

MESA COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2022

At 7:24 PM Wayne DeGesualdo called the meeting to order. Wayne DeGesualdo, Eric Brown, Chuck Nelson, Darrell Charlesworth, and Randy Zellner were present for the board.

Wayne DeGesualdo said an opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes

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

OLD BUSINESS

Signs

Chief Cox advised that all vehicles and building signs are complete and paid for.

NEW BUSINESS

Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest on the Board

Each board member was asked does anyone of the board have a conflict of interest regarding the fire department or have a personal financial (monetary or gift) gain in dealing with the fire department? Each in turn answered no.

Resolution to designate date, time and location of all meetings for 2023

Resolution to designate MCFA board meetings to be at 7 PM the 4th Tuesday each month starting January 2023 at 34980 Pronghorn Drive, Whitewater, CO unless otherwise cancelled was presented and signed. Also the "24-hour notice of meeting" to be posted at the Whitewater Post Office and on the website at mesacountyfireauthority.com.

Approval from the Board to apply for Exempt from Audit

Randy Zellner made a motion to approve the filing for an Exemption from Audit for the year 2022. Eric Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Chuck Nelson presented the final 2022 treasurers report. We ended the year over all in good shape as MCFA only spent 77.25% of annual budget last year. Advised one month into year 2023 and there is not a lot to report. Chief has been conservative with spending so far this year. Do need to be aware of a couple of things. One is the gas/electric bills so far this year- these expenses will go over as fuel for vehicles may as well due to raising costs. Randy Zellner made a

motion to approve the treasurer report as written. Darrell Charlesworth seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Chiefs Report

Personal- two resigned, one released, have interview for a new one tomorrow, and another that has been approved but is out of state for a while dealing with an estate.

Vehicles: ENG 51 in out of service, Recuse 51 went to the shop 1/23, all other in service.

Grants:

FEMA AFG (COM and LEFPD) COM working with vender to get it ordered
LEFPD didn't not receive it

FFSD 2022 Grant- gear is coming in.

FEMA AFG – applying for a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) vehicle

Firefighter Safety and Disease Grant- Applying for TICs

Trainings: 2 Fire, 2 EMS, EMS Conference Attended by Chevelle, Jennifer, Valery and myself

Currently have one volunteer in EMS class another starting January 30th

Calls-

Image Trend in going through an update/change unable to pull reports at this time

Ended 2022 with 405 calls

Year to date 17 calls

Other Matters before the Board:

Wayne DeGesualdo presented the board by email a job description for the Chief's position. All of the board members other than Randy Zellner who did not check his email have read it. Wayne asked if he has a motion to accept the job description. Darrell Charlesworth made the motion to accept the job description as presented. Chuck Nelson seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried. They presented it to Chief Cox so that he now has a complete job description and said they would email the administrative assistant a copy.

Wayne DeGesualdo presented Chief Cox with a letter for his personal file. Some discussion took place about communication with a volunteer. Chief Cox signed the letter for his file as did all board members.

Public Comment:

Dave Hancock said that as far as recruiting goes WCCC holds a job fair every couple of months or so. That might be a way to find volunteers.

Chief Cox asked about creating citizens auxiliary to help with the department for fundraising and other issues. The board is excited about the idea and believes if the community knows there is a need to help they will step up. The board will help Stacy create a form to go out with our May flyer for the June fundraiser asking for volunteers for fund raising and other issues including being a driver. Stacy will reach out to insurance to see what that might look like. Talked about how we would communicate with citizens about our needs- Group Me was suggested as a way to communicate.

Adjournment of meeting

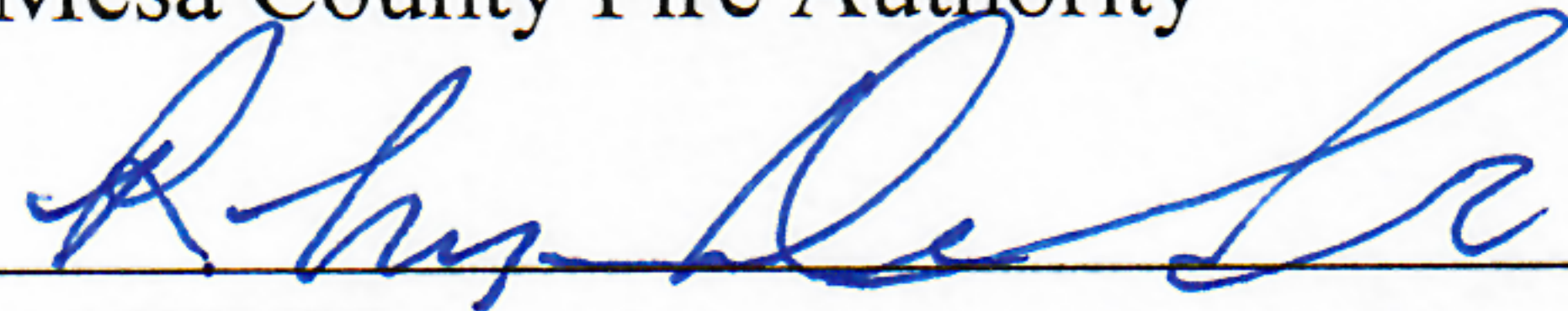
Chuck Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Darrell Charlesworth seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 PM.

Next Board Meeting is February 28, 2023.

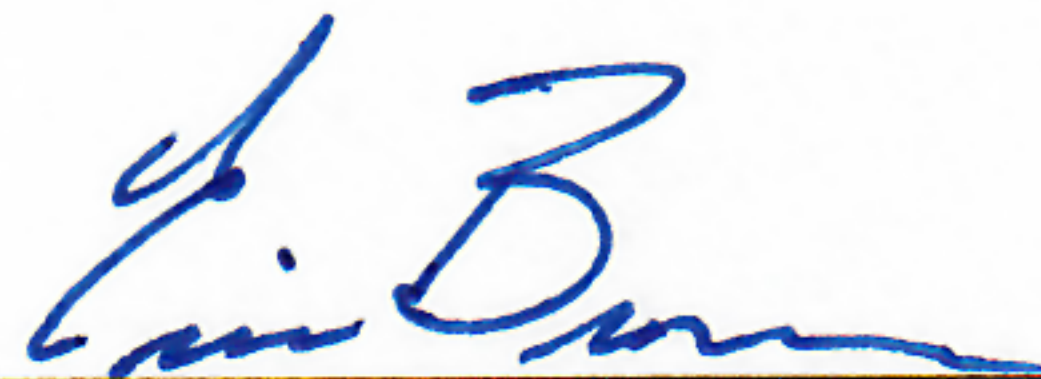
Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Cox, Board/Fire Chief Assistant

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