

## LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

La Veta Fire Station  
100 Birch St  
La Veta, Colorado  
MINUTES

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 18:00

Present: Directors Heikes, and Brunner were in attendance. Directors Mower, Valdez, and Chimenti joined the meeting via ZOOM

Staff: EMS Director/District Administrator Eddie Ray and Fire Chief Ron Jameson.

Guests: Sue Alt, Jim Alt, Justin Jameson, Eric Guadagnoli

### Call to Order – Pledge - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 18:00, the Pledge of Allegiance was given, roll call was taken.

### Approval of Agenda

\* **MSA:** The February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Agenda was approved.

**Resolutions:** \* **MSA:** Election Resolution for 2023 Regular District Election

### Minutes

\* **MSA:** Minutes of the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 regular meeting were approved.

\* **MSA:** Minutes of the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, special meeting were approved.

### Public Forum

- DEO Cynthia Jameson addressed the Board of Directors regarding the current status of the election. The self-nominations must be received by the DEO no later than 5:00pm on Monday February 24, 2023. The notice has been put in the newspaper for the self-nominations. Cynthia has 2 judges for the election if needed.

### Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters

### Treasurer's Report

- Director Brunner pointed out the shortage in the checking account and the amount of bills and invoices due are more than we have in the checking account.
- \* **MSA:** The Board of Directors approved moving \$10,000.00 from the Legal & Professional ColoTrust Account and \$10,000.00 from the Board of Directors Stipend ColoTrust account.
- Director Mower addressed the possibility of adding solar panels to the building to help reduce the electric bill each month. Director Brunner reminded the Board of Directors that when the building was designed it was to be net zero but things had to be cut during the build. Director Brunner suggested that we look for a grant to help pay for the solar panels installed.
- Director Mower requested of the Board of Directors that they look closely at the finances and be able to discuss them at the next Board meeting.
- Director Mower recommended that the Board of Directors pay Cynthia Jameson for the position of DEO. Director Brunner suggested that the Board of Directors pay her \$500.00 if the election was cancelled and we pay her \$2,000.00 if the election is held. Cynthia Jameson stated that she would address it at the next meeting.
- \* **MSA:** The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

### Fire Chief Report

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

- The SCBAs that were received from Grand County were inspected.
- We had 2 Mutual Aid calls with Huerfano County Fire.
- We are pursuing the USDA grant to help finish out the building.
- Chief Jameson asked the Board of Directors their opinion regarding the use of POVs on scene for the purpose of traffic control. \* **MSA:** The Board of Directors voted to discourage the use of POVs as traffic control vehicles unless the volunteers are closer to the incident. If volunteers do use their personal vehicles, they are encouraged to have them out of harm's way and not use them for blocking.
- The project of getting new shirts and badges for the volunteers is nearing completion. Chief Jameson reported that the Sheriff's department will provide our volunteers with their personal IDs rather than us producing our own.
- Chief Jameson reported that the inventory has been almost completed and turned in.

#### **EMT Director's Report:**

- Training: Covered Trauma
- We replaced the 2 batteries in Rescue 1.
- We had 17 total calls, 10 were transported to the ER, 7 were refusals or cancelation.
- Director Ray reported that at the quarterly trauma review at the hospital and the LV EMS received a good review from the trauma team. The LV EMS has received very good reviews from the ER staff and the ER staff has complemented our team on their professionalism and radio reports to them.
- The County Commissioners met with the Fire Board regarding the request for funds and they have agreed to pay half of our requested amount which is \$31,523.00.
- Director Ray addressed the Board of Directors regarding the purchase of new equipment with the funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. We would like to purchase 1 LifePak 15 and 2 LUKAS CPR devices for the department. The funds from the American Rescue Plan Act will cover the amount to purchase the LifePak 15. We would like to request \$5,000.00 from both the Auxiliary and the QRT to cover the purchase of the LUKAS CPR devices. The Board of Directors approved the purchase of the LifePak15 and request the funding from the 2 agencies.

#### **Administrator's Report:**

- \* **MSA:** the Board of Directors agreed to continue the maintenance agreement with Stryker to cover the annual maintenance and coverage of the LifePak 15s

#### **Old Business**

- The road conditions in Cuchara. We had a meeting with the County Commissioners regarding the road condition in Cuchara and they reported that they are working on improving the road and they will be getting the road base from a different rock pit for better materials. Still no estimated time.
- The Board of Directors reviewed the SOPs regarding the fire training. The Board of Directors approved the wording to be changed in the SOPs and the updated SOPs will be given to each volunteer so they will have the updated SOPs.
- The Job Descriptions were sent out to the Board of Directors for review. Director Chimenti suggested that the department heads review the job description and make suggestions to the Board of Directors. Chief Jameson will create a new job description for the Communication officer.

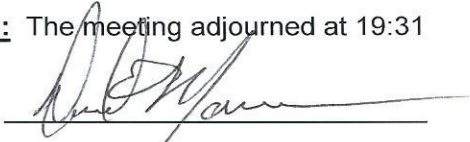
#### **New Business**

- Sandy Wilcox requested the use of the shower facilities during the Rodo Bible Camp and Laura Jameson requested the use of the showers during the Century Ride. Chief Jameson stated that he

would be here to monitor the use of the showers and the buildings while they are here. \* **MSA:** The Board of Directors voted that the showers be used by the 2 entities with supervision.

**Executive Session** – No Executive session was needed.

\* **MSA:** The meeting adjourned at 19:31

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David E. Mower", is written over a horizontal line.

David E. Mower, Secretary