

MESA COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2023

At 7:22 PM Wayne DeGesualdo called the meeting to order. Wayne DeGesualdo, Eric Brown, Chuck Nelson, and Eric Talley were present for the board. Randy Zellner had an excused absence.

Wayne DeGesualdo said an opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes

Wayne DeGesualdo asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes. Eric Talley made a motion to accept the August minutes as presented. Eric Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Tanks

Chief Charlesworth said he has talked with JCP Fiberglass and he has all the materials necessary to repair the tanks and they should be completed this week or next. Chief Charlesworth said Bill Ogle from Sorter Construction is still on target to install the tanks before this winter.

Handbook

On hold, will resume working on this soon. Wayne DeGesualdo said he was spoke with an attorney he knew at the Special Districts Association workshop and they have several handbooks available and we were welcome to use them it would be of help.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurers Report

Chuck Nelson presented the year-to-date treasurer's report. Chuck said everything is looking really good, We are 75% through the year and we have received 70% of our projected income. We are still receiving some income from ambulance runs from 2022. We've used approximately 35% of our projected expenses for the year so there is plenty of funds available for the Chief to use. Some categories are over the estimated costs, #207, Contract Services Expense, #303 for Lexipol. Then there are the utility expenses that we are adjusting for next year's budget. #400 is well within budget and will probably carry over to next year, #800 is one of our largest expense categories but is well within budget for the year. In summary, there is still money to be used when needed.

Last week we opened up another CD account with ANB Bank. It is a 6 month CD in the amount of \$235,000 earning 4.75% interest. We are going to be making about \$3,000 a month from our accounts.

We will hopefully put \$12,000 into the vehicle account next year.

The 2024 Budget Committee consisting of Stacy Cox, Dave Hancock, Chuck Nelson, Murray Thiessen and Chief Charlesworth will meet Tuesday, October 10th at 7 PM at Station 53. They will be tasked with preparing a preliminary budget for MCFA for 2024 for the next aboard meeting.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report made by Eric Talley and seconded by Eric Brown. All in favor, motion carried.

Chiefs Report

Proposed Developments in the District:

A commercial development off of B ½ road is proposed but there isn't enough water pressure for the development. There is also a proposal for 100 tiny homes but water is an issue. Ute water is the supplier with a Clifton water line in the same area feeding properties in Whitewater.

The new subdivision in Whitewater proper has been approved. Rich Phillips asked about the water flow for fire use. Chief Charlesworth was going to check and see what the final outcome of the requirements were and report back to Rich Phillips and Wayne DeGesualdo. Chief will give a report at the next board meeting.

We have a new member, Jeremy Ishum. Welcome to Jeremy and happy to have you aboard.

First week:

Got passwords and got set up on Image Trend for report writing. Did some driveway inspections. Went by all of the stations, got ideas for cleaning and sorting equipment, did some weed abatement this is an ongoing project, and got cleared to run supervised calls.

Week two:

Ran first call, all went well and the report was accepted by EMS Coordinator Chris Rowland. Did more driveway inspections, had a meeting with county planning on subdivision of water requirement for commercial development.

We had a significant fire behind the Valley Vista subdivision, all members performed well, we called east orchard mesa for a water tender and we were able to get some of the new members some experience in a safe environment.

Had a call for structure fire at Vino Tinto subdivision. It turned out to be an out building and actually turned into an additional brush fire where we were fighting a brush fire in bunker gear, not an easy task. There were 5-7 mile an hour winds and it was touch and

go for awhile but we caught it before it went into the wash. Everyone performed very well.

Week three:

Started to clean up at station 51, 52 and 53, lots to do, started working on the daily, weekly and monthly truck check sheets. Ambulance sheets will be turned in to Chris Rowland for inspection. Class B uniforms taken to Buds signs for the new logo to be embroidered on the shoulder. New badges were ordered, total cost of \$2200.00 and some change; we will get back \$132.00 when they process our tax-exempt number. Had a water leak at station 51, Chris and I replaced the wax ring on the toilet. Shawn is making progress on rescue 51 and should have the tank out and getting repaired soon.

Week four:

I was on vacation.

Rescue 51 tank has been removed and went to the shop to weld all the seams back together. Will be ready to pick up on Monday the 25th. Brush Truck went to Helsinki's. While the tank was out the rescue went in for a leaking rear differential. Checked on water tanks, no work has been completed. Drag strip was rained out Friday Night. Had a new EMT from GJ cover the drag strip for most of the weekend.

Am working on an opportunity to bring in more funds to the department by deployment to BLM fire. Working on getting each member S-130/S-190 certified. Then we could earn around \$1500/day for the tender and \$35/hour for a driver. This last incident on BLM land could have earned us \$6000 if we were certified and had people available.

Grants:

FEMA AFG COM - Prebuild is done-waiting on VIN, tank is being built

CDPHE 2023 EMTS Funding Program Prebuild is done, approved final changes which increased cost slightly, waiting VIN.

FEMA AFG - applied for a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) \$500,000 and is a 5% match. Round one was award on June 9th awards are expected to continue for the next 8-10 weeks. Turndown letters for those applications that did not go to peer- panel review are expected to go out soon.

CDPHE 2024 EMTS Funding Program RFA #41271-Awarded half the cost of the gurney and power lift. Just signed and returned the award letter.

Calls: From 8/22 to 9/22

M-F 8-5	13
M-F 5-8	7
Weekend	5
<u>Standby</u>	<u>2</u>
Total	27

Report 1 Calls by Category (1 month) Report 2 Calls by Area/District (1 month)
Report 3 Time of Day & Arrival in Minutes (1 Month) Report 4 Mutual Aid (1 Month)

Other Matters before the Board:

Chuck Nelson wanted to clarify that Eric Talley has taken the place of Darrell Charlesworth on the board and possibly Murray Thiessen will be replacing Randy Zellner when he steps down if he is moving out of the district.

Wayne DeGesualdo said he attended the Special Districts Association convention and it was a very informative trip, well with the time. He learned a lot about Board duties and fire chief duties. It is a great resource for our district and everyone on the board and the fire chief has access to this information.

Public Comment:

Rich Phillips said the Cemetery Association would like to use the building for a meeting on October 14th at 1 PM.

Rich again expressed the need to check on the water/sprinkler situation for the new subdivision at Hwy 141. Chief Charlesworth said he would contact him directly after investigating the information.

Adjournment of meeting

Eric Talley made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Nelson seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:04PM.

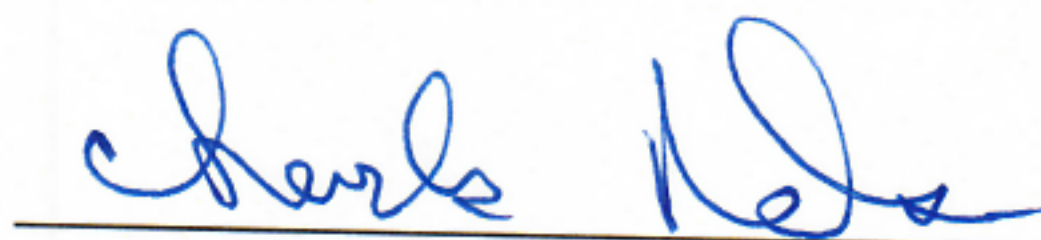
Next Board Meeting is October 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Weber

Mesa County Fire Authority



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