

MESA COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 2024

At 7:12 PM Wayne DeGesualdo called the meeting to order. Wayne DeGesualdo, Eric Brown, Chuck Nelson, Murray Thiessen, and by phone Randy Zellner were present for the board.

Also present was Public members Rich Phillips, Denise Brown, Rick Weber and Dave Hancock, Administrative Assistant Stacy Cox, Volunteer member Val Cary, Courtney Griffith, and Chief Charlesworth.

Wayne DeGesualdo said an opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes

Wayne DeGesualdo asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes from November 28 and January 9 Special Board Meeting. Chief said that he was also present and with that correction made, Randy Zellner made a motion to accept both sets of minutes. Murray Thiessen seconded the motion. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Tank Update- Holes have been dug and gravel has been set. First tank is being set tomorrow, the 24th of January, and the second tank on Thursday the 25th of January. Rick Weber said there will be a need of road base or a culvert at the tank at their place for sure in order to get to the tank in wet seasons. It was asked if the members can draft off the tanks or know how. It was advised yes they can and yes if members do not know how, training will be provided as they come on board.

Chief said that he spoke with Grand Junction Water as they are laying new line down through the district and they might be willing to install 3 hydrants along the route if we help with the cost of the hydrants. The county may even be willing to help with the cost. Chief is hoping to find out more information on this shortly. The board would be in favor depending on the cost being reasonable.

Handbook Update- No updates or further action on handbook at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest on the Board

Each board member was asked does anyone of the board have a conflict of interest regarding the fire department or have a personal financial (monetary or gift) gain in dealing with the fire department? Each in turn answered no.

Resolution to designate date, time and location of all meetings for 2024

Resolution to designate MCFA board meetings to be at 7 PM or shortly there after a Lands End Fire Protection Fire Meeting, on the 4th Tuesday each month starting January 2024 at 34980 Pronghorn Drive, Whitewater, CO unless otherwise cancelled was presented and signed. Also, the "24-hour notice of meeting" to be posted at the Whitewater Post Office and on the website at mesacountyfireauthority.com. Eric Brown made a motion to set meeting time, dates and location, and Randy Zellner seconded the motion. All members physical present signed the resolution.

Approval from the Board to apply for Exempt from Audit

Murray Theissen made a motion to approve the filing for an Exemption from Audit for the year 2023. Randy Zellner seconded the motion. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Chuck Nelson presented the final 2023 treasurers report. We ended the year over all in good shape as MCFA only spent 54.11% of annual budget last year but advised to kept in mind that is because we have not got the grant or paid for the ambulance yet which will happen this year. Advised one month into year 2024 and there is not a lot to report other than we have spent our ambulance maintenance budget already. Murray Theissen made a motion to approve both treasurers' reports as written. Randy Zellner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Chiefs Report

In the last two months we have been busy getting trucks back in service.

Amb 51 had a major oil leak around the timing cover we got it fixed and it is back in service.

Amb 53 Needed batteries, replace radiator hose that was rubbing on a pulley, replace water pump, replace thermostat.

Amb 52 All of the injectors were bad and had to be replaced, put in a new circulating pump so the heat and cold worked in the patient area.

Rescue 51 is going to the plastic welding shop soon to have the top fixed and should be back in service in February.

Parts are ordered for brush 52 pump to be put back together.

Brush 54 is back in service.

We have 3 new members that have finished their entry level paperwork, and we have two more new members scheduling interviews soon.

Val is more than halfway done with her supervised calls and will be on protocol soon.

Leslie passed her NREMT test and is starting her supervised call to get on protocol.

One of the people from Leslie's class has turned in her paperwork to join MCFA, once she has been cleared she will be starting her supervised calls.

Kathrine Smith will be starting her supervised calls soon.

We had five members resign the first of January; we did exit interviews with the ones that wanted to come in. Their complaints were addressed and their thoughts were taken into consideration.

Grants:

FEMA AFG COM - Prebuild is done-got a VIN and our Chaise has been delivered

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

FEMA AFG - applied for a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) \$5001000 and is a 5% match. We did not receive this grant.

CDPHE 2024 EMTS Funding Program RFA #41271-Awarded half the cost of the gurney and power lift. Received the work order and have submitted it.

UP Coming Grants

CDPHE 2025 EMTS Funding Program RFA #42420

A complete pre-application must be submitted before Feb. 8, 2024. Once the pre-application is approved, the grant application will be made available to the applicant. Early submission of both the pre-application and grant application is strongly encouraged.

Provider grant and system improvement funding applications are accepted mid-December through Feb. 15 of each year. Applications are accepted via the EMTS Zoom Grants portal.

FEMA FY2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) open for applications and the deadline is 3/08/2024. The AFG Program provides critically needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience.

The Firefighter Safety Disease Prevention Grant (FFSDP) December 2024–January 2025

Other Matters before the Board:

Stacy Cox asked if we can move forward with Streamline, knows that it was voted on last year but wanted to make sure we could start the process now and not wait closer to July. The board said yes to move forward.

Public Comment:

Rich asked if the Authorities' banking accounts are all protected and Chuck Nelson advised they are. Number one we have the fund spilt between banks and number two we are public funds so we are protect to 102%.

Rich Phillips also wanted to let the board know the public is in support of spending the money needed to get work at the Weber's place done and working hydrates in the district.

Adjournment of meeting

Eric Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Murray Theissen seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Next Board Meeting is February 27, 2024.

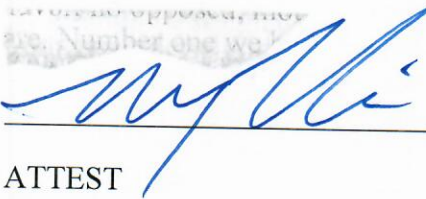
Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Cox, Administrative Assistant

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