

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DE BEQUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

DE BEQUE FIRE STATION
December 8th 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 6:00 PM on Tuesday, December 8th 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, 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: Shannon Currier - District Contract Accountant, and District Fire Chief, Mike Harvey was present. No public present.

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 November 16th 2020 regular board meeting were reviewed by the board. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Dustin Koehler moved to accept the November 16th 2020 regular board meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Marge Mackey.

Vote: Cynthia Farris, abstain; 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) 2021 Budget Adoption and appropriation of money. Shannon Currier, District Contract Accountant presented the final 2021 budget. The budget was reviewed by the Fire Board. Mrs. Currier stated that the budget hearing was posting in both the Daily Sentinel and Post Independent as required by statute.

Resolution to adopt the Budget:

Annette Tanner moved to adopt the 2021 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Dustin Koehler.

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

Motion passed

Resolution to set Garfield County Mill Levy

Motion by Cindy Farris and Seconded by Annette Tanner to certify and set the Garfield County Mill levy at 4.0 mills.

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

Motion passed

Resolution to set Mesa County Mill Levy

Motion by Annette Tanner and Seconded by Marge Mackey to certify and set the Mesa County Mill levy at 4.0 mills.

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

Motion passed

Resolution to appropriate sums of money.

Motion by Marge Mackey to appropriate sums of money for the 2021 budget. Motion seconded by Cindy Farris.

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

NEW BUSINESS: No new business

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 October 2020. Mrs. Currier reviewed the documents and year-to-date financials with the Fire Board.

Cindy Farris moved and seconded by Marge Mackey to accept the October 2020 financial statements as presented.

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

Motion passed.

Marge Mackey moved and seconded by Cindy Farris to accept the October 2020 expenditures as presented.

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

Motion passed.

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

Dustin Koehler moved to accept the insurance adjustment amount of \$3,010.68 and bad debit write off of \$2,076.43 for a total write off and adjustments amount of \$5,087.11 for October 2020. The motion was seconded by Marge Mackey.

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

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: The Chief Harvey reviewed his written report that was sent by email prior to the meeting. The SCBA fit tester is on-line and personnel are being fit tested. The Motorola radios firmware has been updated and voice announcing installed on channels. The Fire District has been receiving donations from businesses in Grand Junction for the Fire Pup program which will help the district to provide fire safety educational materials to the De Beque School Students. The CREATE grant was approved for funding. This will help pay 50% of the paramedic refresher in February hosted at De Beque Fire Station.

Chief Harvey informed the board that the current copier contract is up in February and the Fire District is seeking proposals. Chief Harvey will send the 30 day notice of termination as per the contract. Chief Harvey proposed that the Evaluation + module be added to the Target Solutions Platform. It will cost a flat fee of \$1,000 per year. This module tracks employee Job performance requirements for state fire and also for EMS. It allows video to be stored of the employee completing the task. It will also work for personnel evaluations. Board President Annette Tanner stated that it would be good to add this for documentation.

Chief Harvey briefed the Fire Board on the current status of CoVid spread and the coordination between Mesa County Health Department and the future administration of the Covid vaccine to EMS providers. Chief Harvey has been in contact with the Fire District labor attorney concerning the administration of the vaccine and the policy stance of the district with administration to employees. The Board and Chief Harvey agree at this present time the vaccine will be optional for those that wish to have the vaccine if it becomes available in the future.

Chief Harvey contacted Montrose Fire to gain further information on the health insurance and broker that the Fire District is currently looking to move to. Rocky Mountain Health Plans has not provided any updated pricing for 2021. Montrose Fire highly recommended the company. Chief Harvey will be setting up a phone meeting to further discuss in more detail options for the Fire District employee health insurance.

Chief Harvey informed the Fire Board that he will be researching the new reporting requirements for Medicare reporting. The preliminary reporting requirements have been postponed until January 2022 due to the CoVid pandemic. De Beque Fire District was not selected to initially participate. Chief Harvey is working to have all reporting requirements in place prior to the due date to be ready when Medicare requires all agencies to report after the initial study is completed.

BOARD ITEMS AND COMMENTS: No comments.

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


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

Motion passed.

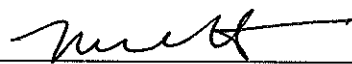
Meeting adjournment at 7:02 PM.

Next regular meeting: January 12th at 6:00 PM.

Approved by the De Beque Fire Protection Board of Directors on January 12th, 2020.



Annette Tanner - President



Melanie Hansen – Secretary/Treasurer

