

LANDS END FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MONTHLY

BOARD MEETING, September 22, 2020

At 7:00PM CO-Chairman Wayne DeGesualdo called the meeting to order. Chuck Nelson, Linda Weber, and Wayne DeGesualdo were present for the board. Eric Brown had an excused absence.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CO-Chairman Wayne DeGesualdo thanked everyone for saying the Pledge of Allegiance

GUEST SPEAKER

CO-Chairman Wayne DeGesualdo turned the floor over to Speaker Karen Sjoberg, Citizens for Clean Air. Karen talked about an air particle collector that they were seeking approval on to place on the outside of 34980 Pronghorn Dr. It would need the electric and WIFI from the station to power it. Linda Weber advised that we may not have the authority to grant that permission to your 501 c three companies. And the reason I say that is because your website has some controversial aspects to it where you might not be for oil and gas in the industry you might not be for open burning in the industry. You might not be for some other things that maybe our district is for. We don't want our district to think we are favoring one thing over another. So as this board member I don't know that we can't do that. I don't, I don't know if my public will say, because we don't know what you're going to do with the information. Chuck Nelson said it sounds like we can't to anything without a phone call to the lawyer first so we can find out if we can do it and then if we can we can certainly discuss it. Chuck asked Karen if she has talked with anybody else in whitewater such as post office or Mesa County facilities that are out here. There are other places in Whitewater that may be less controversial than we are. Karen left her card and the board thanked her for her time.

MEETING MINUTES

CO-Chairman Wayne DeGesualdo asked if there were any corrections or additions to the August minutes. Chief Brian Lurvey said Wayne pointed out something which I think it just was just worded a little weird. That last bit that where it said Chief Lurvey said it until we can improve our response times 24/7 he does not see us moving forward. I think kind of what that was in context with is the overall complete, like just all of us under one roof right now. They're still steps to get there, just a little bit of clarification on that. Chuck Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes and Wayne DeGesualdo seconded the motion. All board members were in favor and motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

East End- Chief Brian said that they are gathering everyone's vision for the East End Collaboration. Clifton, East already turned theirs in and he wrote in Lands End's. It would seem all the departments are wanting different things at different times or different speeds. Palisade and Clifton are more than like ready to do something very soon but in separate meetings. While the rest work towards joint trainings, the EMS stuff, our pump tests, our ladder tests and things like that, which can be collaborated on and help reduce costs and I think is the ultimate end.

Open Board Seat

Still open, no rush to fill it.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurers Report

Linda Weber gave the treasures report, Advised budget wise, the department is doing fine for the year. We have spent 63% of our budget and we are through three quarters of the year.

Budget Committee

Linda Weber advised that we have not received our assessment rate for the year yet, that we usually get on August 31. But due to COVID, they don't have to send it to us till mid-October. We went ahead and did our budget based on last year's number which is probably close, if not a little low. I really expect our numbers to be a little higher, just because valuations are a little higher. So these numbers are based on last year's numbers. We lowered our grant money because we don't know what this next year will bring with grants. This year, because of COVID, we didn't have any. We left Ambulance's income the same. We didn't change too many categories. Please take it home and review it this month. We'll have another discussion and public comments on the budget next month. The budget notice will be advertised in the paper and the post office. Linda Weber made a motion to accept the preliminary budget. Chuck Nelson seconds the motion. All in favor- motion carried.

Chief's Report

Chief's Report September 2020

Personnel: No changes in personnel status other than Chevelle Fronczek is now on protocols and can run EMT without supervision.

Vehicles: Engine 111 (Pierce) – is getting the pump worked on. A-112 (backup ambulance) is having electrical issues and we are trying to figure out who to take it to. Equipment – Working with MES to purchase TechGen equipment (dual certified PPE, wildland and vehicle extrication.)

Grants: No New Grants

East end collaboration:

Sent a letter with our expectations. Should be receiving a copy of everyone's at the next meeting.

EMS Supplies- we have begun to order our EMS supplies from Clifton. So far it is working out good.

Calls July 2020:

August 2020- 18

August 2019- 25 Decrease of 28%

YTD 2019-138

YTD 2020-1150 Increase of 9%

Aug-20				
Incident #	Date	Time 24hr	Call Type	
133	8-Aug	21	Brush	
134	10-Aug	19	Illegal Burn	
135	11-Aug	13	Smoke Check	
136	11-Aug	13	Vehicle Fire	
137	13-Aug	11	Brush	
138	13-Aug	17	Brush	No Incident Found
139	13-Aug	18	Dispatch Mistake	
140	16-Aug	20	Structure	No Incident Found
141	20-Aug	18	EMS	
142	21-Aug	17	EMS	
143	23-Aug	15	EMS	
144	26-Aug	14	Vehicle Fire	
145	26-Aug	23	Brush	
146	27-Aug	17	MVA	
147	28-Aug	17	Brush	
148	29-Aug	12	No Incident Found	
149	29-Aug	13	MVA	

150	31- Aug	19	EMS	
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Chief Brian Lurvey talked about the possibility of doing LDT and providing support to wildland fire efforts next year as a source of income. Advised that there are many considerations and things that would have to happen and be in place before we even really look at it seriously.

Training- Sam Craven advised starting Driver Operator Utility and then looking at Fire One Academy after the driving training. Only cost was the books for driver Operator and Fire One we will help with the cost of the live burn facility.

Honoring A Former Board Meeting

CO-Chairman Wayne DeGesualdo advised Jeff, it's a pleasure to have you here. It was a tough, you know, coming on the board and then two months later yeah stepped down because I look forward to working with us. We have a little plaque for you. Just to recognize all the sacrifice and effort leadership that you put into making lens and fire protection district what it is today. So it takes a lot of hands but so many people here, go above and beyond, no pay you do it for our neighbors for our community, right, and you live, live lead by example. We wanted to recognize you.

Linda Weber said, "Speaking of that, when I think about you that's the first thing I think of your love of God and then your love of country. Your always inspired each of us to reach out for those two things. I've always admired you for publicly speaking, those thoughts and emotions like that. And you know, while you remind us of our duty to country you've always, you've always cautioned us to watch out for what's ahead. And at your last at your last meeting and cautioned us strongly about what was coming ahead. I know it's a public setting and we have to be mindful of our comments but you always stretch those limits, by speaking your mind boldly and going forward with your belief that freedom is not free. And I admire you for that and I thank you for that leadership."

Chuck Nelson briefly addressed Jeff and said he cannot say anything that has not already been said, but thanked him for his service and dedication.

Jeff Prinster thanked everyone for the plaque and their service.

Open to the Public

Rich Phillips did not realize he has been coming here for over eight and half years to the stations meeting. He would also like to use the station for a Cemetery Association boarding meeting on October 10th between noon and 1:30. Stacy Cox verified it was available and he is able to use it.

Rick Weber had two comments. One is he will review the website of the speaker and if there is any anti fracking or anti burning on the website his vote would be against allowing them to use the station. Rick Weber also asked about the status of the injured volunteer. Board advised that she has been approved for another surgery but there are somethings in question that are being looked into but the good news is that it will not kill our workers comp premium the estimate for our new premium also went up about \$1000 a year.

Chuck Nelson made a motion to adjourn. Linda Weber seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Next Board Meeting is October 27, 2020

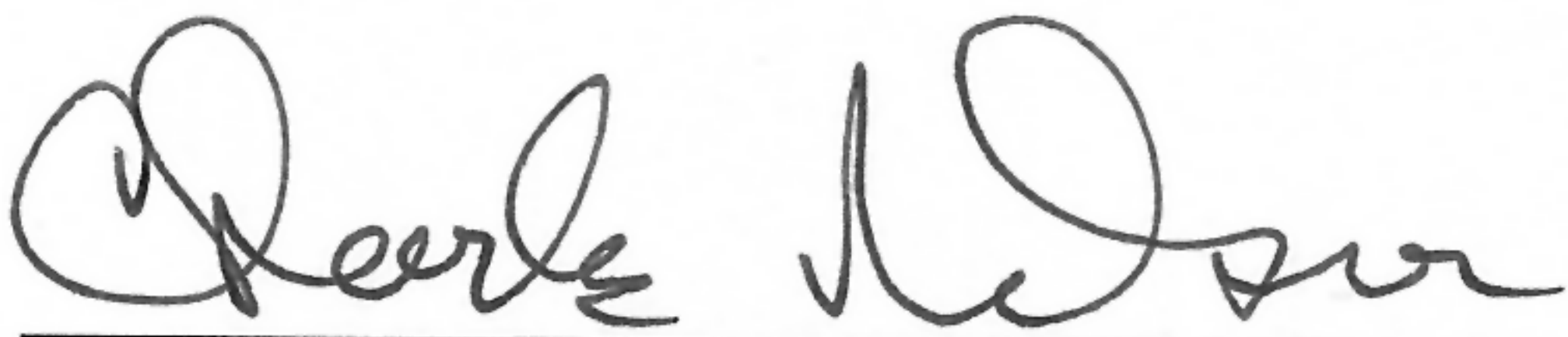
Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Cox, Board/Fire Chief Assistant

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