

LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

**La Veta Fire Station
100 Birch Street
La Veta, Colorado**

MINUTES

February 8, 2018
6:00 P.M.

Present: Directors Littlefield, Nielsen, Heikes, Shrout and Walker were in attendance.
Staff: EMS Director Schmidt and District Secretary Pezze.
Guests: Jim Berg

Call to Order – Pledge - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order, the Pledge of Allegiance was given, roll call was taken and Director Littlefield welcomed all those in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

MSA:* The February 8, 2018 Agenda was approved as presented.

Resolutions and May 8, 2018 Election

The regular Special District Election will be held on May 8, 2018. Two Directors, Ronald Nielsen and Robert Walker terms will be up for election

MSA: The Board approved and signed Resolution # 2018-02-01, Election Resolution for 2018 Regular District Election.

Minutes

MSA: Minutes of the January 11, 2018 regular meeting were approved as presented.

Public Comments

Director Littlefield publicly thanked Jim Berg for all the work he has been doing on the I Am Responding paging system. Jim is also working with setting up Spanish Peaks Ambulance on the system and continues to work with Debbie Bernal at the Huerfano County Dispatch center.

Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters

The LVFPD continues to receive the La Veta Oil Co. contamination remediation reports on the test wells located at the previous, 111 S. Main Fire Station address. Sec. Pezze will advise them that LVFPD is no longer associated with that location and they can discontinue sending their reports to the LVFPD.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report and payments for the February 28, 2018 meeting were presented.

MSA: The Board approved the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Sec. Pezze advised that she is working with Tim Dixon, CPA on the District's Application for Exemption from Audit form.

Secretary Pezze is working on securing quotes from the previous insurance carriers, T. Charles Wilson Insurance for the District's package property and casualty coverages and Pinnacol Assurance for the workmen's compensation policy. Now that the LVFPD is no longer doing mitigation operations lower premiums may be available. It was decided to renew the Colorado Special District Association membership for 2018.

Wildfire Mitigation Service (WMS) Report

Sec. Pezze advised that she continues to work with Huerfano County Mitigation Manager, Paul Branson on the close-out of the FEMA mitigation grant.

***MSA = Moved, Seconded and Approved (unanimously unless otherwise indicated).**

EMS Director Report

- 1) 25 EMS runs with 16 patients transported in January 2018.
- 2) Submitted the request for reimbursement of \$8,405 on the Colorado Dept. of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) EMS Provider grant for radios and pagers. Director Schmidt has also updated the LVFPD profile with the CDPHE.
- 3) The RETAC grant for Dr. Weber's six-month fee and training sessions are underway with Tyler and Linette Schmidt and Marc Biggins as instructors.
- 4) Span. Peaks Reg. Health Center (SPRHC) is also offering EMT training and classes. Worgan, Ray and Ceremuga plan to attend an EMS Instructor Class at a cost of \$100.00 each. Sue Pezze and Malea Schmidt plan to attend the Wilz Trauma Symposium in Pueblo for a cost of \$56.00 each. These training costs will be reimbursed through the RETAC grant.
- 5) 2 EMT class students, Warren and Waldrop, still need to schedule and pass their National Registry tests by the April 2018 deadline. Wendy is responding to EMS calls and is very proficient on scene with patient care.
- 6) A friend of Mark Worgan has donated 3 free A.E.D. units to the LVFPD. One unit will go in a responder's P.O.V. and the other 2 will be placed in the community. Charlie's Market will be one location and the other location is yet to be determined.
- 8) Director Schmidt presented a recap of the 2017 EMS calls.
- 9) Rescue 2 (1999 Ford Amb.) has been hard to start and Joe at La Veta Oil checked it out and said it was probably battery cable issues.

Director Littlefield asked EMS Director Schmidt to find a way to orient Firefighters to ambulance equipment and supplies. He also mentioned the idea of residents being required to "subscribe" to ambulance service and paying an annual fee for the service. This will need to be researched further.

Fire Chief Report

The Chief's Report was submitted via email due to his leaving town for the birth of his first grandchild.

- 1) 7 fire calls in January 2018. Mutual Aid to Huerf. Cnty. Fire Prot. District for a grass fire on C.R. 520, 1 MVA, smoke report in Wahatoya area, 3 grass fires, and one structure fire involving firewood in a wood box catching on fire and causing smoke damage to the home.
- 2) Fire Trainings in January: One training on Jan. 3 on ropes & knots with 10 FFs in attendance. A second training on January 27 on equipment inventory with 14 FFs in attendance.
- 3) Presented an application from Randy Collins.
- 4) ISO inspection is complete and waiting for results. Chief DeTray thanked Jim Berg and Sue Pezze for their help in completing the inspection. Jim Berg stated that improvements need to be made in the hydrant testing procedures in La Veta.
- 5) Chf. DeTray, Asst. Chief Mower and Sec. Pezze attended the annual AOP meeting for addressing wildland fires in Huerfano County. County, State and Federal agencies participated in the meeting. A few, improved, changes will possibly provide more air support resources, at no cost, in the event of a wildland fire.
- 6) Director Nielsen and Chf. DeTray met with a certain Firefighter regarding his health and commitment to the District and all issues have been resolved.
- 7) Chf. DeTray would like to sell the 1986 Ford Brush pickup through a sealed bid process. He will work with Director Shroust and Sec. Pezze to get the appropriate ad in the local paper.

MSA: The Board approved the application of Randy Collins contingent upon clear background checks and waiving the requirement of a Colorado driver's license. Randy currently has a Texas license.

MSA: The Board approved selling the 1986 Ford on a bid basis.

Old Business

The FEMA Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) grant application for a new fire engine and additional gear has been submitted. Director Littlefield advised that the final approvals for the application were acquired through emails due to the impending deadline. The Board and staff were reminded of the Board's grant policy to have grants approved at regular Board meetings.

Sec. Pezze advised that Joe Edes, Board Secretary for the Huerfano County Federal Mineral Lease District (HCFMLD) has sent word that the HCFMLD will only award grants to the same entity for three consecutive years. The entity will then have to wait for a year before submitting another grant application.

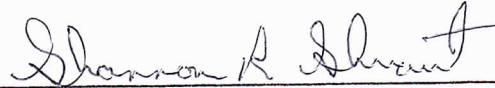
Regarding the CO State Fire and Police Retirement program, Director Walker advised that the State agency still has a moratorium on accepting any applications for new membership and reimbursement of State funds. It may be several months before it re-opens. He will keep the Board posted on the application status. The Board can go ahead and create its own plan. However, 100% of the cost would be the District's responsibility.

The strategic planning review was set for a workshop at 4:30 PM prior to the regular April 12, 2018 Board meeting.

New Business

Director Littlefield addressed the Gallagher Amendment briefly and advised that he and Director Nielsen still plan to meet with County Commissioner Vezzani and other County entities to discuss the issues.

MSA: The meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shannon R. ShROUT", positioned above a horizontal line.

Shannon R. ShROUT, Secretary