

LANDS END FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MONTHLY

BOARD MEETING, July 28, 2020

At 7:00PM Interim Chairman Eric Brown called the meeting to order. Eric Brown, Linda Weber, Chuck Nelson and Wayne DeGesualdo were present for the board.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MEETING MINUTES

Interim Chairman Eric Brown asked if there were any corrections or additions to the June minutes. No one added any information or comments. Chuck Nelson made a motion to except the minutes and Linda Weber seconded the motion. All board members were in favor and motion carried.

Interim Chairman Eric Brown wanted to take a moment to talk about a few new developments that affect the department or people involved with the department. He advised that Jamin Tiede, a member on medical leave, passed away on July 26th in his home surrounded by family. He died of cancer after battling it for many months. He was given only weeks to live back in October 2019 but due to his sprint and faith he battled hard and lived for over eight months before he passed away in his sleep.

Kemitt White's brother Ben White passed away. His other brother Brian White was in ICU. Kemitt White has kind of leveled off and is note improving very quickly but he is doing okay and still moving forward. Becky White is struggling as they want her back in the office working. This family has been hit hard lately.

Any prayers for these families would be helpful and appreciated.

OLD BUSINESS

East End- Wayne DeGesualdo explained that he attended the meeting where it was explained that 4 studies were done through the years. Long term goals based on those studies is to merge all the departments which could be done in phases. Benefits for this is shared cost, buying in bulk, one mechanic for all departments, SCBA testing done jointly, along with SOGs, SOPs and trainings being standard such as SCBA training- all departments would be on the same level of training. Another benefit would be having the use of same language. Wayne advised that everyone in attendance seemed excited about it. First step is to have one MOU for all departments to sign which they are working on. Talked about MOU for cost savings and not the collaboration is possible. Mostly in attendance at the meeting was mostly chiefs and assistant chiefs along with the Palisade Town Administrator. Linda said she is okay with agreeing to read the MOU. Chief is okay with it as long as it betters the department and helps the residents in the district. A motion was made to receive and read an MOU by Chuck Nelson. Linda Weber seconded the motion. All approved.

Election/installment of New Board Chairman

Linda Weber made a motion to install Eric Brown as Chairman of the Board. Chuck Nelson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried. Eric Brown said he will try the best he can to do right for the department.

Chairman Eric Brown asked for volunteers for CO-Chair. No volunteers. Eric Brown nominated Wayne DeGesualdo. Linda Weber 2nd the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Open Board Seat

Natalie Lineback sent in a letter of interest but was unable to come to the meeting to observe due to a colicky horse and waiting on a vet to come out.

Update on July 4 Event

Members paraded around the district for about 2 hours and handed out 100 flags to residents. The parade was followed by a BBQ for the public back at the station. Approximately 60 people attended over a 2 hour period. Almost \$250.00 in donations were made to the axillary in response to the parade and BBQ.

We received a thank you card in the mail from Cliff and Dee Ulman which read:

July 6, 2020

Dear Firefighters,

Cliff and I wanted to "thank you" so much for taking the time out of your 4th of July to makes ours extra special. We didn't get to talk to you much at the BBQ with COVID precautions but did find out from our neighbors that you are now available 5 days a week and on all over the weekend. That's great news to us as we are seniors. Please know that we appreciate all your efforts to keep us safe in our homes. God Bless each of you and Cod Bless America!!

Respectfully,

Cliff & Dee Ulman & dog "Lola"

PS We had our yellow El Camino out in the driveway 😊

Event Canceled

Lands End Hill Climb which is the 2nd longest running race in us history was canceled this year due to COVID. They thanked the Chief and members for being willing to always help out.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurers Report

Linda Weber gave the treasurer's report. She advised we are right on target for tax income. No big expenditures this month.

Advised at next meeting we will need to form a Budget committee which will be Chief, Linda and one other member. Once we get the tax assessment we will create a rough draft using the last 3 years as a guide. The committee will need to adjust it where more funds are needed and then send it to the board for review. They will need to make sure they are looking at members needs and inventory and go from there.

Chief's Report

Chief's Report July 2020

Personnel: No changes in personnel status

Vehicles: Rescue 111 which did not pass DOT Inspection has been taken out of Service. Looking at possibly trading the rescue for a 4000 gallon water truck.

Grants: No active grants

Working on Lexipol – updated Policy manual

Working on the new inventory system

East end collaboration:

Had their first meeting on 7/16/2020. I was unable to attend.

Calls June 2020:

June 2020- 27

June 2019- 21 Increase of 29%

YTD 2019-84

YTD 2020-117 Increase of 39%

Training- Lt. Sam Craven to discuss if available.

Lt. Sam Craven advised the academy is in the 4th modular which is ropes course. Once they academy is done with the ropes course they will be on probation for six months. Then they will test out and we will run them through the trucks. They should be about to run a call with little or no assistance from members.

Linda Weber asked can all volunteers be safe? Lt Craven said yes, he has the power to say they are not ready and he will not release anyone to full member if they are not ready. He went on to say they are looking at changing the way they do things and assigning a mentor to each probationary member. If it is determined that someone is not safe and is not ready they can let them go, put them back through the full training again, make the take the modular they are struggling with again or provide more training on

the spot. Lt. Craven explained there are three stages probationary candidate (during academy), probationary member for 6 months (after academy) and member.

Wayne DeGesualdo asked if we have looked at manning Station 112. Advised no we are just leasing the building and it is not set up for have members there. It was suggested that Wayne take a tour of station 112.

Data helps us understand if we are doing the right thing for the district- so are we tracking the times of the calls so we can know if we have members at the station during peak times. Chief Brain Lurvey explained that 9 of Junes calls were outside of the 8 to 5 time frame when the station is staffed. He is working towards showing the response times and will work on tracking which station we responded from.

Chuck said it sounds like water is really important in order to move from 8A to 6A rating. Linda asked if chief needs more authority. Brain Lurvey said no, just needs to go talk with DDI and check with Gaylene. Brain Lurvey said that DDI was involved with Vail Resorts Fire.

Open to the Public

Chuck Nelson had comment he wanted to express before opening to the public= he said he is attempting to get Jeff Prinster here for the next board meeting and the board could take him out to dinner later on. Chuck also said for Kemitt White to hold off doing anything for him at this time, believes he would love to come back as soon as he is able to and we want to make sure he feels welcome- as he is. We would love to have him back as soon as he is up for it.. Chuck also talked about possible people for the open board position.

Rich Philips mentions that Wesley Morlang has a semi-truck and trailer with a water tank on it sitting in district. Lt Sam Craven advised that combination unit would need a class A to operate it. Chief Lurvey said maybe he would be willing to transport water if we needed it.

Rick Weber wanted to express that he feels the community will be well served with the new chair and co-chair. He also express with the East End Collaboration the more training and cost savings the better. Rick went on to ask if we had Facebook and if we could post the open board member position on there. Chief confirmed that we do have Facebook and it could be posted there. Rick also asked if we could post it at the Post Office.

Rick Weber asked what Lexipol is? It was explained it was a software program for SOP and policies and procedures. It has a yearly fee so once we get them updated and in place we can see if we want to continue to pay the fee.

Rick Weber asked if we could do something to honor Jamin like a letter or such and also asked that we keep everyone posted on Kemitt White and if we can do something to benefit him.

Jamin's celebration of life will be held August 8, 2020 at 10Am followed by a BBQ
It was suggested that we might look at doing an annual fundraiser in his honor each
year such as a mountain bike race. It was advised that Jamin's Dad had a severe stroke
but is doing really good. So this family has been hit hard also.

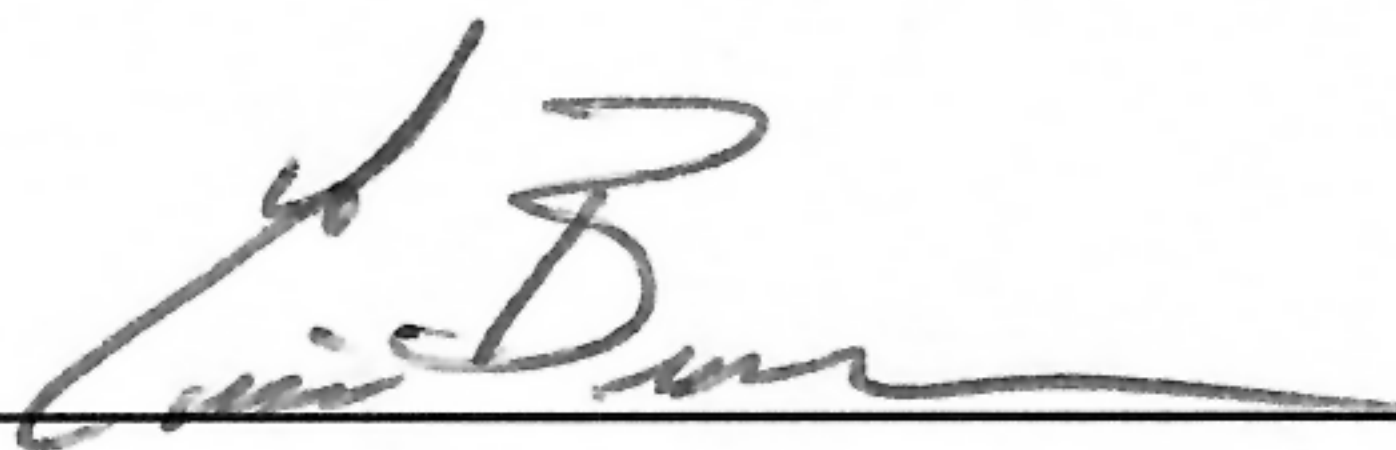
Linda Weber thanked Sam and Troy for handing the military flags and for setting up
the tables in the bay for social distancing.

Eric Brown thanked for everyone for showing up.

Next Board Meeting is August 25, 2020

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Cox, Board/Fire Chief Assistant
LANDS END FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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