

**LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**La Veta Fire Station**  
**100 Birch Street**  
**La Veta, Colorado**

**MINUTES**

March 8, 2018  
6:00 P.M.

Present: Directors Littlefield, Nielsen, Heikes, Shrout and Walker were in attendance.  
Staff: Fire Chief DeTray, EMS Director Schmidt and District Secretary Pezze.  
Guests: Asst. Chief Mower, Jim Berg, Kim DeTray, Greg Woods

**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 March 8, 2018 Agenda was approved as presented.

**May 8, 2018 Elections and Cancellation Resolution**

Sue Pezze, Designated Election Officer for the May 8, 2018 Special District Election advised that, by the statutory deadline for filing director self-nomination and acceptance forms, she had received two completed forms for the two available director positions. Those being from the incumbents Roland L. Nielsen and Robert Lee Walker. Accordingly, a resolution was presented declaring Directors Nielsen and Walker elected as directors. These directors will take their Oath of Office for the new term of office at the May 10, 2018 regular Board meeting.

**MSA:** The Board approved and signed the Resolution for Cancellation of Election and Declaration Deeming (Ronald L. Nielsen and Robert Lee Walker) Elected for the next four-year term of office.

**Minutes**

**MSA:** Minutes of the February 8, 2018 regular meeting were approved as presented.

**Public Comments**

Greg Woods advised that San Isabel has done extensive tree trimming in the Tres Valles development. They trimmed the limbs on trees around the power lines going to the development's water treatment plan. The development is also making plans to have a crew of approximately 25 young workers come in the fall of 2018 for six days to do further mitigation work.

**Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters**

None.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report and payments for the March 8, 2018 meeting were presented.

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

Sec. Pezze presented the 2017 Application for Exemption from Audit which was completed by Tim Dixon, CPA.

**MSA:** The Board approved and signed the 2017 Application for Exemption from Audit.

**EMS Director Report**

- 1) 11 EMS runs with 6 patients transported in February 2018.
- 2) Followed up on request for reimbursement of \$8,405 on the Colorado Dept. of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) EMS Provider grant for radios and pagers. State personnel advised that the check has been approved and is being processed.
- 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. Have requested grant revision to add EMS equipment and outside training to the approved grant expenditures. Will submit invoices and request for reimbursement on May 1, 2018.
- 4) Outside EMS training: Mark Worgan and Eddie Ray attended SPRHC EMS Instructor Class (\$100.00 each), EMS Director Schmidt and Sue Pezze will attend the Wilz Trauma Symposium in Pueblo (\$56.00 each), Dennis Ceremuga attended the San Luis Valley mini-conference (\$125.00). All these expenses will be submitted on the RETAC grant for reimbursement.

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

- 5) EMS Director Schmidt will assist with RETAC grant reviews on March 15, 2018 in Pueblo.
- 6) Wendy Waldrop has been responding to EMS calls and plans to take her National Registry test at the end of March.
- 7) A neighbor of the La Veta Fire Department reported to District personnel and the La Veta Marshall's office that a LVFPD volunteer was smoking a cigar in the parking lot and then just left it (still burning) on the ground on a high wind day. She had great concern for it starting a fire if it blew into dry grass. Director Littlefield talked to the concerned neighbor and EMS Director Schmidt talked to the volunteer advising him that the LVFPD stations and grounds are tobacco free facilities. The incident is resolved and "Tobacco Free Facility" signs will be posted in the stations.
- 8) Nicole Suddereth and Alex Ayers (Cuchara) are both interested in attending EMT Basic class. SPRHE proposes to have an EMT class sometime after Memorial Day.
- 9) A letter will be sent to Jim VanLue regarding EMS coverage at the Spanish Peaks Music Festival on July 7, 2018.
- 10) Regarding the 3 A.E.D.s donated by Mark Worgan's friend, Charlie's Market and Big R have both stated that they are agreeable to housing an A.E.D. The third A.E.D. will be kept in a P.O.V.

### **Fire Chief Report**

- 1) 3 fire calls in February 2018. Fire contained in self-cleaning oven, rescue involving a stuck car on Cordova Pass Road, barn fire on C.R. 450.
- 2) Fire Trainings in February: One training on Feb. 7 on rescue ropes & equipment with 15 FFs in attendance. A second training on Feb. 17 on introduction to structure FF1 with 14 FFs in attendance.
- 3) Received a letter from Insurance Service Office (ISO) advising that LVFPD has lowered its fire Public Protection Classification (PPC) from a 6 – 9 to a 5 – 5X. Lowering the PPC from a 6 to a 5 demonstrated an improvement in the fire protection services for LVFPD property owners within the areas served by fire hydrants. The previous PPC 9 and the new PPC 5X applying to properties outside of hydranted areas but within 5 miles of the fire station are essentially the same classification, just a different standard of labeling.
- 4) Ads have been placed in the local paper advertising the sale of the 1986 Ford brush truck on a sealed bid basis.
- 5) Mike Worren has spent 41 total hours on various projects over and above volunteer status including mechanical repairs on several units, assisting with SCBA testing, tool/saw maintenance, preparing the 86 Ford for sale, etc. Chief DeTray recommends paying Michael \$15.00 per hour for 41 hours for a total expenditure of \$615.00.
- 6) Will attend second school safety meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> to improve school safety procedures and determine how LVFPD will assist in the process.
- 7) Working with authorities to get the Cordova Pass Road closed due to 2 recent rescue calls where cars got stuck in snow drifts.
- 8) After the Heikes barn fire Chief DeTray issued new guidelines for calling Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) after fire events. However, further revisions of the guidelines will be emailed to members in the near future.
- 9) SCBA flow testing on air packs and masks has been completed with two packs failing. Those have been repaired in the Colorado Springs shop and Mike Warren will pick them up on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The LVFPD received one sealed bid for purchasing the 1986 Ford brush truck. The bid from Wayne Smith was opened by Chief DeTray and it was for \$1,550.00.

**MSA:** The Board approved selling the 1986 Ford brush truck to Wayne Smith for \$1,550.00. The funds will be added to the ColoTrust account (CO-01-1075-8002) earmarked for future fire capital purchases.

**MSA:** The Board approved the application of Liorah Crockett contingent upon clear background checks.

**MSA:** The Board approved paying Michael Warren \$525.00 for 35 hours of labor above volunteer scope plus 6 hours for rescuing 6611 (1997 Ford brush truck with broken serpentine belt) after mutual aid fire for a total of 41 hours @ \$15.00 per hour for a grand total of \$615.00 to be paid out in increments over the next few months.

### **Old Business**


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. The State might possibly accept new applications in September or October of 2018. However, the program will not be funded by the State until 2019 or 2020 at the earliest.

The Board was reminded of the April 12, 2018, 4:30 PM workshop for review of the strategic planning session.

### **New Business**

None.

**MSA:** The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

  
 Shannon R. ShROUT, Secretary