

CRESTED BUTTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Mt. Crested Butte Fire Station 2
Tuesday, July 9, 2024
Approved: September 10, 2024

Attendance

Board Members Present: Chris McCann, Jack Dietrich, Eric Tunkey, Ken Lodovico, Matt Halvorson
Staff, Volunteers and Public: Sean Caffrey, Annie Tunkey, Rob Weisbaum, Ric Ems, Joe Wonnacott, Veronica Jarolimek, Beth Shaner
Guests: Todd Goulding- Goulding Development Advisors

Changes to the Agenda

Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm by Board Chairman Chris McCann.
No changes to the agenda.

Board Vacancy Appointment & Oath

Motion to appoint Matthew Halvorson to fill the vacated seat of Kristina Kempin by Jack Dietrich, seconded by Eric Tunkey. Motion passes unanimously.
Oath administered by CEO Sean Caffrey.
Motion to appoint Jack Dietrich as Board Treasurer by Chris McCann, seconded by Eric Tunkey. Motion passes unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Approval of minutes June Regular Meeting
Approval of Monthly Financial Reports
Motion to approve the consent agenda by McCann, seconded by Lodovico. Motion passes unanimously.

Fire Prevention Report

Fire Marshal Ems presented his written report stating the prevention office continues to be busy with plan reviews and opening new restaurants on Elk Avenue.

EMS & Fire Chief Report

Chief Weisbaum presented his written report stating that the bulk of the report highlights the direction of operational staffing for the next 2-3 years. In addition to the written report, Weisbaum thanks everyone for help with a successful July 4th Pancake Breakfast. In capital purchasing, Weisbaum states that the SCBA's are due to be replaced on the same timeline as Gunnison Fire. The two agencies are working together to achieve purchasing power and PPE redundancy. A training tower is still a high priority item and FCI and civil engineers are working to see if the HQ site can support a training tower. Weisbaum will update the board at the next meeting on tower cost and site feasibility. Decommissioned ambulance, Medic 41, is currently open for closed bidding, if not sold; other sales or donation options are available. Finally, John Zeikus, an ASE certified mechanic, was hired as the Fleet and Facilities Manager and will start in early August. Board member Tunkey asks if a training tower will fit in the current HQ budget. Caffery suggests the contingency budget may allow for a training tower and this could be determined by the end of the year. At a minimum, Caffrey would like the site graded for a tower. Public engagement and discussion will follow if feasibility is determined.

Chief Executive Report

CEO Caffrey provided his written report. Concerning the FPPA agreement for administration of the Volunteer

Pension the board agreed to postpone signing the agreement until the Volunteer Pension Board Meeting in September. Caffrey presented a mid-year budget update. Overall, CEO Caffrey is pleased with the budget tracking to date.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Old Business

In construction updates, Todd Goulding reports that mass excavation is complete. Saturated soils required crowding before structural backfill with an additional cost of \$200,000 to \$250,000 for over excavation. Foundation forming and placing rebar is underway and footings for both HQ and SAR will follow. Communication between FCI and BG are going well with requests for information (RFI's). Annie reports that an audit extension was filed at the beginning of the month as Tim Mayberry's concussion has caused delays.

New Business

CEO Caffrey wanted to explore potential employee sharing with the Board. He reports that Fleet and Facilities Manager, John Zeikus was doing repair work for the GVH ambulances privately. As such, CBFPD is discussing the possibility of making Zeikus available at an hourly rate plus parts to GVH. Additionally, CEO, Chief Weisbaum and Chief Malcolm discussed GVH hiring a training officer that could be utilized by CBFPD in a similar way. Dietrich thinks it would be great to share these resources. Lodovico asks about the financial logistics. Caffrey suggests that nothing is set and it will take some time to figure out. Considerable conversation around in house training and strategies. Board members have concerns about finances around the increase in personnel. Caffrey states that we cannot afford all of the personnel Chief Weisbaum would like to hire at this time. Chairman McCann requests a 5-year projection of property values and the associated cash flow to accommodate personnel.

Unscheduled Business

Dietrich asks about the status of employee housing at Larkspur. Caffrey states Ben White has provided preliminary drawings of 2 and 3 bedroom units; however, an additional drawing set has been requested and Caffrey anticipates a drawing set for board review at the next meeting. Dietrich will speak with Fire Marshal Ems regarding fire flows on commercial buildings. The state regulation for a 4 inch main is "costly, excessive, and dangerous". Dietrich feels engineers can give a calculation of flow rates and wonders if it is reasonable for the CBFPD to adopt the fire code with modifications. Dietrich does not want to sacrifice life safety and requests this item be on the agenda at the next board meeting. Chief Weisbaum reports that Scott Wimmer is retiring and the CBFPD will be working with Glo to recognize his retirement and contributions at the CBFPD. Finally, CEO Caffrey states that the August board meeting conflicts with FRI for Weisbaum and Caffrey and an out of town commitment for Annie. The Board supports postponing the August meeting and will convene at the regularly scheduled meeting September 10th.

Motion to adjourn at 6:45 pm by McCann, seconded by Lodovico. Motion passes unanimously.