

**MESA COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

February 22, 2022

At 7:00PM Chairman Wayne DeGesualdo called the meeting to order. Wayne DeGesualdo, Eric Brown, Chuck Nelson, Tim Bevan, and Randy Zellner were present for the board.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wayne DeGesualdo opened with a prayer. Everyone thanked him for doing so.

Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Wayne DeGesualdo asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes. Tim Bevan made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Randy Zellner seconded the motion. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Bylaws

The bylaws were presented at January 25th meeting. Three changes were suggested and made to the bylaws.

1. A correction of regular board meetings from Thursday to Tuesday was noted.
2. The other change noted was the call of order of the meeting and when to ask for public input.
3. The current by-laws states there shall be a permanent audit committee composed of the treasurer and one other member of the board. Neither district has ever had a committee. Tim Bevan suggested as small as the board is that we do not need a committee.

After reviewing the changes to the bylaws, Tim Bevan made a motion to accept the bylaws as presented. Randy Zellner seconded the motion. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurers Report

Chuck Nelson presented the treasurers report. Advised almost two months into the Authority and there is not a lot to report but a few things to review. Line 206- Repair for some ambulances which we expected but we have already used half of our budget so we will see how it goes. Line 208- Medical Supplies a lot of things have expired and had to be purchased but our EMS Coordinator thinks we are lined up for the rest of the year pretty well. It was asked if we restock at the hospital and it was advised that we are not able to do that and we purchase our own medical supplies. Line 303- This is a once-a-year payment to Lexipol so it is paid for the year. Line item 402 is our on line training program, which is also an annual payment and it is paid for 2022. Health insurance for Chief is already paid for the year. Shawn is being very fugal so far this year- buying what we need but not going overboard. Tim Bevan made a motion to approve the treasurer report as written. Eric Brown seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Insurance: Chuck Nelson advised of information that was presented to Wayne DeGesualdo, Chief Cox, Stacy Cox and himself by Vicki Sullivan with Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool. We have agreed to have them provided Workers Comp and Liability Insurance for the board starting 2.11.2022. All vehicles and property are covered by VFIS until we are fully operating under Mesa County Fire Authority and the vehicle grants are completed. She presented several ways for us to save money.

Chiefs Report

Personnel: Chief Cox advised no changes in personal.

Vehicles: Chief Cox explained that Ambulance 53 is now back in service.

Grants:

The Firefighter Safety and Disease grant is for SCBAs for Lands End Fire and extrication equipment for Central Orchard Mesa are in the wait and see stage.

CDPHE Grant FY23 EMTS Provider Grant- Chuck Nelson and I have zoom meeting tomorrow for our financial review- we will know within a few days if we pass the financial piece or not. If we don't pass the financial review for 10% we will be done and not able to move on to the next step.

FTO Program: Program is going well, hoping to start job shadowing Dr. Burket next month.

Dispatch: Hoping to go live on March 1st

Website: Is in the works.

Trainings: Ambulance Familiarities, Protocol Review, Gurney Training, Medical Provider CPR, BLS Training, And Fire training tonight.

Calls: We have had 42 calls so far this year. 22 were between the hours of 8-5.

The board asked for different reports on calls for future planning- one showing which apparatus we are responding with and mutual aid, one that shows response time, one by category and one showing where the calls are.

Race Track: Chief Cox explained he is working on a contract with Western Slope Drag Strip to provide Ambulance Standby for the 2022 race season. This would entail providing two NR-EMTs and at least one of them on Mesa County Protocol along with an ambulance at the rate of \$140.00 an hour. Talked about how the drag strip is in our ASA area and a good revenue source as we would be providing the transport to the hospital even if we are not on standby. This puts MCFA out in front of the racers and viewers and shows we support our community.

Fundraising: Asked about possibility doing dynamite shot since Gateway is unable to run it at this time. Chief will look further into it.

Ambulance Rates: Chief was paged out to a call so Chuck Nelson presented that Chief Cox would like to adopt the new Mesa County Ambulance Rates. Linda Weber explained that we can't go above what Mesa County is billing but we really need to match it as we always get dinged for have low rates on grants. It was also presented that chief would like to also raise the mileage rate from \$19.00 a mile to \$22.00 a mile. Eric Brown made a motion to raise the ambulance rates to match Mesa County rates and City of Grand Junction rates for loaded miles. Chuck Nelson seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Rich Philips asked that he be able to reserve the use of the station for 3.12.22 at 1 PM for the Whitewater Cemetery Association. The calendar was checked and the time reserved for Whitewater Cemetery Association. Rich also said that the ditch company has a meeting tomorrow night and while he is not sure when they are burning and hopes to have dates by next meeting he had wanted to ask chief if he would be willing to do a standby while they burn in a couple of places due to the

increased possible risk of fire and good training opportunities. The board said it sound like a good plan and would like to see that happen but will need to check with Chief.

Adjournment of meeting

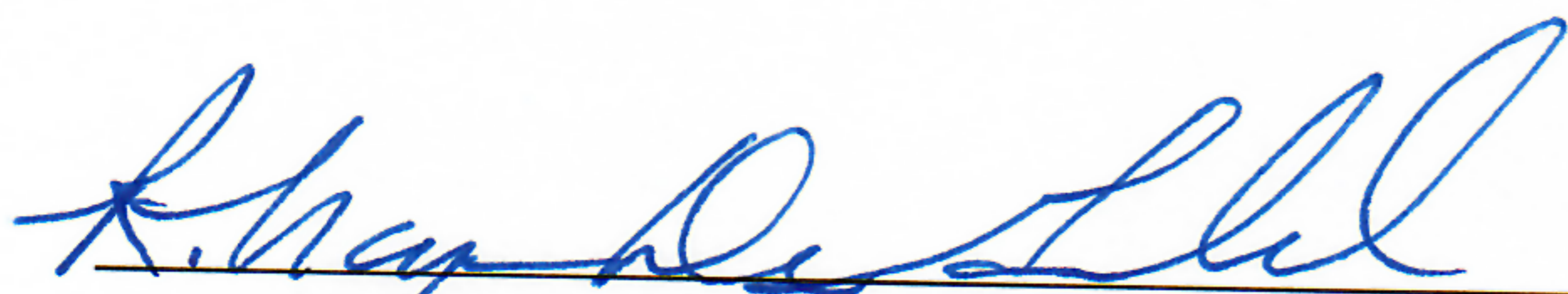
Chuck Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim Bevan seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Next Board Meeting is March 22, 2022.

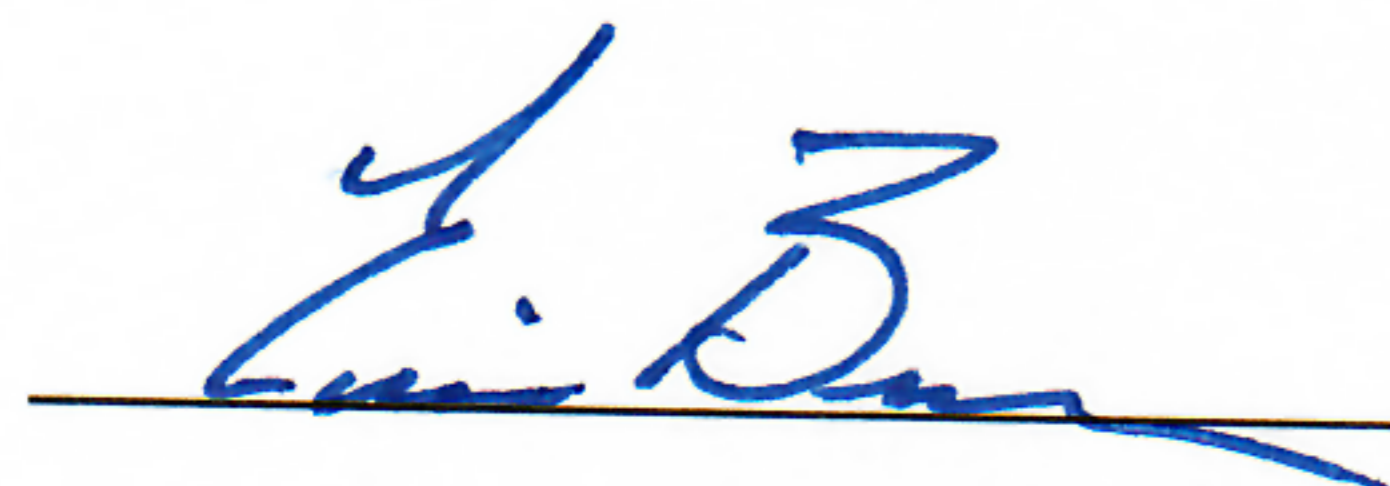
Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Cox, Board/Fire Chief Assistant

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