

# CENTRAL ORCHARD MESA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting – October 5, 2022

## **PENSION BOARD MEETING:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM by Randy Patterson. In attendance were Randy Zellner, Dave Gitchell, Murray Theissen and Shawn Cox. Darrell Charlesworth and John Sigle were absent with an excused absence. A quorum was established. Others in attendance were Administrative Assistant Linda Weber and Stacy Cox.

## **OLD PENSION BUSINESS:**

**MOTION** by Randy Zellner and seconded by Randy Patterson to approve the previous board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Linda Weber reported that Chief Cox has reimbursed the department for his portion of the FPPA retirement funds for year 2021. He is not a part of the volunteer pension plan but a member of the Statewide Defined Benefit Program through Central Orchard Mesa Fire and dues will be paid from Mesa County Fire Authority.

## **NEW PENSION BUSINESS:**

Linda Weber reported on the six months 2022 financial report from FPPA. Fund balance at the end of the year after payments to members and expenses was \$186,221.62. The fund is still bringing in more money than it is distributing to members. She also reported that the \$35,478.00 in contributions for the year has been deposited and she has applied for the state match of one-half the mill levy amount. According to the actuarial study the contributions to date are \$11,000 more than needed for fund stability.

Being no other pension board business Randy Patterson closed the meeting at 7:21 PM.

## **FIRE BOARD MEETING:**

Meeting called to order at 7:21 PM by President Randy Patterson. In attendance Randy Zellner and Murray Theissen. Darrell Charlesworth and John Sigle were absent with an excused absence. A quorum was established. Others in attendance were Chief Shawn Cox, Administrative Assistant Linda Weber, Dave Gitchell and Stacy Cox.

**MOTION** by Randy Zellner and seconded by Randy Patterson to accept the previous minutes as written. Motion carried.

## **TREASURERS REPORT:**

Linda Weber gave the treasurers report. She went over all the deposits and expenses since the last meeting of May 2022. She also discussed portions of the treasurers' report showing the budget well within budget. Being no questions a **MOTION** by Randy Zellner and seconded by Murray Theissen to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Linda Weber asked the board if they agreed to go ahead at this time and contribute another \$180,000 to Mesa County Fire Authority as it has already been budgeted and the budget seems to

be well within the ability to contribute the additional funds. The board agreed to donate the funds at this time.

Linda Weber presented the 2023 Preliminary Budget. Being no changes **MOTION** by Randy Zellner and seconded by Murray Theissen to approve the 2023 Preliminary Budget.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

The department was granted the FEMA grant for the new Tender. It's a grant for \$502,323.00. This is a 95% grant which means the department will need to budget for \$23,920. Part of this grant award included the \$1500 grant writing fee reimbursement.

Chief has been checking with different vendors for this vehicle. Looks to be about a 6 month build time as both vendors have chassis available at this time. He is looking at spec's and should determine a vendor shortly.

Chief talked about the latest FFS&D grant in which we are to receive 21 sets of bunker gear and 21 sets of wildland fire gear at not cost to us. He is currently working through the different vendors and the gear will be here soon.

Chief reported the ambulance titles have been transferred to MCFA and the rest of the inventory will be transferred soon. The buildings were transferred in August at no cost to either department. Chuck Nelson, with Lands End Fire, asked a favor of a title company here in town and they provided all transfer paperwork for us free of charge. Chuck purchased a \$150 gift certificate, paid by MCFA, in gratitude of her donation and work.

Chief talked about the remodel/upgrade of the station. New floor, new paint, installing donated cabinets, etc. All money for this project was earned with a fund raiser that Stacy Cox put together earning approximately \$3,500. Still yet to come is a custom table built by the Chief and the volunteers. The chairs are also going to be refurbished and/or replaced.

Chief talked about another fundraiser Stacy Cox is working on for the month of October with a Halloween theme. He passed out the flyer for all to see and hopefully to post in locations for the public.

**LINDA WEBER:**

Linda Weber officially announced her last day working for Central Orchard Mesa Fire will be December 31, 2022. Stacy Cox has graciously offered to take her place and will send a contract to the board in the next few months.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**AJDOURMENT:**

Randy Patterson adjourned the meeting at 8:13 PM.  
Next meeting scheduled for November 2, 2022

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Weber: Administrative Assistant

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