

## LANDS END FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MONTHLY

### BOARD MEETING, August 24, 2021

At 7:00PM Chairman Eric Brown called the meeting to order. Eric Brown, Chuck Nelson, Kent Clinkingbeard, Linda Weber and Wayne DeGesualdo were present for the board. Eric welcomed everyone to the board meeting.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Eric Brown thanked everyone for saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

### MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Eric Brown asked if everyone had a chance to read over the meeting minutes and if there were any corrections. Linda Weber made a motion to approve the minutes. Wayne DeGesualdo seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Authority Update:** Chairman Eric Brown asked for an update. Linda Weber advised Wayne DeGesualdo, Tim Bevon and Chief Shawn Cox all meet together and read over the first draft of the proposal which Rich Phillips was given a copy. A second draft has been sent out and given to Rich Phillips. Both departments are excited and moving forward. It was advised that both stations are close in calls but Lands End did have more maybe about 20% more. Lands End is a bigger district with more calls so it was decided based on that Lands End would have three board members on the authority board and Central Orchard Mesa would have two members on the board authority. Wayne DeGesualdo said that what makes this nice is that both districts have a 10 Mil levy. Chairman Eric Brown opened up the authority update to the public.

Rich Phillips thanked the board and Linda Weber for providing him with a copy of the authority agreement to review. Rich's concerns or comments are as follows:

Page 22 distribution on termination- views this a prenuptial agreement

Page 5 On Recitals- section F needs to be dated

Page 6 Item H- questioned no paid employees- Linda explained our members are volunteers and receive a stipend and are not actual paid employees.

Section J Questioned how the authority is going to handle Central Orchard Mesa's Pension plan. Linda advised that no new members will be able to join the pension plan. Orchard Mesa Central will continue to pay 2 Mil of their levy into the pension plan, but that will decrease over time as members die. It was further explained that is why it is written that each department can contribute 75% or more of their tax revenue to the authority so it will allow for Central Orchard Mesa to pay for the pension plan and each department to pay board insurances and Mesa County Treasurers fees.

Every two years there is an actuarial study done and that number can change depending on how the investments have done.

Had input about the name in the rough draft- would like it to be Mesa County Combined Fire Authority and would like MCCFA stenciled the equipment but keep the original signage.

Question on Tabor- explained that both districts have been de-bruced, but the authority still has to follow the tabor rules.

Page 7- Lands End will be the place of business which is fine.

II Assignment or conveyance of all existing assets of the parties unless otherwise specifically exempted....

III The authority can hire paid employees- and that would be the fire chief. Advised no, no paid employees will be hired the fire chief will be a stipend volunteer member.

Subsection B- Does not feel like it should take to June 30<sup>th</sup> and believes it should take only two board meetings. It was explained that everyone are volunteers and have other jobs and obligations so need time at make that happen.

Section F- The authority is going to do everything- which makes Lands End board less important. It was explained that how the boards for each department and authority will work.

Question if a contribution made to the department would still go to the auxiliary or the authority. Was advised it could go to which ever one they wanted to donate It to.

Would like to have 7 person board rather than 5 person board for the authority and one from each district needs to be a business member.

Compensation- if authorized by the majority vote of the authority Board of directors, those board members shall receive compensation for their services to the authority as allowed and limited by section 32-109-3CRS. According to 32-109-3CRS the word "shall" is not in there- and needs to be removed and replaced with the word "may".

Notice of Special Meeting- must post and let the public know about it- and the public is invited to attend while the public is not allowed in the executive session the public is allowed to know what the session was about. It was confirmed this is true.

Fire Chief- Stipend and Appointed. Needs to have a good stipend as they will have their hands full handling all the issues within the districts.

Page 16 Questioned by Secretary and Treasurer combined was deleted. It was explained that we contract out for our secretary work.

Page 18 Section e Questioned why only 75% and cannot see holding back 25% present. Believes it should be 100% from both side. It was explained again each

district will have expenses they will be required to pay- board insurance, Mesa County Treasurers fees and pension plan.

Page 19 Section F Mil Levy Questioned 10.047 Mil Levy Lands Ends Fire while 10 Mil Levy. Said that it appears Lands End will be contributing more revenue. Advised will Lands Ends Mil Levy is higher; Central Orchard Mesa has more tax revenue.

Questioned why it would take until 8/31/22 to have everything in place. Advised everyone is a volunteer and has other obligations and these things take time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### ***Treasurers Report***

Linda Weber gave the treasurers report, advised will need to do an amended budget due to the authority legal fees and the VFA grant should have that ready for next meeting. Chuck Nelson made a motion to approve the treasurers report. Kent Clinkingbeard seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Budget committee needs to be made in case the authority is not in place. Budget committee will be Linda Weber, Shawn Cox, Brian Lurvey, and Wayne DeGesualdo.

### ***Chief's Report***

Chief's Report August

Personnel: 21 Volunteers, 1 Leave of absence for 3 or 4 months, 1 on workers comp, 1 deployed for wild fire, and 1 hospitalized. No other changes

**Projects:** Helped a member with yard work, possible other ways to help in the future.

**Grants:** VFA is in progress: Ordering equipment for the wildland grant / some equipment on back order.

### **Vehicles:**

B112 pump has been ordered

Rupp – need to come up with an amount to pay for his services. Board and Chief agreed on \$5,000 for labor.

Calls:

July 2020 - 15

July 2021 – 21

2020 YTD -132

2021 YTD-151

**Monthly Incident Report -Lands End Fire Protection District - July 2021**

**Total Billable Incidents 42**

Create Date,Calendar	July 2021
ORI	07765
Canceled	No

Incident Number	Date	Time 24 Hr	Call Type Description	Call Count
2021-00000110	2021-07-01	5	EMS	1
2021-00000111	0	9	CRASH,RESCUE-C3	1
2021-00000112	2021-07-03	12	EMS	1
2021-00000113		13	OTHER	1
2021-00000114		18	UNK PROBLEM-C2	1
2021-00000115	2021-07-03	21	CRASH-MAJOR	1
2021-00000116	2021-07-04	8	SICK PERSON-MINOR	1
2021-00000117	2021-07-04	20	WEED	1
2021-00000118	2021-07-04	22	BREATH DIFF-C3	1
2021-00000119		1	WEED	1
2021-00000120	2021-07-08	10	FALLS-MINOR	1

**Training:** Lt Cox advised Fire Academy is going really well. We had ropes rescue, swift water rescue, and search and rescue training. Tuesday nights is combined training between both departments and Thursday nights is the academy training.

Lands End Hill Climb happened this month- for which we provided standby with 3 to 4 volunteers up there each day to provide emergency services if needed.

***Other Matters Before the Board***

It was asked if our volunteers were going to be required to be COVID 19 vaccinated. As of now, have not heard that it is going to be required for EMS.

***Open to the Public***

Rich Philip advised the Cemetery Association would like to use of the department on October 1<sup>st</sup> from 12-1. Advised that will be fine. Rich also said the Ditch Meeting would like to be held here on 10-6 at 5pm. The final plot plan for the development at 141 and Hwy 50 has been submitted and it will be done in stages and this is the first phase which is the corner where the gas stations and half a dozen houses are being built. Advised it appears the houses will be having a fire sprinkler system. No plans for the gas station have been sent over to the fire department at this time. Thanked the board for ordering the water pump for the fire truck.

***Adjournment of meeting***

Linda Weber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Nelson seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

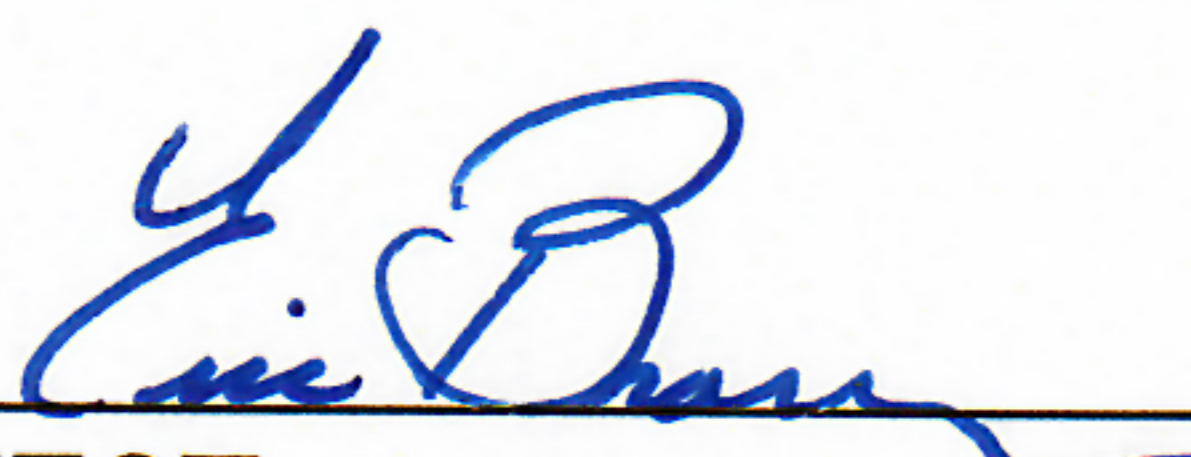
Eric Brown thanked for everyone for showing up.

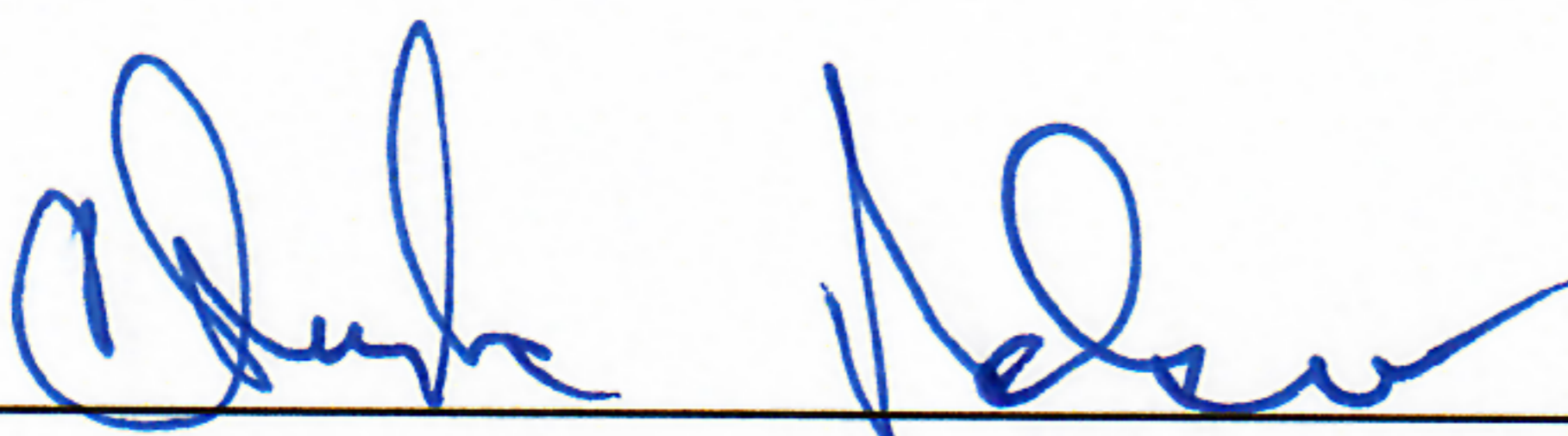
Next Board Meeting is September 28, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Cox, Board/Fire Chief Assistant

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