

**MESA COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

January 25, 2022

At 7:25PM Wayne DeGesualdo called the meeting to order. Wayne DeGesualdo, Eric Brown, Chuck Nelson, Tim Bevan, and Randy Zellner were present for the board.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

OLD BUSINESS

Personnel Issue

It was asked if the volunteer would like to discuss it in open session or executive session. The volunteer opted for executive session. A motion was made by Chuck Nelson to enter Executive Session pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S. Randy Zellner seconded the motion. Executive session was entered at 7:30pm and ended at 8:20pm. There was good discussion and will be further investigation.

NEW BUSINESS

Bylaws

All board members have been presented with the bylaws that were provided by our attorney. It was noted that we do not have to approve them tonight but need to review and discuss them. The following was discussed:

1. A correction of regular board meetings from Thursday to Tuesday was noted.
2. The other change noted was the call of order of the meeting and when to ask for public input.
3. The current by-laws states there shall be a permanent audit committee composed of the treasurer and one other member of the board. Neither district has ever had a committee. Tim Bevan suggested as small as the board is that we do not need a committee.

Next step is to send changes back to the attorney and then approve them at the next board meeting. Randy Zellner asked why we must send it back to the attorney, can we just make our own changes and then approve them at the next meeting. Wayne

DeGesualdo recommend that we move forward on that suggestion and we make the changes.

Minutes from Last Meeting

Chuck Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes from January 7th board meeting as presented. Randy Zellner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Chuck Nelson presented the treasurers report. Advised one month is into the Authority and there is not a lot to report. Chief has been conservative with spending so far. We will need to make decisions on insurance and a few things. 402 is at 100% but that is an annual expense so no more charges there this year. 807 is also a yearly expense. 801 is a little concerning as that is a lot of money but we will have to see how that will go. Randy Zellner asked 801 is for. Chuck explained that is for volunteer stipends for on call shifts and pay per call. Chuck also explained that for some of these categories we just won't know how they stack up until we get several months down the road. Tim Bevan made a motion to approve the treasurer report as written. Eric Brown seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Chiefs Report

Personnel: Chief Cox advised we have two personnel on leave of absence. One is super busy and one is thinking about moving to Alaska, so not sure either will come back but they have three months to decide. Two members have passed their NREMT test and are working on getting on protocol.

Vehicles: Chief Cox explained that Ambulance 52 is back in service, the fuel gauge has been repaired and the new gurney installed. It has also had a DOT inspection and lights replaced. Ambulance 53 is now at the shop; it has a bad oil cooler, which is why the coolant got all gummed up and why the heater would not work in the back. They got parts in Friday and should be getting it back any day.

Grants: We received the drinking water from a grant that Stacy Cox wrote last year. Close to 5,000 cans of water. The Firefighter Safety and Disease grant is for SCBAs for Lands End Fire and extrication equipment for Central Orchard Mesa.

those are closed and we should be hearing about them in the next several weeks. It is 100% match up to \$20,000. The AFG grant closed the 15th of January- Type one tactical tender for LEFP and 4,000-gallon Tender for COM. This grant is a 95% match if we receive it. Both the Firefighter Safety and Disease and the AFG grants were written for each district. CDPHE Grant is for a new ambulance, which Linda Weber is writing. The pre-grant closes on February 8, 2022 and actual grant application will close on February 15th. The cost of the ambulance is about \$211,000. This is a normal 50/50 matching grant but we are asking for a financial waiver to 10% match. This is the first grant written under the Authority.

Linda Weber advised that we went to the county commissioners meeting today and thanked them for their letter of support and to make sure that new chief got out in front of them so they know who he is when he starts asking them for land and help with the new station.

Linda also advised that Shawn and her went to Meeker for a seminar on help to write the grant. It was put on by Northwest Retac and one of the things they suggested is community support. As we don't have a lot of retail business to give us financial support in our district, as a result Linda made out a form for Rich Phillips to go out and get community support from his neighbors. Rich Phillips collected 129 signatures and \$167 which does not go very far to buy an ambulance, but the support will be huge for the grant. They will be really impressed that went out to get grant funding and support for the ambulance. We have letters of support from City of Grand Junction, Gateway, Mesa County Fire Chiefs Association, Mesa County EMS and Mesa County Commissioners.

FTO Program: Just started a FTO program for EMS. We have six people taking the class and four of them are eligible to be FTOs.

Dispatch: Meet with them last week and got maps of response times from each station to our coverage area. They are on the desk there for review. Station 52 has the best response times for both districts. Dispatch is looking at two weeks to three months to get everything changed over to the authority, they are hoping for sooner rather than later, so they do not have to dispatch both agencies.

EMS Concern: MCEMS has provided us with an action plan that covers our ASA assignment. The plan is great and I have provided you with a copy of it. I am meeting with Chris tomorrow to go over ASA stuff and just get educated and figure out what both districts have not been doing correctly.

Website: We have two quotes on website. One is super detailed and the other is super simple. Asked if we can make changes it to it, advised yes both companies will train us to update and maintain it. Board advised to go with which every company that we believe will be most responsive and work with us.

Calls: We have had 18 calls so far this year. I will have call details for you next month.

Trainings: Have ice rescue training, training on the new gurney and power chair, two EMS trainings and tonight's training is protocols.

Memorial: See the memorial in the back. We need to come up with when we would like to do a dedication and reveal for that memorial in honor of Jamin and the gurney for Jim Rooks. Tim Bevan will talk with the family of Jim Rooks to see when might be a good time.

Insurance Meeting: February 11th here at the station for SDA Pool insurance, they offer may benefits that would be good for the station.

Chuck asked where Chevelle is at on her ALS protocols. Shawn explained that she must retake ACLs and PALs. She is scheduled for the end of the months he thinks and then 3 months of monitored calls.

Public Comment:

Rick Weber has two questions. One how much is the stipend for volunteer members? Two is with the understanding they are volunteers is there any written duty sheet, SOP, training, or time to maintain equipment, cleaning etc, that is asked of them while they are at the station getting that stipend.

Chief Cox advised there are no SOPs in place yet about this as Central's SOPs did not have something in place but they do have to do the 3 ambulance checks each day and they are going a good job and keeping this space and the office space at 51 cleaned.

Wayne said that it is a great questions and I think we need clear duties spelled out and expectations are clear in SOPs and SOGs and I will work on that with Shawn.

For the stipend it is \$100.00 for Primary EMT M-F, \$75.00 for Driver on Protocol M-F, \$50.00 for non-protocol Driver M-F. Weekend and Nights are \$30.00 for Primary and \$25.00 for driver. Shifts are 8 to 8 but only required to be at the station 8-5.

Rick Weber also asked about the memorial. Shawn presented the memorial to the board and public, showed how it has engraved tags for all volunteers and board members who have fallen and room for more if ever needed. It was further explained an outside memorial we be built once the new station is built. Samuel D. Craven turned in his letter of resignation. The board thanked him for his service.

Adjournment of meeting

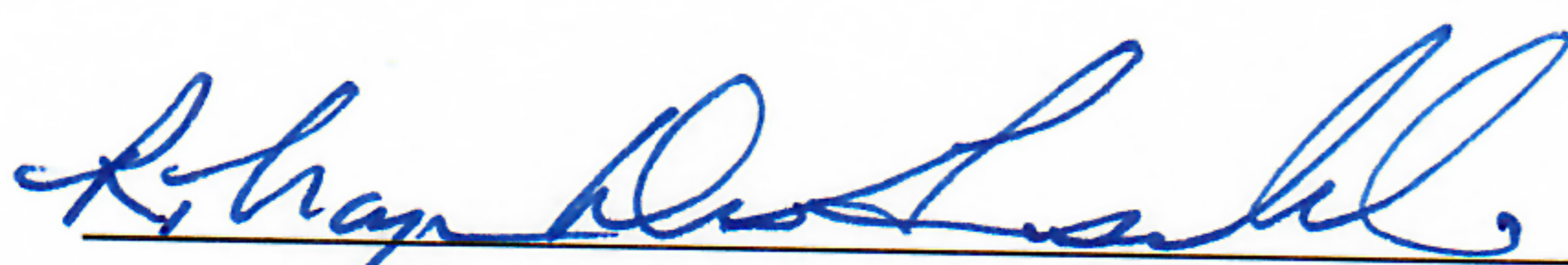
Randy Zellner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim Bevan seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Next Board Meeting is February 22, 2022.

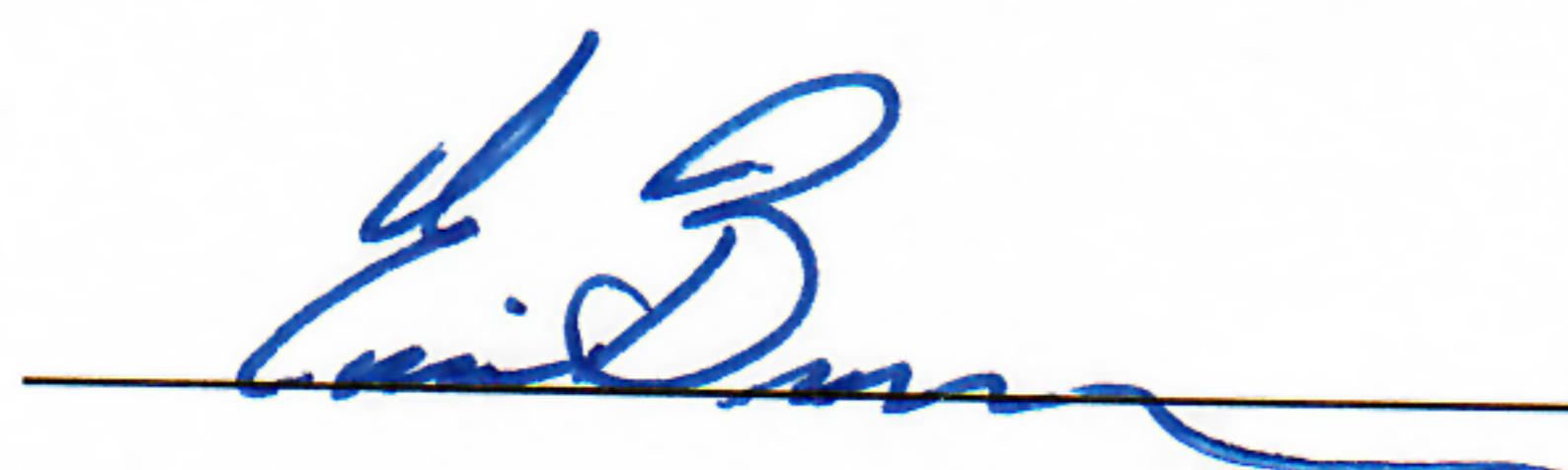
Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Cox, Board/Fire Chief Assistant

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