

CRESTED BUTTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Mt. Crested Butte Fire Station 2
Tuesday, April 11, 2023
Approved: May 9, 2023

Attendance

Board Members Present: Jack Dietrich Ken Lodovico, Tina Kempin, Eric Tunkey
Board Members Excused: Chris McCann
Guests: John Chmil- Lyons Gaddis Attorneys
Staff, Volunteers and Public: Sean Caffrey, Robert Weisbaum, Annie Tunkey, Ric Ems, Beth Shaner

Changes to Agenda

Meeting called to order at 5:19 pm by Board Vice Chairman Ken Lodovico.
There were no changes to the agenda.

Consent Agenda

Approval of minutes March 2023 Regular Meeting
Approval of Monthly Financial Reports
Motion to approve the consent agenda by Dietrich, seconded by Kempin. Motion passes unanimously.

EMS & Fire Chief Report

Chief Weisbaum presented his written report highlighting March 2023 as the busiest call month in recorded history. Additionally, Chief Weisbaum is pleased with the leadership development resulting from the James Rowan Grow your Captains mentorship. The volunteer recruitment event occurred on March 28th and there are two interested candidates; one who has expressed interest in joining and taking the EMT class and one wildland firefighter who is interested in volunteering and taking the EMT class in the fall. In hiring, the CBFPD welcomed Engineer, Tyler Brown as a new part-time member. The position for Engineer officially closed on March 31st and Weisbaum received one application from a fully qualified candidate. As such, the interview panel determined the candidate should be engaged in the hiring process with each Captain conducting an informal interview with the candidate and a scheduled ride-along, which will occur later this month. Additionally, the interview panel will conduct mock interviews with the FF/EMT candidates for potential hiring in 2024. Chief Weisbaum reports that many members achieved certifications last month, congratulations! Finally, a Quint Committee will be formed to steer the specifications of the new truck; Weisbaum hopes to be able to provide the Board with the collected research by the end of the year. Board member, Kempin asks Chief Weisbaum if he is satisfied with the volunteer recruitment strategy. Weisbaum reports that, nationally, volunteer recruitment is becoming more difficult and Crested Butte is seeing that trend, with many interested people realizing that they do not have the time commitment to volunteer.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Old Business

In old business, CEO Caffrey reports the 2023 election mail ballots should arrive in PO boxes this week. To achieve adequate employee housing many avenues are being explored. Caffrey reports that the Prospect lot is still being discussed with the Muller's and Larkspur lot deed restrictions are still in negotiation with the County. Additionally, the CBFPD has expressed interested in 2-3 units at Mineral Point (new Town of Crested Butte affordable housing) and have expressed interest in business units at Lazy K or a possible master lease in the Paintbrush Apartments. The Emergency Services Campus update includes alternate floor plans for the Station 1

headquarters building where the training room is moved upstairs. Amanda Lo, with TCA, conveyed to Caffrey that the new floor plan adds an additional 1800 sqft to the station and a 3rd stairwell to meet egress guidelines for having a public space upstairs; additionally, there is a gap between apparatus bay and the rest of the station. Board members reviewed the plans and provided comments. Both board members Tunkey and Dietrich are concerned about the additional cost associated with the extra square footage. In his absence, Kempin reminds the board that Chairman McCann was primarily concerned about the use of stairs when responding to a call from the second floor. Board members would like to wait to vote until after McCann can voice his opinion; however, the board members prefer the version with the training room downstairs (option A). Finally, Caffrey reports that the district is still on track for May 18th county commission meeting to discuss the land use application.

New Business

CEO Caffrey provided his written report in the packet. There were no questions from the board members.

Fire Marshal Ems presented his written report stating that overall there have been more plan reviews this year-to-date than last year at this time. Ems reports that the implementation of the First Due software is progressing and he provided the board members with the wildfire informational packet created for our fire district. Ems continues to work with both the county and builders to address the changes and challenges the adopted WUI codes have created in the county. The County WUI codes demand water requirements that are more restrictive than the CBFPD code and there has been some push back from residents around the county water requirements.

The district's attorney, John Chmil joined the board meeting for the discussion of the water/sewer negotiations with the Town of Crested Butte. CEO Caffrey presented an estimate of what the cost of obtaining water and sewer from the Town of Crested Butte could potentially be vs. installation of a private septic and water well. Board members discussed the pros and cons of town supplied infrastructure and ongoing costs. In terms of recommendations to the design team, Goulding and Caffrey suggest continuing to engage the Town of Crested Butte in negotiations but also develop plans to have independent water and sewer. Board members discussed the correspondence with the Town of Crested Butte and feel there has been forward progress in negotiations. Additionally, the board approves of the letter Chairman McCann drafted to the Crested Butte Town Council with minor changes, as does, John Chmil. Motion to approve the letter written to the Crested Butte Town Council with revisions by Dietrich, seconded by Tunkey. Motion passes unanimously. Finally, CEO Caffrey suggest a strategic planning board retreat for the fall. Board members suggest avoiding September 22-26 and October 9-14.

Unscheduled Business and Board Member Comments

In unscheduled business Caffrey mentions a save the date for Sunday, September 10, 2023 for a 50th Anniversary open house at Station 1.

Motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm by Kempin, seconded by Dietrich. Motion passes unanimously.