

CENTRAL ORCHARD MESA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting – March 2, 2022

PENSION BOARD MEETING:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Randy Patterson. In attendance were Dave Gitchell, John Sigle, Darrell Charlesworth and Tim Bevan. Randy Zellner was absent with an excused absence. A quorum was established. Others in attendance were Fire Chief Shawn Cox, Stacy Cox and Administrative Assistant Linda Weber.

OLD PENSION BUSINESS:

MOTION by Tim Bevan and seconded by Darrell Charlesworth to approve the board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

NEW PENSION BUSINESS:

Linda Weber reported on the year end 2021 financial report from FPPA. Fund balance at the end of the year after payments to members and expenses was \$187,328.76. This is a \$32,772.93 increase in ending fund balance from the previous year. The contribution report for 2021 was \$35,478.00 from Central Orchard Mesa Fire and \$8,615.00 from the State of Colorado.

Linda Weber reported that Dave Gitchell informed her of a need for a change in the status of Shawn Cox. Since he is now a full-time fire chief, his status with FPPA needs changed. They will be moving him to the Statewide Defined Benefit Program. He has the opportunity to recapture year 2021 service if he, and the district, want to pay the back fees. Linda is in contact with FPPA and they are working out the details of the change and what the recapture cost would be.

Being no other pension board business Randy Patterson closed the meeting at 7:09 PM.

FIRE BOARD MEETING:

Meeting called to order at 7:09 PM by President Randy Patterson with board members John Sigle, Darrell Charlesworth and Tim Bevan in attendance. Randy Zellner was absent with excused absence. A quorum was established. Other's present were Chief Shawn Cox, Dave Gitchell, Stacy Cox and Administrative Assistant Linda Weber.

Minutes of the January 2022 meeting was read. **MOTION** by Tim Bevan and seconded by Darrell Charlesworth to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Linda Weber gave the treasurers report. Total income for the year stands at \$27,018.83 and total expenses for the year at \$15,623.54. Current bank balance of all accounts stands at \$272,812.87. Currently at 3.45% of budget for the year. Being no questions a **MOTION** by Tim Bevan and seconded by Darrell Charlesworth to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Darrell Charlesworth talked about the revenue other districts receive from the oil and gas industry. He feels the Authority should check into why both districts aren't receiving funds for this industry in our districts. Both the Fire Chief and Linda Weber will do some investigation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Linda Weber asked Tim Bevan and Darrell Charlesworth if they had any conflict of interest or monetary gain from serving as board members on the department. Both said no.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION by Tim Bevan and seconded by Darrell Charlesworth to approve the Resolution to apply for Exemption from Audit for the year 2021. Motion approved.

MOTION Tim Bevan and seconded by Darrell Charlesworth to adopt the new ambulance rates for year 2022 as calculated in accordance with the Mesa County EMS Resolution and the CPI formula. Further adopt a new mileage rate of \$22.00 per mile. Motion carried.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Authority:

Things are going well. Running calls under COM and canceling LEFP in route. Until the Authority is up and running with dispatch we will still be billed \$10 per call for both districts. Meeting with dispatch tomorrow at 9am for testing for MCFA dispatch, if testing goes well, will go live Friday or Monday.

Our bylaws have been created and adopted.

We are working under COM SOPS/SOGS until we finish MCFA SOPS, currently seeking examples for other departments for points of reference. Darrell Charlesworth said he would get a copy of their SOP's on a thumb drive for our use.

COM received approval today on the Firefighter Safety and Disease Grant for extrication equipment. This was a 100% funded grant and we will be purchasing \$15,969.00 in equipment.

Waiting to hear on the Lands End grant. Should hear soon.

Trainings:

Are going well, doing both fire and EMS- also completed ice rescue training and radio training in the last couple of months.

Personnel:

One person resigned, two on LOA, one new person who is EMT but not on protocol yet.

Calls:

54 calls as of today

Miscellaneous:

I attended the National Fire Academy here in Grand Junction in early February, it was Chief Officer Training Course and the topic was leadership. The course is HR in Loveland in May.

Have had some people talk to me about taking over the Gateway-Unawep District. They are currently working with only one EMT on protocol. There is much to consider in taking this district over. Lands End used to have an automatic aid agreement with Gateway to respond to any calls up to Divide Road/Catus Park area. That has since been cancelled by Gateway. We can

respond quicker from our area to that location. It takes Gateway over 30 minutes to get there. Will update the board of any further information.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

AJDOURMENT:

Randy Patterson adjourned the meeting at 7:43 PM.
Next meeting scheduled for May 4, 2022

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Weber: Administrative Assistant

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Attest: