

## LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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

July 9, 2020  
18:00

Present: Directors Heikes, Nielsen, and Jameson were in attendance Directors Walker and Mower attended via Zoom.

Staff: Acting Fire Chief Steffan and EMS Director/District Administrator Eddie Ray.

### **Call to Order – Pledge - Roll Call**

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

### **Approval of Agenda**

\* **MSA:** The July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Agenda was approved.

### **Minutes**

\* **MSA:** Minutes of the June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular meeting were approved as presented.

### **Public Forum**

Bree Lesser, Gaye Davis and Anthony Sandoval address the Board regarding the changes to the building plans of the new school building. They change and they also requested advice from the Fire Board regarding what type of hydrant system to use, dry or wet system. Director Mower discussed the details regarding the dry hydrant system and recommended not using that system. There was extensive discussion regarding the proposed changes, and it was decided that the wet system would be the best option for the school to use.

### **Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters**

There was no correspondence this month

### **Treasurer's Report**

\* **MSA:** The Board approved the purchase of the new Rescue/Fire Truck for \$59,250.00.

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

### **Fire Chief Report**

1. Training: Reading smoke and scene size up. Also covered fire suppression techniques and we had a joint training with EMS on helicopter landing.
2. Maintenance: Replaced tools that were missing on the ladder truck and the Kodak.
3. Radios are continuing to be inventoried and installed in the truck as needed
4. Ordered 10 new plastic liners for fire shelters to protect the shelters from wear and tear.
5. Received the radio that were sent in for repair and have been returned to their owners.
6. Fire officers made a recommendation for the Fire Chief and gave a thumbs up for the 1 candidate.
7. We received 2 applications for junior firefighters.
  - a. \* **MSA:** The Board approved the 2 junior firefighter applications.

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

1. 17 EMS calls for the month of June
2. Training – Flight for Life LZ training
3. Maintenance – The new Rescue 3 unit is in service

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

## Old Business

1. Strategic plan is on schedule and moving forward. (No update this month)
2. Director Nielsen addressed the Board of Directors regarding setting a procedure for selecting/hiring a Fire Chief for the district.
3. There was discussion regarding the 1992 Chevy ambulance (Rescue 3) unit now that the replacement unit is in and available. The Board was approached the group Colorado-Russia Agricultural Group (CRAG) about donating the unit to them for use in the Ukraine for the citizen. As the value of the unit is not more that \$500.00 it was decided to donate the unit to CRAG.
  - a. \* **MSA:** The Board voted to donate the 1992 Chevy (Rescue 3) to the CRAG organization
4. \* **MSA:** The Board voted to donate the old and removed equipment from our ambulances to the Trinidad Ambulance Service. The value of the equipment is \$750.00.
5. Director Mower will contact Kim Fire about donating the old firetruck to them

## New Business

Discussion regarding our membership through the SDA. The district is part of the insurance pool for both the property and the auto insurance. It was agreed to maintain our membership for the time being.

Director Nielsen recommended an executive session at the next board meeting to finalize the Fire Chief position and the matrix on how to measure the job performance.

## Executive Session – Not needed.

\* **MSA:** The meeting adjourned at 19:34.

  
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David E. Mower, Secretary