

LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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

July 21, 2022 @ 18:00

Present: Directors Heikes, Brunner, and Chimenti, and Mower (arrived at 18:47) were in attendance. Director Valdez was absent with approval.

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

Guests: Justin Jameson and Brittney Ciarlo

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 July 21st, 2022, Agenda was approved with 1 addition, Norma Mower was added to the agenda in the Guest, Correspondence, and Presenters section of the meeting.

Minutes

* **MSA:** Minutes of the June 9th, 2022 regular meeting were approved with correction.

Public Forum

Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters

- Norma Mower addressed the Board of Directors and presented them with a letter expressing her concerns about financial status of the district and the efficiency of the EMS department. She also expressed her concern regarding the EMS director and his inability to be an effective director of the department.

Treasurer's Report

- * **MSA:** the treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Fire Chief Report

- Training covered how to pump water and to wash and dry hose and reloaded onto all the fire trucks. Fire CAT replaced all the hoses back onto the trucks while they were wet, so the hoses had to be removed, dried and replaced.
- E-63 is waiting for parts to come in so it can be repaired. It is not out of service but needs to be repaired.
- Had a meeting with DFPC in Colorado Springs for the possibility of becoming an outreach center for them. Met Mike Morgan and others to discuss the possibility of them coming down more often to help with training in our area.
- Attended the State Fire Chiefs meeting in Silverthorne to discuss funding for the districts. State Fire Chiefs are looking into other funding sources.
- The US Forest Service is predicting that approximately 90% mortality rate in the trees in our district which will increase the possibility of wildland fires in the next 3 – 5 years.
- The new comm center will be up and running on 8/9/2022. Dispatch is looking at separating the LVFPD radio channel from the Fire/EMS that we are currently using. LVFPD will remain on Fire/EMS and SPRHC and Huerfano County Fire will be assigned a different channel for communication. Chief Jameson is helping with the improvement of the VHF radios in our area.

EMT Director's Report:

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

- FFL annual training, we had to reschedule due to FFL being dispatched to a call while enroute to our training. Training was over trauma treatment and assessment
- There were no major maintenance issues with the ambulances
- We had 20 calls, 14 were transferred to the ER, and 6 were refusals or cancelations.

Administrator's Report:

- The insurance company is requesting that we add the cancer coverage to our policy at a cost of \$11.00 per firefighter to our premium. The district has a total of 19 firefighters that would qualify for the coverage.
 - * **MSA:** the Board of Directors approved the addition of the coverage of the insurance.

Old Business

- The road conditions in Cuchara were also covered earlier in the meeting.

New Business

- No new business

Executive Session –

- **MSA:** the Board of Directors approved to enter an executive session - §24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S. at 19:24

Exited Executive Session at 20:24

* **MSA:** The meeting adjourned at 20:26



David E. Mower, Secretary