

CRESTED BUTTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Mt. Crested Butte Fire Station 2
Tuesday, August 8, 2023
Approved: September 12, 2023

Attendance

Board Members Present: Chris McCann, Ken Lodovico, Tina Kempin, Eric Tunkey

Board Members Excused: Jack Dietrich

Staff, Volunteers and Public: Sean Caffrey, Annie Tunkey, Ric Ems, Tanner Perkins, Jordan Iraola, Beth Shaner, Rick Ball, Tara Sweitzer, Melvin Seyfried, Luke Danek, Tony Jakino

Guests: Todd Gouilding- Gouilding Development Advisors, John Chmil- Lyons Gaddis

Changes to Agenda

Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm by Board Chairman Chris McCann.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Consent Agenda

Approval of minutes July 2023 Regular Meeting

Approval of Monthly Financial Reports

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Lodovico, seconded by McCann. Motion passes unanimously.

Fire Prevention Report

Fire Marshal Ems presented his written report.

EMS & Fire Chief Report

Congratulations to Luke Danek who completed his probationary period. Chief Weisbaum presented Luke with his shield and badge.

Chief Weisbaum presented his written report highlighting struggles with candidate recruitment for the paramedic firefighter position. Three candidates were interviewed but ultimately determined our district was not a fit. The position has been re-posted and will remain open until filled. In other staffing updates, Melvin Seyfried will rejoin our team in a full-time capacity. The Lowline Fire is still burning and Brush 1 with a local crew of 4 has filled a resource order and will be on a 14-day assignment at the fire.

The Chief reports that the trip to the Rosenbauer factory was successful and the committee is looking at the King Cobra to add to the fleet. The board can anticipate a vehicle specification sheet next month. Finally, Weisbaum reports that there have been several fire trainings that have utilized the residence at 14 Castle Road, prior to demolition, that were very beneficial to staff and volunteers.

Board members Kempin, Tunkey and McCann expressed concerns regarding staffing shortages. Weisbaum states that he is currently covering the EMS Training Lieutenant position and there are several barriers to hiring in general. Weisbaum sites local housing, pay and reduction in people entering the profession as barriers to recruitment. McCann suggests the possibility of holding a local paramedic-training program. Weisbaum states that this is technically possible, however, the course would have to be run through the hospital or a community college, clinical rotations would need to be done in an urban area, and he is unsure how many students would be interested in the course. Weisbaum states there are online paramedic programs for interested candidates.

Chief Executive Report

CEO Caffrey presented his written report. He included the Butte Avenue Bridge letter for board review and made the board aware of a potential lot line adjustment at Station 2. A Caffrey will meet with Mt. Crested Butte Town Staff on Friday to discuss potential property line adjustments.

Public Comments

There were no public comments

Old Business

Todd Goulding led the board in a contract discussion for FCI, construction manager with guaranteed maximum price arrangement. Goulding explains he is requesting conditional approval of AIA8 133 and 201, which guarantee the maximum project cost. Conditional approval is requested, as FCI needs to tie some exhibits back to the contract. Motion to provide conditional approval, pending staff approval, of AIA8133 and A1A201 by McCann, seconded by Lodovico. Motion passes unanimously.

Goulding moved on to geothermal feasibility test stating that the data was very technical but in brief, tested how well heat would transfer and how many loops would be needed. It will take 3-4 weeks for the cost data point. If geothermal makes sense it will be added to the contract, however; it is not currently included in the cost of the building. Those costs will be provided at the September board meeting. Caffrey says if geothermal is a go we will be looking at grant funding, financing or dipping into the general fund. Chairman McCann ask if there is a ball park figure for utilizing geothermal. Goulding reports the currently projections for geothermal are \$1.6 million for HQ \$400,000 for SAR. McCann asks how much geothermal will reduce the operating cost of the building. Goulding responds that he will ask the engineers for this data. Kempin is interested in pursuing the geothermal conversation, McCann and Tunkey agree. As such, staff will continue investigating geothermal.

In employee housing, Caffrey reports that the Larkspur contract is moving forward and attorney John Chmil has received confirmation that we are in receipt of the final documents. CEO Caffrey, Chief Weisbaum, Assistant Chief Duke and board member Dietrich looked at the Lazy K units made available to the district via lottery. Considerable board discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of a Gunnison unit, financing options and the ease of selling a deed-restricted unit in the future. McCann suggests tabling the discussion until the executive session.

New Business

In new business staff mentioned that both Annie and Sean will need to zoom into the September Board and Pension Board Meeting from the SDA conference in Keystone. The board was amenable to the zoom option so there will be no need to reschedule the September 12th board meeting.

Unscheduled Business

No unscheduled business.

Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session Pursuant to Section 24-6-402(4)(a), C.R.S., concerning the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal or other property interest for member housing by McCann, seconded by Kempin. Board entered executive session at 6:31 pm.

Motion to exit executive session & adjourn at 7:01 by McCann, Seconded by Lodovico. Motion passes unanimously.