did have another surgery.

Christmas Party for board and volunteers will be on December 19<sup>th</sup> also inviting our one public member who always shows up- Rich Phillips.

## Open to the Public

Rich Phillips thanked the fire department for allowing the cemetery association the use of the building for their meeting. The cemetery association presented a check to the auxiliary as a thank you for the use of the building.

Chairmen Eric Brown did want to thank everyone, board members, volunteer members and the public for their continued support and dedication to the station and everyone's health and wellbeing.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Next Board Meeting is November 24, 2020. Stacy will be on vacation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Cox, Board/Fire Chief Assistant

LANDS END FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

**ATTEST** 

**ATTEST**