

MESA COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2023

At 7:08 PM Wayne DeGesualdo called the meeting to order. Wayne DeGesualdo, Eric Brown, Chuck Nelson, Randy Zellner, and Darrell Charlesworth were present for the board.

Wayne DeGesualdo said an opening prayer.

Guest Speaker-

D. Van Loon along with J. Durham from East Orchard Mesa Fire presented a proposal of cooperative Command Staff Share. "This cooperative command staff share seeks to address overhead positions to reduce duplication and create consistency between the East Orchard Mesa Fire Protection District (EOMFPD) and Mesa County Fire Authority (MCFA). Reduction of duplication of positions achieved through the cooperative use of the EOMFD command staff and MCFA command staff; as well as decrease the duplication of training services by combining training programs between both entities. Both districts will build a mutually beneficial auto aid program for both entities. A new recruitment and retention program will be proposed to the MCFA board to help bolster staffing numbers within the MCFA districts. During the operational time of this program, a study will be conducted to conclude weather the EOMFPD should enter the Authority."

The board asked Dane a few questions such as how many medical calls does his area have, coverage area, which is 4.3 square miles from 38 Road to Upland, what kind of equipment they had which is one engine, one tender, one rescue, and one brush truck and number of volunteers which they said 20. When asked about their ASA Dane advised they do not have it right now but he is hoping to get it back from Palisade once they have the staff and equipment to run it. Dane was asked if he is an EMT and he advised he is a NREMT and is working on getting back on protocol with Mesa County. The board thanked Dane for his proposal but said they need a chief for Mesa County Fire Authority but would like to look at a cooperative for staff, training and calls in the future.

Approval of Minutes

Wayne DeGesualdo asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes. Randy Zellner made a motion to accept the March minutes as presented. Darrell Charlesworth seconded the motion. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Tanks

Linda Weber presented the board with the quote to fix the tanks from JCP Fiberglass for \$6324.92 before tax. The board agreed that we own the tanks and we need to fix them. Linda will contact JCP Fiberglass.

Goals

Stacy Cox advised the only change to the goal sheet is lights at 53 are being worked on.

Handbook

Stacy advised she did not receive any updates this month for the handbook and Darrell asked that she resend it to him.

Bank Rates

Chuck Nelson said he opened CD accounts at Vectra Bank for 12 months at 4% and in Alpine Bank for 13 months for 4.5% at \$235,000 each.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurers Report

Chuck Nelson presented the year to date treasurer's report. Chuck said that we are almost a quarter of the way through the year and everything is looking really good and Chief Cox doing a good job of keeping costs low. Talked about some of the annual expenses and how propane will go up as we pre-paid for this winter already. Randy Zellner made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as written. Eric Brown seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Chiefs Report

Vehicles: Brush 52 out of service, all other in service

Grants: FEMA AFG COM- Prebuild is done- no changes made, waiting on VIN

CDPHE 2023 EMTS Funding Program Prebuild is done, waiting on new drawing and VIN

FEMA AFG – applied for a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) \$500,000 and is a 5% match (wait and see)

CDPHE 2024 EMTS Funding Program RFA #41271- Final review is schedule for May 10th and 11th- should hear after that.

Trainings: Mass Casualty, Rescue, Fire and EMS

Personal- Chevelle is no longer assistant chief, and will be releasing one volunteer.

Lots of construction happening in district- several driveway plans this month

Standby: Billed \$1715.00 for April the two days we did standby at the drag way

Calls: 38 From 3/28 to 4/25 as of 5 pm

Report 1 Calls by Category (1 month)

Report 2 Calls by Area/District (1 month)

Report 3 Time of Day & Arrival in Minutes (1 Month)

Report 4 Mutual Aid (1 Month)

Resignation of Chief:

Shawn Cox has turned in his letter of resignation but has offered to stay as chief until the position can be filled with the understanding that he has a new job that he will do during the day and be here for nights and weekends. After some discussion the board agreed it was in the best interest to leave Chief Cox in charge and in place until a replacement has been found and he can turn over the reins to the new Chief. This agreement gives Mesa County Fire Authority time to do due diligence in finding the right candidate for the position.

Hiring Committee:

It was suggested we have a hiring committee or we will have to do interviews at an open board meeting or special meeting if all members what to participate. Chuck Nelson said it would be best to have a hiring committee but does not really want to be part of it. Wayne DeGesualdo said he would like to be committee unless someone else wants to or has objections. Stacy Cox suggested that a board member from each district should be on the committee so both districts have a voice. Darrell Charlesworth said he will be submitting his resume for the chief's position so cannot be on the hiring committee. Randy Zellner said he is really busy but will do his best. Wayne will put together a process and send it out to Rich Phillips who wants to be on the committee as a member of the public.

Other Matters before the Board:

Fund Raiser has been post-pone until new chief is in place.

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment of meeting

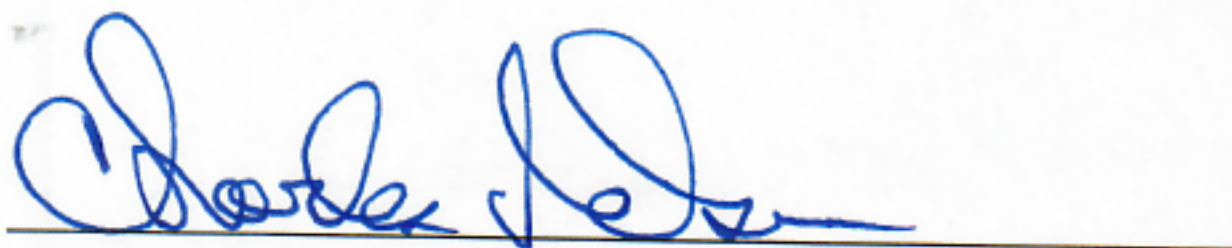
Randy Zellner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Darrell Charlesworth seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:51PM.

Next Board Meeting is June 27, 2023 at 7:00PM.

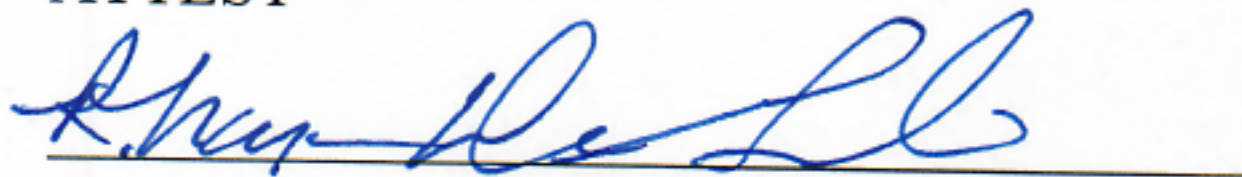
Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Cox, Board/Fire Chief Assistant

Mesa County Fire Authority



ATTEST



ATTEST