

CRESTED BUTTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Mt. Crested Butte Fire Station 2
Tuesday, January 14, 2025
Approved: February 11, 2025

Attendance

Board Members Present: Jack Dietrich, Ken Lodovico, Matt Halvorson, Chris McCann, Eric Tunkey
Guests: Todd Goulding- Goulding Development Advisors
Staff, Volunteers and Public: Sean Caffrey, Annie Tunkey, Rob Weisbaum, Joe Wonnacott, Ric Ems, Jeff Duke, Dale Hoots, Randy Felix

Changes to the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Approval of minutes December Regular Meeting
Approval of Monthly Financial Reports for December
Motion to approve the consent agenda by Dietrich, seconded by McCann. Motion passes unanimously.
Approval of Resolution 2025-1-1 Meeting Notices and Locations by Dietrich, seconded by McCann. Motion passes unanimously.

Fire Prevention Report

Fire Marshal Ems presented his written report, highlighting updates to fire codes and discussions with the County Board of Commissioners (BOC) regarding the Starview Subdivision. The Home Assessment Program is planned to launch in the spring, with 12 homeowners already requesting inspections. The Fire Marshal is also actively working with Grand Lodge on their fire alarm system repairs.

EMS & Fire Chief Report

Chief Weisbaum presented his written report, summarizing the department's 2024 accomplishments and outlining plans for 2025. Efforts in 2025 include: recruiting new volunteers, bringing a Field Training and Evaluation Program (FTEP) class to Crested Butte and improving the ISO rating for 2026 review. In vehicle updates, the Quint truck is expected in December 2025; financing will determine the delivery date. The equipment required to outfit the truck is estimated to cost \$200,000 to \$300,000. Engine 3 remains out of service due to a malfunctioning four-wheel drive. Chief Duke is exploring solutions, including fabricating a replacement part for the 20-year-old engine. In the interim, the tactical tender is being used as a replacement. Discussions covered the vehicle replacement schedule and the importance of a reserve engine. Finally, Chief Weisbaum noted the high number of high acuity calls in 2024 and commended the team's performance.

Chief Executive Report

CEO Caffrey provided his written report and additional updates:

- The Gunnison County Ambulance Resolution was included in the packet, with clarification on boundaries. The CBFPD has expanded its response area beyond district boundaries, pending a BOC vote on January 21st.
- A new service arrangement with GVH-EMS was outlined. John Ziekus will complete GVH-EMS work in Gunnison, GVH-EMS will order most parts directly, and billing will be handled by CBFPD. Any parts ordered by CBFPD will include a mark-up and John will be paid for his hourly work by CBFPD.

- Surveys and reviews for 2025 include a Captain 360 review this month, an organizational survey in the spring, and command staff reviews in late summer. A promotion process linked to the pay matrix is also in development, with further details expected in the spring.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Old Business

Todd Goulding reported steady progress, within budget, for low-voltage systems and furniture. The lift station review is underway, with results expected by late February or early March. The overall project is still on budget with 36% of contingency remaining. Goulding states remaining risks are weather and owner changes. Key project updates include:

- **CBSAR Building:** Slab on grade scheduled for February. Project completion in Q2.
- **HQ Building:** Sheeting complete, with windows arriving within a week. Slab on grade scheduled for February. Project completion Q3.

Dietrich inquired about well drilling. Goulding reports the current well yields 5.5 to 6 gallons per minute. Water quality testing will occur once an adequate flow rate is determined. Two additional well sites remain on the property if necessary.

The training building proposal from Fire Facilities was discussed. The building cost is \$740,000 and site work, including dirt, slab and utilities, is \$320,000. The contingency budget was \$2.7 million initially, with \$400,000 spent. After accounting for the training building, \$1.1 million remains usable.

Motion to approve the contract with Fire Facilities, contingent on clarification of the cancellation clause by legal, by McCann, seconded by Tunkey. Motion passes unanimously.

Public education on the training building will be prioritized, including a Fire Facilities open house in March and newspaper announcements. Dietrich suggested earlier public engagement in February. Additionally, the board requests that water containment plans around the training building be prioritized.

Ben White's Larkspur duplex project is delayed, but updates will be presented to the board soon, followed by submission to the Larkspur DRB and pricing bids.

New Business

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-1-2 to set the board election and designate CEO Caffrey as the DEO by McCann, seconded by Dietrich. Motion passes unanimously.

A call for nominations will run in the January Crested Butte News and be posted on the website.

The CEO Employment Contract was updated by Caffrey and sent to legal for review. Legal did not make any recommendations for changes to the contract.

Motion to approve the CEO employment contract by Dietrich, seconded by Lodovico. Motion passes unanimously.

Unscheduled Business

The HQ grand opening is tentatively planned for October 18, 2025, with a community open house to follow at a later date.

Motion to adjourn at 6:24 pm by Lodovico, seconded by McCann. Motion passes unanimously.