

MESA COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 26, 2024

At 7:17 PM Wayne DeGesualdo called the meeting to order. Wayne DeGesualdo, Chuck Nelson, Murray Thiessen, and Eric Brown present for the board. Randy Zellner had an excused absence.

Also present was public members Rich Phillips and Dave Hancock, Assistant Stacy Cox, Volunteer member Val Cary, Courtney Griffith, and Chief Charlesworth.

Wayne DeGesualdo said an opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes

Wayne DeGesualdo asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes from last Board Meeting. It was noted there were two spelling corrections. Murray Thiessen made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Eric Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Tank Update- See Chief's Report line number 2

Handbook Update- Chief said he is about 50% done with the handbook.

Website Update- Website is ready to launch. Needed two point authorization on domain to redirect and schedules have not matched up. Should be up and running within a week or two.

Follow up on Mutual Aid Needs- See chief's report line number 1.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurers Report

Chuck Nelson presented the treasurers report. Advised there is not much to report so far this year. Utilities are still high but hoping to see that rate of increase ease as it warms up. Ambulance maintenance is already over budget for the year but it was necessary for maintenance. While income from tax revenue has not really started to come in yet, the ambulance income is already at 27.32% for the year, and we are only at 18% of the expenses used for the year; and we are 25% through the year. Eric Brown made a motion to approve both treasurers' report as written. Murray Thiessen seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

ANB Bank CD

The CD with ANB bank has auto renewed on 03/19/2024 and has a new maturity date of 9/15/2024.

Resolution for Exempt from Audit-

Resolution for the filing for an Exemption from Audit for the year 2023 was signed by the four board members that were present, a motion was made earlier in the year that all board members voted on and passed.

Payment for the Chassis for Central Orchard Mesa Fire's (COM) 2024 Freightliner

Stacy Cox presented information to the board about the cost of the chassis and the financial position of COM. It was advised that COM does not have enough funds in the bank to pay for the chassis at \$62,081 and pay MCFA the first quarter tax revenue of \$52,766.52 at this time. A motion was made by Murray Theissen to suspend first quarter payment of tax revenue from COM to MCFA until grant money has been received by COM for the reimbursement of the chassis. Eric Brown seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Chiefs Report

1. We have four people in supervised probation to get on protocol.

Val needs two more calls and her meeting. She is planning on doing a ride with GJ fire to get finished.

Katlyn has done two rides with GJ, not sure how many calls she has at this point.

Hugo has done two or three rides with Lower Valley not sure where he is at in the process.

Jacob started his supervised calls two weeks ago and has completed one ride with GJ and is planning on scheduling more very soon.

Matt is going to get with Dr. Burket when he gets back in town and get a meeting scheduled to see about being placed back on protocol as a paramedic.

Chief has a meeting with Chief Watkins, Grand Junction Fire, on March 27th at 1pm to talk about options for getting more coverage for the Authorities ASA.

Mutual Aid Report January to March 2024 per Chief and Member Courtney Griffith

Numbers of Calls: 72

Mutual Aid Received: 43 calls (60% of total calls)

ALS Mutual Aid: 9 calls (21% of mutual aid)

Manpower Mutual Aid: 34 calls (79% of mutual aid)- includes mutual aid received for large incidents such as structure fires, multi-patient crashes and second calls. Most of the calls that were not larger incidents had a Mesa County Fire Authority response with a probationary EMT.

Staff at this time:

One provider on protocol as EMT- Chief Charlesworth

Four providers in the probation process to get on protocol: V. Cary, H. Ramirez, K. Smith, J. Harmon

ALS Certified Providers not yet going through the protocol process: M. Harmon

BLS Certified Providers not yet going through the protocol process: L. Claypool, M. Lafferty, B. Miller

Two EMT Students in Class: A. Raum, R. Mosqueda

Five members waiting for upcoming EMT classes: C. Rodriquez, K. Hubbs, J. Isham, C. Smart, T. Smith

Three Active/Certified Freighters: Chief Charlesworth, C. Griffith, C. Smart (CDOT bridging to full FF1)

Six Members in Firefighter One with Hazmat Class: C. Rodriquez, K. Hubbs, J. Isham, V. Cary, T. Smith, M. Lafferty

Eight Members are Firefighter Awareness Level trainees: A. Raum, R. Mosqueda, K. Smith, H. Ramierz, B. Miller, J. Harmon and B. McNeil

2. Tanks are going good the risers are in place and the work order has been sent back to Sorter and they think they should be able to fit it in in around two weeks. Russ is working on making lids and the suction line. Chief is working with Rich to create a draft system.

3. I had several driveway inspections all went well with nothing out of the ordinary.

4. Brush 52 had an engine light come on, it was running rough also the AC was not working. It is at the shop and the estimate to fix the issues is just over \$6k and did not want to make the decision to get it fixed without checking with the board first. Board agreed it needs to be fixed.

5. Brush 53 is in-service having the leaking vales replaced and the lines flushed. At this time the hose reel is not working. Need to replace a 20 inch section of pipe ones that is done it will be 100% operational.

6. Jeremy has agreed to purchase old squad 51 for \$500. We need to remove our logo and strip it before he takes position.

7. Chad with Western Slop Fire Apparatus has agreed to the trade for labor deal on the old brush truck if we can get it running. He will pay \$4,000, not running \$2,000. Eric and Wayne will look at the truck to see if they can or what it will take to get the truck running as they would prefer the \$4,000 to the \$2,000.

8. The CMU bike race was a success, and we had no incidents.

9. Member hand book is going well. Should have a rough draft ready for the next meeting.

10. The septic tank at station 53 could handle a man camp but the leach field could not. Chief advised there may be a cost to get an estimate to upgrade the septic tank. Board said to move forward with getting an estimate as they would like to know what that would cost.

11. Black Hills Energy looked at station 52 to see what the cost would be to install gas at that location. They said there is gas at the road and could do an estimate to see what it would cost to install natural gas to that building. Board would like to know what that would cost.

Grants:

FEMA AFG COM - Prebuild is done-got a VIN and our Chassis has been delivered.

CDPHE 2023 EMTS Target date is June 12th. Opted not to have Braun Northwest to install the 800 Mega hertz radio to save money and lack of need.

CDPHE 2024 EMTS Funding Program RFA #41271-Awarded half the cost of the gurney and power lift. Power cot has been received; it is at station 51. Power lift should be delivered to Braun Northwest in March.

Other Matters before the Board:

None

Public Comment:

Rich said he would like to talk with Chief Charlesworth and Wayne DeGesualdo after the meeting about the draft system.

Adjournment of meeting

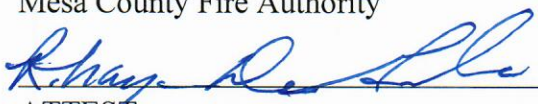
Chuck Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Murray Theissen seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Next Board Meeting is April 23rd at 7PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Cox, Administrative Assistant

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