

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DE BEQUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

DE BEQUE FIRE STATION
March 10th 2020

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The regular board meeting of the De Beque Fire Protection District was called to order by Board President Annette Tanner at 6:02 PM on March 10th, 2020. Directors present were Marge Mackey, Melanie Hansen, and Annette Tanner, Toni Vincenzetti and Sling Herrman. Also present was Shannon Currier - District Accountant, and District Fire Chief Mike Harvey and staff member Forest Matis. Public present: Dustin Koehler.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll Call was taken.

Mrs. Hansen: Present, Mr. Herrman: Present, Mrs. Mackey: Present, Mrs. Tanner: Present, Mrs. Vincenzetti: Present.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: No corrections or additions to the agenda.

APPROVAL ITEMS:

1) Minutes from regular February 11th, 2020 regular meeting were reviewed by the board. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Marge Mackey moved to accept the February 11th, 2020 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Sling Herrman.

Vote: Marge Mackey, aye; Annette Tanner, aye; Melanie Hansen, aye, Sling Herrman aye, Toni Vincenzetti aye. Motion passed.

2) Minutes from February 26th, 2020 special meeting were reviewed by the board. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Marge Mackey moved to accept the February 26th, 2020 special meeting as presented, seconded by Sling Herrman.

Vote: Marge Mackey, aye; Annette Tanner, abstain; Melanie Hansen, aye, Sling Herrman aye, Toni Vincenzetti aye. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dustin Koehler introduced himself as the “write-in” candidate for the May 2020 election. The Board and staff did introductions and welcomed Dustin to the meeting.

Old Business:

- 1) Financial funds transfer: Fire District contract CPA, Shannon Carrier updated the Board on the funds transfer status and had the board members sign the transfer paper work.
- 2) Chief Harvey presented the new contract for the Fire Rescue Billing Company. The Board reviewed the contract and Board President, Annette Tanner signed the contract as presented. The new contract will take effect May 11th, 2020. The Board voted at the February meeting to move forward with the new billing company.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) 2020 ambulance fee rates: Chief Harvey presented the 2020 EMS billing rates that are regulated by Mesa County as per the EMS resolution. The Fire District will not be increasing mileage rates in 2020. Chief Harvey explained that the Fire District needs to keep the billing rates current for Medicare and also for getting grants. The RETAC still considers Mesa County rates low, however, these rates are set by the County and not the Fire District.

Sling Herrman moved to accept the 2020 ambulance fee rates as presented, seconded by Melanie Hansen.

Vote: Marge Mackey, aye; Annette Tanner, aye; Melanie Hansen, aye, Sling Herrman aye, Toni Vincenzetti aye. Motion passed.

- 2) Part-Time employee retirement benefit: Chief Harvey presented the FPPA resolution to provide part-time employees a retirement benefit from the Fire District. This benefit will help retain current part-time personnel and attract new part-time help in working for De Beque Fire. Chief Harvey explained how the PTE retirement benefit works and the contribution rates.

Marge Mackey moved to accept the FPPA resolution to provide FPPA retirement benefit for the part-time members, seconded by Melanie Hansen.

Vote: Marge Mackey, aye; Annette Tanner, aye; Melanie Hansen, aye, Sling Herrman aye, Toni Vincenzetti aye. Motion passed.

- 3) Paramedic tuition repayment: Chief Harvey presented the second half repayment request for Paramedic Ethan Harvey. This will be the second and final payment to offset the expense of the CMU paramedic course that Ethan Harvey successfully completed and is working as an unsupervised paramedic.

Toni Vincenzetti motioned to pay \$5,250 to Ethan Harvey for the second and final payment for the CMU paramedic course. Motion was seconded by Sling Herrman.

Vote: Marge Mackey, aye; Annette Tanner, aye; Melanie Hansen, aye, Sling Herrman aye, Toni Vincenzetti aye. Motion passed.

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

1) Shannon Currier, Fire District Accountant provided the board with written copies of the financial statements through the end of January 2020. Mrs. Currier reviewed the documents and year to date financials with the Fire Board and new format for the balance sheet.

Marge Mackey moved and seconded by Sling Herrman to accept the January 2020 expenses and financial statements as presented.

Vote: Marge Mackey, aye; Annette Tanner, aye; Melanie Hansen, aye, Sling Herrman aye, Toni Vincenzetti, aye. Motion passed.

Write offs: The Fire Board reviewed the write-off statement for the month ending January 2020.

Sling Herrman moved to accept the write-off statement for the month ending January 2020, seconded by Marge Mackey.

Vote: Marge Mackey, aye; Annette Tanner, aye; Melanie Hansen, aye, Sling Herrman aye, Toni Vincenzetti, aye. Motion passed.

January 2020

Insurance adjustments- \$4,645.31

Write-offs - \$131.32

Total - \$4,776.63

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Chief Harvey reviewed his monthly written administration report. Chief Harvey discussed the administration report and the election process. Chief Harvey also updated the board on the on-going ISO inspection.

BOARD COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: Marge Mackey moved to adjourn the meeting. Sling Herrman seconded the motion to adjourn.

Vote: Marge Mackey, aye; Annette Tanner, aye; Melanie Hansen, aye; Sling Herrman, aye; Toni Vincenzetti, aye. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Next regular meeting scheduled for April 14th, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

Approved by the De Beque Fire Protection Board of Directors April 14th, 2020.

Annette Tanner

Annette Tanner - President

Toni Vincenzetti

Toni Vincenzetti – Secretary/Treasurer

