

**MESA COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**April 23, 2024**

At 7:00PM Wayne DeGesualdo called the meeting to order. Wayne DeGesualdo, Chuck Nelson, Murray Thiessen, and Eric Brown present for the board. Randy Zellner had an excused absence.

Also present was public members Rich Phillip, Administrative Assistant Stacy Cox, and Chief Charlesworth.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wayne DeGesualdo said an opening prayer.

***Approval of Minutes***

Wayne DeGesualdo asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes from last Board Meeting. Chuck Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Murray Thiessen seconded the motion. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

Also

**OLD BUSINESS**

***Tank Update-*** Sorter called and they were ready to do the pull outs yesterday but tank is not ready for pullouts yet should be a couple two or three weeks before we are ready. Rich gave an update. Finishing the tank at Kannah Creek. The first tank should be done in the next week or so then will work on the tank at the Weber's location. He had to complete some repairs on the tank as it had some leaks. Have all necessary materials to finish the job. Have not had the man power to fill the tanks completely yet. Into the job about \$2500.00 once complete will submit for payment.

***Handbook Update-*** Chief said he has a rough draft put together.

**OLD BUSINESS**

***Website Update-*** Website is up and running but need to fine tune some things on the website as they combined all three into one.

***Commissioners Meeting 4/9/2024 in regard to our ASA license*** – The commissioners were presented with information that both ASA districts in which Mesa County Fire Authority (MCFA) service are under serviced and asked the resolution be enacted so that Grand Junction could provide coverage for the two ASA districts covered by MCFA. They did unanimously approve the resolution. MCFA ASA is still in place and still active. At this time GJFD will be on auto aid and provide service for our ASAs until MCFA can provide adequate service to the ASAs. Commissioners asked if they could handle the extra calls and Andy advised it would only increase their call volume by about ONE percent. Commissioners advised it would be up to GJFD and MCFA to come up with compensation agreement if needed.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Treasurers Report

Chuck Nelson presented the treasurers report. Advised there is not much to report so far this year. Utilities are still high but hoping to see that rate of increase ease as it warms up. Line item 206- ambulance maintenance is already over budget for the year but it was necessary for maintenance. We are at 33% through the year and income from tax revenue starting to come in with 30.45% from Lands Ends and nothing from Central Orchard Mesa yet, the ambulance income is already at 35.94% for the year but with no providers that will slow down. We are only at 21.59% of the expenses used for the year. Eric Brown made a motion to approve both treasurers' reports as written. Murray Theissen seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

### Chiefs Report

**Meeting with GJ-** Chief meet with Gus Hendricks, Chief Watkins and Mark McIntire on Monday. They have presented a proposed rate for apparatus and personnel which responding to MCFA calls.

#### Apparatus Rates per Hour:

Engine/Truck \$133.00  
BLS Ambulance \$45.00  
ALS Ambulance \$65.00  
SAM 1 \$114.56

#### Personnel Rates per Hour:

EMT/FF: \$25.13  
Paramedica/FF-PM: \$33.43  
Engineer: \$33.43  
Capitan: \$40.19  
SAM Officer: \$40.19

We would pay for all staff and apparatus on a call

#### **Example one**

*Real MCFA call Non Transport with ALS ambulance*

ALS Ambulance: \$65.00 x .46 hours = \$29.90

EMT: \$25.13 x .46 hours = \$11.56

PM: \$33.43 x .46 hours = \$15.38

**Total Charge to MCFA would be: \$56.83**

#### *Real Call Example two*

ALS Ambulance with transport

Response and scene time total was 0.87 hours

ALS Ambulance: \$65.00 x .87 hours = \$56.55



EMT:  $\$25.13 \times .87 \text{ hours} = \$21.86$

PM:  $\$33.43 \times .87 \text{ hours} = \$29.08$

**Total Charge to MCFA would be: \$107.49**

Billed Transport Amount = \$1970.20 (UNK reimbursement)

*Real Call Apparatus included 4-man Engine, ALS Ambulance and SAM Officer with transport Response and scene time total was 0.85 hours*

ALS Ambulance:  $\$65.00 \times .85 = \$55.25$

ALS Engine:  $\$133.00 \times 0.85 = \$113.05$

SAM vehicle:  $\$114.56 \times 0.85 = \$97.38$

EMT x 2:  $\$25.13 \times .85 \times 2 = \$42.72$

PM x 2:  $\$33.43 \times .85 \times 2 = \$56.83$

Engineer:  $\$33.43 \times .85 = \$28.41$

Captain:  $\$40.19 \times .85 = \$34.16$

SAM Officer:  $\$40.19 \times .85 = \$34.16$

**Total Charge to MCFA would be: \$461.96**

Billed Transport Amount = \$1544.00

Transport Revenue Received \$662.05

*Example 4 (not real call)*

Structure fire (one hour)

Battalion Chief Vehicle:  $\$114.526 \times 1 + \$114.56$

SAM vehicle:  $\$114.56 \times 1 = \$114.56$

ALS Engine x 2:  $\$133.00 \times 1 \times 2 = \$266.00$

Truck:  $\$133.00 \times 1 = \$133.00$

ALS Ambulance:  $\$65.00 \times 1 = \$65.00$

Battalion Chief  $\$45.53 \times 1 = \$45.53$

SAM Officer:  $\$40.19 \times 1 = \$40.19$

Captain x 3:  $\$40.19 \times 1 \times 3 = \$120.57$

Engineer x 3:  $\$33.43 \times 1 \times 3 = \$100.29$

Firefighter x 4:  $\$25.13 \times 1 \times 4 = \$100.52$

FF/PM x 4:  $\$33.43 \times 1 \times 4 = \$133.752$

**Total Charge for one hour to MCFA: \$1,233.94**

Chuck Nelson made a motion to accept proposal for compensation fees schedule with monthly billing with some negotiations... such as fire as mutual aid has always been given to all departments for free and as long as MCFA is working the fire it should still be free. Contract must be in writing with a time frame specified and make it renewable. Murray Theissen seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Rescue Truck Update:** Have gotten the front of the tank raised. Need to brace it better so when we drive down to have them repair the crack in the tank it will not fall off.

**Old Brush Truck Update:** Chand with Western Slope will take it for \$2500 trade as no one was able to look at it and get it running- Trade is labor so no money will trade hands.

**CDPHE 2023 EMTS New Ambulance Target date is June 12<sup>th</sup>.** Have plane ticket purchased for June 9<sup>th</sup> to fly out, June 10<sup>th</sup> will inspection, June 11<sup>th</sup> Start home, June 12<sup>th</sup> arrive Home.

**Chief's Protocol Update:** Chief advised he had a meeting with Chris and Dr. Burket who advised he has not done anything wrong but would like him to do the paramedic internship. Chief said he declined as he does not have time as chief to do that. At that point they removed him from protocol. Wayne advised the board that he got an email from Chris Rowland on Wednesday of last week, April 17<sup>th</sup> pulling Chief off of protocol. Next day got an email from Andy going to the Commissioner's meeting for Resolution to provide service to both under serviced ASAs for MCFA. Chief advised just got packet to get back on protocol today and that is the supervised paramedic internship which takes 6 months to do. Chief will forward packet to board members.

**Other Matters before the Board:**

None

advised he has not done

**Public Comment:**

None

**Adjournment of meeting**

Murray Theissen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Nelson seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Next Board Meeting is May 28, 2024 about 7:15pm following LEFPD meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Cox, Administrative Assistant

Mesa County Fire Authority



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