

# MESA COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 28, 2023

At 7:20 PM Wayne DeGesualdo called the meeting to order. Wayne DeGesualdo, Eric Brown, Chuck Nelson, Darrell Charlesworth, and Randy Zellner were present for the board.

Wayne DeGesualdo said an opening prayer.

## *Approval of Minutes*

Wayne DeGesualdo asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes. Randy Zellner made a motion to accept the February minutes as presented. Darrell Charlesworth seconded the motion. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### *Goals*

Chief presented the list of goals that was created as a joint effort between the board, chief and members. It was asked that the goals be put into a better working formatted document that would be easy to update.

It was asked that Stacy try and get a soft copy of the Grand Valley Fire Protection District Employee Handbook and send it to all board members, Chief and Assistant Chief. Wayne DeGesualdo created a timeline assignment to review the handbook and make suggestions to be reviewed monthly at each board meeting until the July meeting where a complete draft will be presented.

### *Tanks*

Darrell Charlesworth said he spoke with Billie at Sorter Construction and he said the he believes he can do the whole project of burying the two water tanks for about \$10k. This includes completely burying the tanks and Chip gravel. Chief Cox said that fiberglass company is supposed to be out and get us a quote this week.

Darrell Charlesworth also had questions about the Chiefs log and State appeal which were addressed later in the meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### *Treasurers Report*

Chuck Nelson presented the year to date treasurer's report. Do need to be aware of a couple of things. One is the gas/electric and propane bills so far this year- these expenses will go over as fuel for vehicles may as well due to raising costs. Darrell Charlesworth made a motion to

approve the treasurer report as written. Randy Zellner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

### ***Resolution for the filling for an Exemption from Audit***

Motion was made and past last month. Resolution was signed by all board members.

### ***Chiefs Report***

**Vehicles:** Brush 52 out of service, all other in service

### **Grants:**

**FEMA AFG COM** pre-build meeting scheduled 3.28

**DPHE 2023 EMTS Funding Program** pre-build meeting scheduled for 4.17 at 10am

**FFSD 2022 Grant-** just got a request for sizes for pants and shirts for wildland. Bunker gear has been received.

**FEMA AFG** – applied for a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) vehicle, \$500,000 and is a 5% match (wait and see)

**CDPHE 2024 EMTS Funding Program RFA #41271-** Applied for Stryker Power Cot \$25,990.46 and PowerLoad System \$26,788.58 for a total of \$52,779.04 this is a 50/50 match making our portion \$26,389.52 if we receive the grant. First grant hearing was 3.27.2023

**Firefighter Safety and Disease Grant-** Applied for 3 TICs at the cost of \$21,960.00 with 100% match up to \$20,000, if awarded our portion will be \$1,960.00 (wait and see)

**FEMA FY 2022 SAFER GRANT** – after attending the webinar, can apply next year but need things in place in order to apply, have the information so we can put it in place if we want to apply.

**Trainings:** New bunker gear, cardiac training, anaphylaxis, search and rescue

**Personal-** The new volunteer stepped down for the next several months due to starting a new job and not realizing the travel that would be involved for the first 6 months. Interviewing an optional member 3.28.

Won the appeal at the state- did not take EMT licenses, State did offer us an attorney for free if we want to sue to get back on protocol. Chief will be talking with Dr. Burkett sometime in the next month about getting back on protocol.

**Currently have one volunteer in EMS class and she is doing great!**

**Fiberglass tanks-** been working on getting quotes for dirt work and fiberglass repair

**Lots of construction happening in district-** lots of site visits, plan reviews

**Standby:** CMU bike race went well, one interaction no transport. Will be billing for 7.5 hours.

**Calls since last meeting:** 15 calls

**Going to be out of town** for a family event 3.29 to 4.01, back on 04/2/2023

***Time Log***

Chief gave a copy of his and Chevelle's time log to the board. They want something more in-depth rather than just a tally of the hours spent. Darrell suggested the program that GVFPD used which he thinks is Emergency Reporting. Randy Zellner suggested Trello. It was clarified to continue with tally marks on hours until a new program is in place.

***Other Matters before the Board:***

Wayne DeGesualdo and Darrell Charlesworth met with Chris Rowland and does not believe after meeting with him that he has MCFA in his "Crosshairs" and is not picking on us as an organization but rather just expects high standards to be met when it comes to patient care.

Chief Cox handed out a flyer about supporting Fallen Firefighters March 4th through the 7th by turning on red lights in and outside the house and business.

***Public Comment:***

Linda Weber suggested that if the board is interested in Sorter Constructions doing the work that someone should follow up and get the proposal in writing. Darrell said he will follow up with him and see if he can get a quote in writing and to see if he can transport the tanks and if will he need to adjust the quote.

***Adjournment of meeting***

Randy Zellner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Darrell Charlesworth seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:11PM.

Next Board Meeting is March 28, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Cox, Board/Fire Chief Assistant

Mesa County Fire Authority



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