

**LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
La Veta Fire Station
100 Birch St.
La Veta, CO**

MINUTES
September 6, 2018
8:00 AM

Present: Directors Littlefield, Nielsen, Heikes, Shrout, and Walker were in attendance.
Staff: Fire Chief DeTray (via teleconference) and District Secretary Sue Pezze
Guests: Kim DeTray

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. and all in attendance were welcomed by Director Littlefield. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Approval of the Agenda

* **MSA:** The Agenda was approved as presented.

Public Comments

None.

Old Business

The purpose of the Special meeting was to discuss the purchase of an aerial ladder engine from Huerfano County Fire Protection District (HCFPD) and confirm the wording on the November 2018 General Election ballot.

The ladder truck purchase from HCFPD was introduced. Due to a limited time window to purchase the unit the Board moved forward on the purchase commitment without a formal meeting. Director Nielsen expressed his dismay and reminded Directors of their obligation to conduct business in accordance with State of Colorado Special District laws. He felt that an inappropriate decision was made to purchase the truck in the manner in which it was handled.

Chief DeTray advised that HCFPD was needing a commitment from LVFPD on the purchase. Otherwise Rye Fire Protection District was willing to purchase the truck.

After brief discussion the Board ratified the decision to purchase the truck with the following motion.

MSA: The Board approved purchasing the aerial ladder engine from Huerfano County Fire Protection District for a cost of \$5,000. The Board further approved repairing the truck for a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

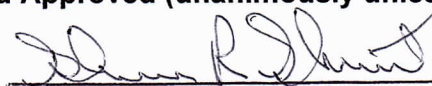
The vote was four "Ayes" and Director Nielsen cast a "No" vote.

The 2018 General Election ballot issue was discussed and Attorney Dino Ross has submitted the attached recommended ballot language to address the limitations currently imposed by the Gallagher Amendment.

MSA: The Board approved the wording in the attached Ballot Issue to be placed on the November 2018 General Election ballot and sign the appropriate Election Resolution.

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

MSA: Meeting adjourned at 8:34 a.m



Shannon R. Shrout, Secretary

Ballot Issue – Gallagher Revenue Stabilization

SHALL LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO INCREASE OR DECREASE ITS CURRENT AND ALL FUTURE MILL LEVIES ONLY IF, ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 6, 2018, THERE ARE CHANGES IN THE METHOD OF CALCULATING ASSESSED VALUATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A CHANGE IN THE PERCENTAGE OF ACTUAL VALUATION USED TO DETERMINE RESIDENTIAL ASSESSED VALUATION DUE TO ARTICLE X SECTION 3 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION (COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE GALLAGHER AMENDMENT), SO THAT, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE ACTUAL TAX REVENUES GENERATED BY SUCH MILL LEVIES ARE THE SAME AS THE ACTUAL TAX REVENUES THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN GENERATED HAD SUCH CHANGES NOT OCCURRED?