

CRESTED BUTTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
Mt. Crested Butte Fire Station 2
Wednesday, May 29, 2024
Approved: June 11, 2024

Attendance

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

Changes to Agenda

Meeting called to order at 10:03 AM by Board Chairman Chris McCann.

New Business

CEO Caffrey provided the Town of Crested Butte special meeting agenda in the board packet, which included correspondence between the CBFPD and Town of Crested Butte since May 2023. The current packet includes a Town of Crested Butte staff recommendation to approve the sewer extension for the CBFPD/CBSAR headquarters project. CEO Caffrey provided a review of the correspondence and communications regarding the utility extension since the regularly scheduled board meeting, May 14, 2024. Caffrey states that after the board meeting an initial letter was drafted by Caffrey and attorney John Chmil then a special meeting of the CBFPD Board of Directors was held on Thursday, May 16 to approve the letter. The Crested Butte Town Council convened on Monday, May 20 and council motioned to continue discussion rather than approve the sewer agreement. CEO Caffrey continued conversations with Gunnison County and Town of Crested Butte staff on Tuesday, May 21. On Wednesday, May 22, Troy Russ with the Town of Crested Butte and CEO Caffrey met and determined that a meeting between Town Council Representatives and CBFPD Board Members would be advisable. CBFPD Board Members McCann and Tunkey met with CB Town Council Members Billick and Magner on Wednesday, May 22. Following this meeting McCann advised submission of an updated letter to the Town of Crested Butte as an amendment to the sewer agreement. McCann and Tunkey state that the meeting with the Town Council members went as well as it could and CBFPD stated that we will vacate 306 Maroon 6 months after receiving a certificate of occupancy at the new headquarter building. Billick and Magner were in favor of this proposal and stated that if more time was necessary CBFPD can ask for an extension. Caffrey apologizes for the rapid timeline stating that he was attempting to meet the Town of Crested Butte submission deadline for a Wednesday, May 29 special meeting while best representing the request of the CBFPD Board of Directors.

Discussion moved on to CBFPD plans for an onsite water treatment system if the Town of Crested Butte does not sign the sewer agreement. Caffrey states OWTS will likely set the start date back 2-3 weeks while CBFPD seeks approval with the county.

McCann asks about a grading permit – Caffrey and Goulding state that the county does not have a mechanism for this. McCann was under the impression that months ago we were starting the parallel process for the OWTS. He would have appreciated a more aggressive pursuit of this plan.

Motion to approve the letter to the Town of Crested Butte dated May 22, 2024 as an amendment to sewer agreement by Kempin, seconded by Lodovico. Motion passes unanimously

Executive Session

Motion to enter executive session pursuant to C.R.S. Section 246-402(4)(e) to determine positions subject to negotiation and Section 24-6-402(4)(b) to receive legal advice related to utility connections at new district facilities by Lodovico, seconded by McCann. Motion passes unanimously.

Board entered executive session at 10:47 am, Tunkey seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Action Following Executive Session

Motion to adjourn a 10:48 by Lodovico, seconded by Tunkey. Motion passes unanimously