

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

**MINUTES**

November 9, 2017

6:00 P.M.

Present: Directors Littlefield, Nielsen, and Walker were in attendance. Director Heikes was excused due to driving school bus to State volleyball championships. Director Shroust's absence was excused due to family matters.  
Staff: Fire chief DeTray, EMS Director Schmidt, District Secretary Pezze.  
Guests: Jim and Paula Berg, Peg Littlefield, Kim DeTray and Bob Kennemer.

**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, presiding as Board Chairman, welcomed all those in attendance.

**Approval of Agenda**

**MSA:** The November 9, 2017 Agenda was approved.

**Minutes**

**MSA:** \* Minutes of the October 12, 2017 regular meeting were approved as presented.

**MSA:** \* Minutes of the October 30, 2017 special meeting were approved as presented.

**Public Comments**

None

**Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters**

LVFPD Auxiliary President, Paula Berg advised that due to so many members not being able to attend the Dec. 3, 2017 Christmas party a small, casual event will be held on December 6, 2017 prior to the Wednesday night Fire Training session. The Auxiliary will purchase gifts for the children. Paula advised that Director Shroust was most helpful in the purchase of the UTV and the used trailer for pulling both the ATV and the UTV. Fire Chief DeTray extended a heartfelt thank you to the Auxiliary for all their hard work and donations to the Fire District.

A note of thanks and a \$1,000 donation was received from Loren Albright after there was a grass and brush fire on his property.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report and payments for the November 9, 2017 meeting were presented.

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

**Wildfire Mitigation Service (WMS) Report**

Fire Chief DeTray advised that the FEMA grant is closing out and today, November 9<sup>th</sup>, was the last day for the operations crew to work. Michael Warren will continue to work through November in the capacity of Supervisor. Huerfano County Mitigation Manager, Paul Branson, will address any concerns as he works on the close out process. There are slash piles that need to be burned during the winter months on private WMS contracts. Those will be addressed as weather permits.

**EMS Director Report**

- 1) 19 EMS runs with 10 patients transported in October, 2017.
- 2) Will attend RETAC meeting on Nov. 16 in Pueblo.
- 3) Still waiting for reimbursement of \$613.40 on the CREATE grant for Dennis Ceremuga's class expenses.
- 4) The CDPHE grant for five 800 radios and five pagers is still in process. The pagers have been delivered but the radios have not been received yet. Completed the quarterly filing for that grant as required.

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

- 5) 2 EMT class students, Warren and Waldrop, still need to schedule and pass their National Registry tests.
- 6) Have been working on the ambulance license renewals per the Huerfano County Commissioners' guidelines. The mechanical inspections are being done by La Veta Oil. The Health Dept. inspectors will do the 3 ambulance EMS inspections on November 13. The renewal application for the 3 ambulances will be presented to the County Commissioners on November 21, 2017.
- 7) Will purchase gift certificates for Harold Willburn and Jim Chamberlain, La Veta Marshal's Office, as a thank you for their help on EMS calls.

### **Fire Chief Report**

- 1) 3 Fire calls in October, 1 wildland fire on Hwy. 12 (Raspberry Fire), 1 MVA, 1 Mutual Aid to HCFPD for structure fire
- 2) 1 Fire Training in October: Oct 4, 2017 on ladder rescue, VEIS with 11 Firefighters in attendance.
- 3) Chf. DeTray, Jim Berg, and Sec. Pezze met with Brian Nichols from I.S.O. on Nov. 7 to review I.S.O. requirements. Chief DeTray felt all went well and he was encouraged by the discussions.
- 4) Now that the mitigation projects are finished, Robert Ryland has turned in his gear as he has taken a job in Fort Garland. He may return to the District occasionally and will remain on the "Support Roster" for the time being.
- 5) Will be researching fire training and other programs offered by the CO Special District's Insurance Pool on how to receive accelerated training, health benefits, premium discounts etc.

### **Old Business**

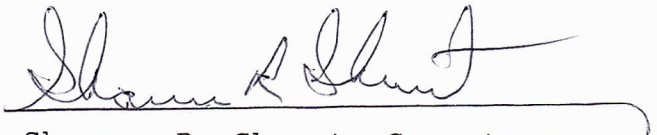
The proposed 2018 Budget was briefly discussed. Minor revisions will be made and the 2018 budget will be approved at the December 14, 2018 meeting.

Director Walker gave a presentation on the volunteer firefighter pension fund and advised that there are about 4 possible plans to be researched. Director Littlefield asked that a committee be composed of Director Walker, Chief DeTray, EMS Director Schmidt, Sec. Pezze, and Cyndi Worgan to research the possibilities.

### **New Business**

None.

**MSA:** The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

  
 Shannon R. ShROUT, Secretary  
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