

## LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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

November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 18:00

Present: Directors Brunner, Chimenti, and Mower were in attendance. Director Valdez arrived at 18:23  
Staff: Fire Chief Ron Jameson and EMS Director/District Administrator Eddie Ray.  
Guests: Sue Alt, Justin Jameson, Kim Brunner, Melissa Ray, Jim Alt

### 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 November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Agenda was approved as presented.

### Minutes

\* **MSA:** Minutes of the October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 regular meeting were approved.

### Public Forum

### Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters

### Treasurer's Report

- Director Brunner was tasked with contacting Fowler's State Bank regarding our variable rate loan with them and possibly refinancing into a fixed rate loan instead. Jonathan at Fowler's State Bank recommended that we keep our loan as is until September 2025 and then possibly refinance it at that time. Jonathan's comment was that our loan is in good shape.
- \* **MSA:** the treasurer's report was approved as presented.

### Fire Chief Report

- The annual department Christmas party has been moved to December 10<sup>th</sup> due to scheduling conflicts.
- Chief Jameson complimented the Fire department for their skills and abilities in extrication. They have done a great job in recent emergency calls involving extrication.
- Chief Jameson attended the state Fire Chief's conference. He learned a lot and received some good contacts for future training and grants/funding.
- Chief Jameson attended the propane training in Pueblo and received good information. They provided some additional gas meters for our department.
- The state of Colorado is allowing Huerfano County to have 30 acre foot of surface acre ponds for fire use. We are working on establishing local ponds for our use without water rights requirements. Chief Jameson would like to put dry hydrants in the ponds for easy drafting from by our fire trucks in the event of a fire.
- The local health department wants to have requirements added to the size of the burn piles that can be burned in the county and limiting the number of piles that can be burned.

### EMT Director's Report:

- Training: We had an in-service with our new Medical Director Dr. Elias covering the new protocols and procedures for our region.
- The repairs have been made to Rescue 2 and it is back in service in Cuchara. Oil was changed in Rescue 1.

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

- The annual inspection was completed, and our service received compliments from the Health Department and our service was approved.
- We had 20 total calls, 16 were transported to the ER, 4 were refusals or cancelations.
- The daily check lists were updated for the ambulance.
- Director Mower addressed the Board regarding his frustration and the fact that he was disappointed in the training by Dr. Elias and the topic of his training.
- The auto load systems and the LifePak15s have been serviced and preventive maintenance has been completed for the year. The technician from Stryker found that one of the batteries for the LifePak15 and he has ordered us a replacement.
- The station bay door 2 has been repaired.

**Administrator's Report:**

- The printers in the district are in need of repair. We contacted Gobins regarding the service of the printers and the possibility of leasing printers rather than purchasing. The cost of replacement will be about \$700.00 to replace both. The Board requested that we check into the leasing option from Gobins and report to the Board next month.

**Old Business**

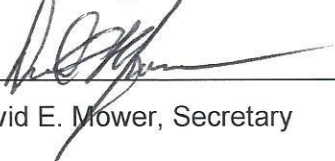
- The road conditions in Cuchara. The county is still waiting for information from Jade Communication. There has still been nothing done to better the road conditions. Director Mower stated that he would call Josh with Blanca Telephone and try to figure out what they have done for the road conditions.

**New Business**

- The Board of Directors set the Budget Workshop scheduled for 17:30 on November 28<sup>th</sup> at station 1.

**Executive Session** – Not needed

\* **MSA:** The meeting adjourned at 18:54

  
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David E. Mower, Secretary