

REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
DE BEQUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

DE BEQUE FIRE STATION  
November 16<sup>th</sup> 2020

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

Pursuant to notice, the regular board meeting of the De Beque Fire Protection District was called to order by President Annette Tanner at 6:04 PM on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 2020.

As per Mesa County Health Department orders, the meeting was conducted virtually with a public link on the District Website.

**Roll Call:** Annette Tanner, Melanie Hansen, Cynthia Farris, Melanie Hansen, Dustin Koehler, and Marge Mackey present by video conference. A quorum was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

**Others present:** Cindy Myers with Public Sector Health Care Group, Shannon Currier - District Contract Accountant, and District Fire Chief, Mike Harvey was present. No public present.

Cynthia Farris left the meeting at 6:08 due to video complications.

Marge Mackey moved to excuse Cynthia Farris from the meeting due to technical difficulties. The motion was seconded by Board President Annette Tanner.

Vote: Cynthia Farris, absent; Melanie Hansen, aye, Dustin Koehler, aye; Marge Mackey, aye; Annette Tanner, aye; Motion passed.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:** President Annette Tanner inquired if there are any corrections or additions to the agenda. No changes to the agenda.

**APPROVAL ITEMS:**

- 1) Minutes from the October 14<sup>th</sup> 2020 regular board meeting were reviewed by the board. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Marge Mackey moved to accept the October 14<sup>th</sup> 2020 regular board meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Melanie Hansen.

Vote: Cynthia Farris, absent; Melanie Hansen, aye, Dustin Koehler, aye; Marge Mackey, aye; Annette Tanner, aye; Motion passed.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** No public was present on-line.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Health care insurance presentation. Cindy Myers with Public Sector Health Care Group conducted a video presentation to the Board and answered questions concerning the different health insurance programs they offer as well as the Metlife vision, dental and accidental Death and Disability programs they offer. Chief Harvey will follow-up by contacting Montrose Fire as they are the members of the organization. Mrs. Myers also answered questions concerning setting up an HRA account.
  
- 2) 2021 Budget hearing. Shannon Currier, District Contract Accountant presented the 2021 budget. Mrs. Currier stated that the budget hearing was posting in both the Daily Sentinel and Post Independent as required by statute. The Board reviewed the line items for the budget. Mrs. Currier stated that the New Gas and Oil 5% exemption was explored and would not be a benefit as the Fire District is at its full 4.0 mil for 2021 and due to the limitation would not qualify for the exemption and there will be a temporary tax credit for 2021. Final budget adoption will be at the December Board meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Residence heating system: Chief Harvey thanked Mike Tanner for working on the residence heating system. Chief Harvey informed the Board of some of the issues with the heating system.

**FINANCIAL REPORT AND UPDATES**

- 1) Shannon Currier, Fire District Contract Accountant provided the board with electronic copies of the financial statements for the month ending September 2020. Mrs. Currier reviewed the documents and year-to-date financials with the Fire Board.

Marge Mackey moved and seconded by Melanie Hansen to accept the September 2020 financial statements as presented.

Vote: Cynthia Farris, absent; Melanie Hansen, aye, Dustin Koehler, aye; Marge Mackey, aye; Annette Tanner, aye.

Motion passed.

Dustin Koehler moved and seconded by Marge Mackey to accept the September 2020 expenditures as presented.

Vote: Cynthia Farris, absent; Melanie Hansen, aye, Dustin Koehler, aye; Marge Mackey, aye; Annette Tanner, aye.

Motion passed.

District Accountant Shannon Currier reviewed the insurance write-offs for September 2020.

Annette Tanner moved to accept the insurance adjustment amount of \$4,366.70 and bad debit write off of \$7,728.00 for a total write off and adjustments amount of \$12,094.70 for September 2020. The motion was seconded by Marge Mackey.

Vote: Cynthia Farris, absent; Melanie Hansen, aye, Dustin Koehler, aye; Marge Mackey, aye; Annette Tanner, aye.

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT:** The board received Chief Harvey's written report by email prior to the meeting. Chief Harvey informed the Board that the Fire District received a dividend from Pinnacol Insurance. The Fire District has been approved for Workers Compensation Cost Containment until November 2023. Chief Harvey attended the EMS Council meeting by phone and discussed some of the ideas for transport concerning the increased CoVid spread.

**BOARD ITEMS AND COMMENTS:** No comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Marge Mackey moved to adjourn the meeting and Dustin Koehler seconded the motion.

Vote: Cynthia Farris, absent; Melanie Hansen, aye, Dustin Koehler, aye; Marge Mackey, aye; Annette Tanner, aye.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjournment at 7:37PM.

Next regular meeting: December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

Approved by the De Beque Fire Protection Board of Directors on December 8th, 2020.

  
Annette Tanner - President



  
Melanie Hansen – Secretary/Treasurer