

CRESTED BUTTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
Mt. Crested Butte Fire Station 2  
Tuesday, October 22, 2024  
Approved: November 12, 2024

Attendance

Board Members Present: Jack Dietrich, Eric Tunkey, Ken Lodovico, Matt Halvorson, Chris McCann  
Staff, Volunteers and Public: Sean Caffrey, Annie Tunkey, Rob Weisbaum, Jeff Duke, Ric Ems, Sean Slattery, Mark Voegeli, Corey Tibljas, Brad Farson, Ryan Woods, Neil Starkbaum, Todd Goulding, Joel Wisian, Dr. Krier, Luke Danek, John Chmil, Ben White

Changes to the Agenda

Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm by Board Vice Chairman Ken Lodovico.  
No changes to the agenda.

Phoenix Award

Chief Weisbaum presented the Phoenix Award for a cardiac arrest save to members: Luke Danek, Sean Slattery, Brad Farson, Corey Tibljas, Rand Felix and Officer Matt Halvorson.

Consent Agenda

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

Fire Prevention Report

Fire Marshal Ems presented his written report in addition Ems states that the First Due software will be live on Monday. In Spring 2025 local wildfire assessment will be available and homeowners can request an assessment through the Western Regional Wildfire Council. Finally, the Mt. Crested Butte affordable housing fee waiver request was presented. An IGA was approved by the Town of Mt. Crested Butte attorney and CBFPD's attorney that waive the fees by CBFPD at the Homestead Project and at CBFPD's 121 Deer Creek Circle property. Motion by Dietrich to approve the IGA for fee waiver with Mt. Crested Butte, seconded by Lodovico. Halvorson abstains. Motion passes 4-0.

EMS & Fire Chief Report

Chief Weisbaum presented his written report. During the shoulder season, employee subcommittees were able to meet to stock the quint truck, the high-rise committee has created SOG's, and pre-incident planning SOG's have been created. The EMT class concluded with 20 students out of 21 completing the course and 3 expressing interest in PT work. CBFPD will conduct a hiring process utilizing current staff for a hiring committee for part-time members. In equipment, the retired medic 41 is still awaiting pickup. All SCBA packs were tested and passed 50 air packs and 99 bottles. Testing is conducted every 5 years, and we will need to purchase new SCBA packs and bottles in 2026-2027. Finally, Engine pump testing and Tender pump testing is complete. Both Engine 1 and Engine 3 require minor repairs.

Chief Executive Report

CEO Caffrey provided his written report in the packet. In addition, Caffrey highlights the administration of NFPA 1582 physicals in the spring. There is still work being done to find a location for cell towers in CB South and a location for new radio towers. Red Mountain Park, Red Mountain Ranch, Spann Ranch and Forest Service

property are being considered. Finally, CBFPD will be working with Gunnison Valley EMS to make John Zeikus available for vehicle repair on their ambulances. Billing will be through CBFPD and will be cost neutral for the District.

### Public Comments

No public comments

### Old Business

Todd Goulding provided the emergency services campus update, stating overall things are going well. Low voltage planning and furniture quotes are underway. Three locations have been suggested for the well and drilling will hopefully occur in November. The sewer lift station is awaiting approval from the Town of Crested Butte which needs be completed before submission to the State. The goal is to submit to the State within 10 days and begin the 60-day approval timeline with the State. The construction schedule for HQ is to have structural steel complete in mid-November, dried in during December and slab on grade poured in January. FCI reports they are on schedule to complete the project Q3 of 2025. SAR should be dried in by early December and turned over in Q2 of 2025. FCI is hitting milestones, and Goulding will be doing a deep dive on the contingency budget in December.

10 minute recess. Reconvene at 6:10 pm

Architect Ben White presented his plans for the proposed Larkspur duplex design. Proposed is a 2 bedroom and 3 bedroom unit each with a 2-car garage. These units would be for sale units. The Board asked Jeff Duke about the lot line variance request. Duke reports the District will need to resubmit the for the 10 foot variance with the Larkspur DRC. As far as the design, board members suggest deeper garages, more welcoming front entry way and to consider possible snowshed issues at the back doors of the units.

### New Business

The senior staff reviews are underway. Chief Weisbaum and Fire Marshal Ems reviews will be presented at the next board meeting. CEO Caffrey will present his self-review for the board in December.

### Unscheduled Business

In unscheduled business Board member Tunkey asks if it would be cost effective to utilize YouTube TV rather than Sling. Caffrey thinks likely not. Chairman McCann requests clarification on the use of dirt bikes to improve response in remote areas. Halvorson states that SAR is under the Sheriff's department and there are many layers to forest service and wilderness response. In general, all agencies work together for the benefit of extrication of a known patient. Finally, former CBFPD Fire Chief Jerry Chiles passed away on October 9<sup>th</sup>, the District will send the family condolences.

### Executive Session

Motion to enter executive session pursuant to Section 24-6-402(4b) to obtain legal advice on future construction projects by McCann, seconded by Tunkey. Motion passes unanimously. Board entered executive session at 6:46 pm. Motion to exit executive session by Lodovico, seconded by Tunkey. Motion passes unanimously at 7:01 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 7:01 pm by McCann, seconded by Lodovico. Motion passes unanimously.