

CRESTED BUTTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
Mt. Crested Butte Fire Station 2  
Tuesday, March 12, 2024  
Approved: April 9, 2024

Attendance

Board Members Present: Chris McCann, Jack Dietrich, Tina Kempin, Eric Tunkey, Ken Lodovico  
Staff, Volunteers and Public: Sean Caffrey, Annie Tunkey, Rob Weisbaum, Ric Ems, Joe Wonnacott, Jeff Duke, Tara Sweitzer, Beth Shaner, Randy Felix, Doug Collin and family  
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.

Consent Agenda

Approval of minutes February Regular Meeting

Approval of Monthly Financial Reports

Motion to approve the consent agenda with minor changes to the minutes by Lodovico, seconded by McCann.

Motion passes unanimously.

Recognition

Doug Collin for 10 years of volunteer service.

Fire Prevention Report

Fire Marshal Ems presented his written report. The Fire Prevention team attended ICC classes in Loveland last week and Ems reports the training was beneficial to the team. Following up from last month, Ems does not recommend that the District reconsider Resolution 2016-1 concerning the Riverland Industrial Park. CEO Caffrey agrees, adding that supplemental water makes sense and should be encouraged moving forward as adjoining development occurs. Board member Dietrich agrees and adds that the Riverland HOA has approved improvements to the current pump house. In new updates, Ems states that the fire prevention team is launching an education campaign regarding ionization smoke detectors, which do not work well at our elevation. The reflective sign program and wildfire ready home program are gaining traction. Finally, ATMOS energy may be hiring a third party to install new gas lines. Ems will continue the conversation with them to iron out the details.

EMS & Fire Chief Report

Chief Weisbaum presented his written report. Call volume has been up and due to the nature of many of the recent calls; Weisbaum is actively ensuring mental health and wellness resources are available to all staff.

In vehicle updates, the new ambulance will be received at the end of April and the new aerial truck will be finalized at the same time and put into production. Protocol revisions are underway with Dr. Krier and Dr. Adalgais.

Finally, in education, Chief Weisbaum will be working with Upper Pine Fire District to determine the feasibility of offering free EMT class in the late spring/early summer in Crested Butte. Upper pine has a grant to provide a number of classes in rural areas. More information will follow and Weisbaum is hoping to capture interested community members and high school students.

Board member Tunkey asked clarifying questions about the on-shift crews helping with fire inspections and board

member Kempin verified that employees are now eligible to receive FAMILI benefits.

### Chief Executive Report

CEO Caffrey provided his written report in the packet. In addition to the written report, Caffrey states an employee engagement survey is in production and should be ready to send out in April. Additionally, the annual audit is on schedule.

### Public Comments

No public comments.

### Old Business

Todd Goulding provided the emergency services campus update. The FCI final GMP numbers had large increases from original estimates specifically in concrete, mechanical and the lift station, which has pushed the budget over by \$975,000. Goulding has scheduled a meeting with FCI on Monday, March 18, to go through the FGMP with FCI and the design team to address these discrepancies and reduce scope creep. Caffrey requests clarification on costs that could occur after the FGMP is executed. Goulding states that the FGMP provides a certain level of security, which will allow him to take the contingency in the budget down from 9% to 7% freeing up roughly \$600,000. District liability at that point would be unforeseen circumstances, errors and omissions, agencies having jurisdiction and owner requested changes. Chairman McCann expressed that he has reservations and concerns about the FGMP numbers and requested clarification around the bidding process and the District's contractual agreement with FCI. Attorney John Chmil was able to provide clarification on the contractual agreement and states that accountability and termination clauses are built into the contract. Chmil suggests waiting to see how the FGMP plays out. Board member Kempin offers that it is good practice to dip into contingency gradually as the project progresses rather than at the beginning of the project. Todd Goulding would like to wait to schedule the special board meeting to review the FGMP with the board until after his meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Caffrey indicates the initial building permit application will likely be denied by Gunnison County based on the snowmelt included in the project. There were multiple suggestions on how best to proceed with this issue including omitting the snowmelt, requesting a variance or waiting for the denial. Goulding states that time is of the essence and he does not want snowmelt to slow down the project. Finally, CEO Caffrey reports he has been in contact with Shay Early, Town of Crested Butte, and is expecting a draft of the sewer IGA soon.

In employee housing updates, Ben White has provided a proposal in the packet to do some preliminary design work for the housing in Larkspur. Caffrey states that the current general fund budget supports the professional work. Motion to approve the contract with Ben White by Dietrich, seconded by McCann. Motion passes unanimously.

In the reserve program update, the CBFPD website was updated per board request and CEO Caffrey has not made any further substantive changes to the manual. McCann would like to see the volunteer association leverage some of the free training staff is working to bring to Crested Butte (free EMT class). Board member Kempin expressed her appreciation of the evolution of the reserve program policy. Motion to approve Section 4 of the Policy Manual by McCann, seconded by Dietrich. Motion passes unanimously.

### New Business

Annie Tunkey presented the plan for District compliance with HB2021-1110. Motion to approve the accessibility transition plan and accessibility policy, designate Annie Tunkey as the accessibility officer, and approve the contract with Monsido/Civic Plus by McCann seconded by Lodovico. Motions passes 4-1 with Dietrich opposing.

### Unscheduled Business

Motion to adjourn at 6:53 pm by McCann, seconded by Dietrich. Motion passes unanimously.