

LANDS END FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MONTHLY

BOARD MEETING, March 23, 2021

At 7:00PM Chairman Eric Brown called the meeting to order. Eric Brown, Chuck Nelson, Kent Clinkingbeard and Wayne DeGesualdo were present for the board. Linda Weber was noted to have an excused ascendance. Eric welcomed everyone to the board meeting.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Eric Brown thanked everyone for saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Eric Brown asked if everyone had a chance to read over the meeting minutes and if there were any corrections. Being none Wayne DeGesualdo made a motion to approve the minutes. Chuck Nelson seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Citizen's Concern: Eric Brown wanted to recognize Linda Weber who immediately started putting together the letter that was sent to the county commissioners. Everyone one on the board had a chance to put their input in before it was sent. Rich Phillips said the letter could not have been any better. The commissioners meeting for rezoning has been postpone so that the developer can rework the design a little. The new planning meeting for the rezoning is planned for March 30th at 9AM. The developer is reworking the design and is supposed to submit the new plans sometime from today up until the rezoning meeting. Rich said he is supposed to get a copy of the new plan and also asked that the fire board would get a copy of it as well. Rich believes that the new plans will be passed. Chief Lurvey has been in touch with Britt. Chief Lurvey said they are working on the plans, it is a concern if they can legally put in a second egress due to the location near the corner on Gaylord but believes they are looking at not putting a house on it and making it a paved walk way that would serve as emergency access. Wayne asked Chief if they talked about the quantity of water. Chief Lurvey advised that is Clifton Water's issue not ours. Wayne DeGesualdo said we have to approve that and Chief Lurvey said that we don't. Clifton Water can say that it is a 50 gallon hydrant and that is all. It is Clifton Water's system that we run under and we are just allowed to use their hydrants. We also need to realize that the water works on a gravity feed system. Wayne DeGesualdo said his concern is that we need to make sure we have water to put a fire out. Eric Brown, asked since this is not a trunk grid system it is not called a water for fire protection is that correct? It was confirmed that was correct. The jest of the meeting was you have a fire hydrate at the fruit stand that is out of service but are allowed to use but it has a 3" line that is old and could blow at any time. Lt. Cox added that until that loop is completed, coming off Reeder Mesa Road back to Blair Road that

it will not be considered fire rated because it is a dead end. Chief Lurvey confirmed that information. Wayne DeGesualdo noted that he would think with a new development that they would be required to meet fire code. Wayne asked which fire code we follow here. Chief. No one was able to answer which National Fire Code we use here or in Grand Junction. Chuck Nelson noted that we have always had water issues out in Whitewater. Wayne DeGesualdo noted that he can understand that for rural areas but when we are talking about putting a sanctioned subdivision with 10 feet between houses that is different than rural property. It was noted that without adequate water 10 feet spacing between houses is scary. Chairman Eric Brown asked for any other comments and thanked everyone for the help they contributed for this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurers Report

Stacy Cox gave the treasurers report. Advised so far this year we have received \$7,697.56 in ambulance income. We have received two tax distributions so far this year and moved \$10,000 into our vehicle replacement account. It was explained the 3 line items that are at 100% of budget and that they are annual fees so they are paid in full for the year. Stacy Cox advised that the quarterly payroll expense is about \$4,000. Chuck Nelson said he saw that Engine 111 is back in service and asked if we have gotten the bills for it. Chief Lurvey advised not yet. Chuck Nelson asked if he wants a Kodiak in exchange. Chief Lurvey said that is a good idea, as Richard Rupp advised for everything he did, he would charge us half of what everyone else would charge- but we do not know what all he did.

Chief's Report

Chief's Report March 2021

Personnel:

We had 1 volunteer that turned in their resignation due to schedule issues. Unable to commit time due to school.

Projects:

Working together with COMFD with more collaboration. We currently have a meeting set up with Mesa County Commissioners sometime in April to discuss further. Ideas would be to combine departments, be able to have more volunteers, combine training and responses. Possible goal is to look for land at the edge of our districts to be able to have 1 fire station to respond from. This would eventually reduce overall operating costs and potentially allow us to bring on personnel 24/7. However we are just in the preliminary stages of this.

Grants:

Talking with officers on our needs, and then we will look and see if there are grants out there that will help us out.

Vehicles:

E-111 is back and in service. We are trying to decide what we want to do with the vehicle that Gateway donated to us, as well as our back up Engine (the E-One we purchased from GJFD.) Would like to keep in mind if we decide to join with COMFD that we look at both of the department's vehicles and do what is best for the citizens.

Calls:

February 2020 - 11

February 2021 - 12

2020 YTD -28

2021 YTD-24

Down 14% in calls from last year.

Feb-21

Incident #	Date	Time (24hr)	Call Type		
14	2/2/2021	15	EMS	transport	ALS mutual aid
15	2/3/2021	8	EMS	refusal	
16	2/15/2021	9	mva	refusal	
17	2/17/2021	16	brush	out of control burn	
18	2/17/2021	23	structure	no incident found	
19	2/18/2021	18	EMS	transport cancelled	ALS mutual aid
20	2/21/2021	14	mva	enroute	
21	2/24/2021	9	EMS	transport	
22	2/25/2021	18	CRASH/EMS	DOA	
23	2/26/2021	4	EMS	transport	ALS mutual aid
24	2/26/2021	7	structure	no incident found	

Training:

Lt. Craven reported that Palisade is hosting a Fire One and Hazmat Class right now. Only cost of that for us is books and right now we are borrowing books for this class. We have 4 hazmat right now and 4 planning to do Fire One in May. Live burn opportunity in April. New hire academy has been moved again this time to June. The

academy will be broke down into six different segments. Once they complete they should come out with Fire One and Hazmat. Looking for a maximum of 10, but 8 is more manageable. Wayne DeGesualdo asked if it is open to other department. Lt. Craven said I might throw it out to other departments depending on how short we are on a full class but the first part of the academy is really about what we about our station. Last Thursday, we did a cross training with Central Orchard Mesa to teach them how to use our equipment and us to use their equipment. So everyone can understand how each pump works and how one throttle can cause issues. We have six or seven members on the department here who are going to help teach the academy and will be bringing in outside help to teach some as well. Hoping to finish it just in time from December Christmas Party. It should be about 145 hours. Our last academy was about 120 hours but this one will include fire one and hazmat. We have started recruiting. Corey and Troy made flyers and have handed them out around town. It was asked if we can put it on the website. It is possible but our website is not great. Chief Lurvey said if someone who knows what they are doing we could make a great website. Eric Brown thanked the members for helping with recruiting.

Eric Brown asked if we had a couple of graduates that were honored. Lt. Craven said we did, and he apologizes that he throw it together last minute for a pinning and he should have notified the board.

Wayne DeGesualdo asked if we are interested in doing a Christmas Party that was postponed and making it a BBQ or something. It is something that they are planning on looking at.

Other Matters Before the Board

None

Open to the Public

Rich Philips said there is a check on the table from the Cemetery Association as a thank you for the use of the building, said had a good turnout for the meeting. The ditch rider for the Kannah Creek Ditch is about to burn. I have a burn permit for ditch two. I am going to be cleaning up the mess from C-Dot from the car wreck. I will have my redneck fire truck out on the road I have the fire departments card and I will carry. Chief gave Rich his cell phone in case he needed it.

Adjournment of meeting

Chuck Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wayne DeGesualdo seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:51PM.

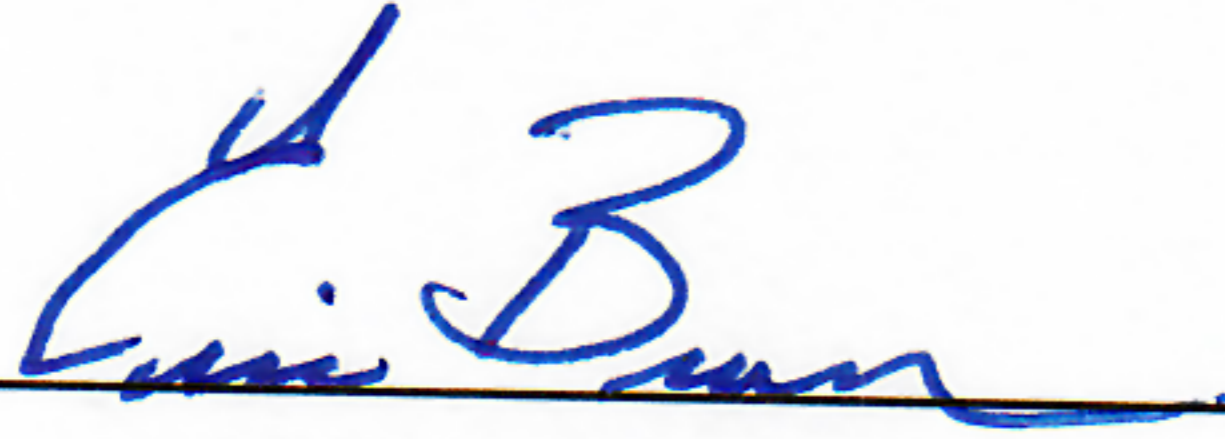
Eric Brown thanked for everyone for showing up.

Next Board Meeting is April 27, 2021.

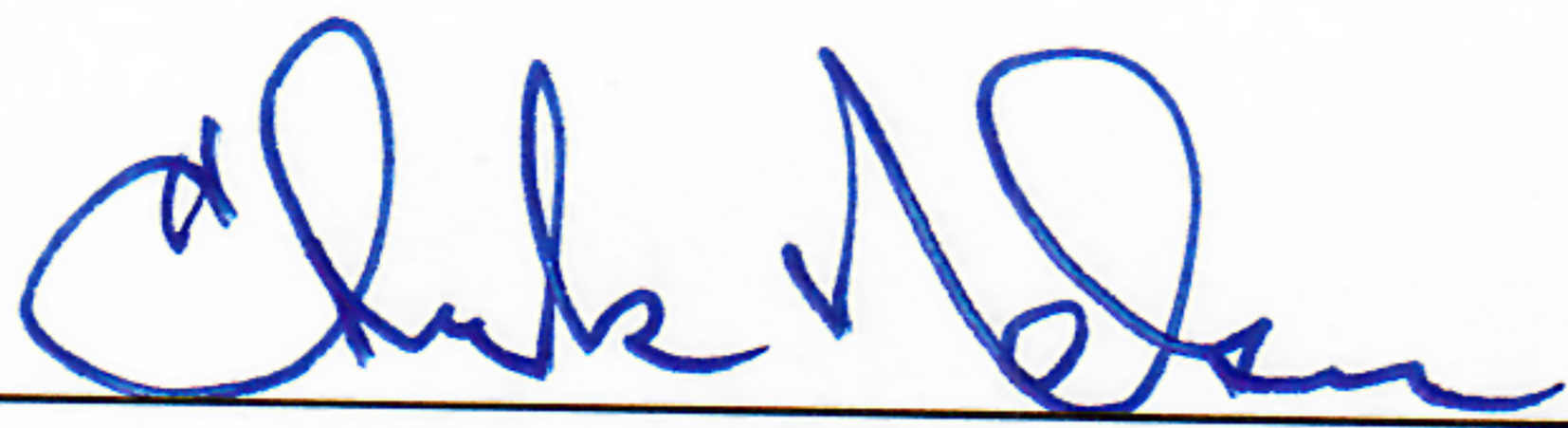
Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Cox, Board/Fire Chief Assistant

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