

LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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

August 13, 2020 @ 18:00

Present: Directors Heikes, Nielsen, Mower, and Jameson were in attendance Directors Walker was absent.
Staff: Acting Fire Chief Steffan and EMS Director/District Administrator Eddie Ray.

Call to Order – Pledge - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 18:02, the Pledge of Allegiance was given, roll call was taken.

Approval of Agenda

* **MSA:** The August 13th, 2020 Agenda was approved with corrections.

Minutes

* **MSA:** Minutes of the July 9th, 2020 regular meeting were approved as presented.

Public Forum

There was no public present.

Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters

The La Veta Fire Protection was contacted by the Colorado Russia Agricultural Group and requested a Certificate of Origin for the unit. I am working on getting the certificate for it.

Treasurer's Report

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

Fire Chief Report

1. Training: Equipping and becoming familiar with the new vehicle. It seems to be in very good condition and the way it's configured will allow for a great deal of flexibility.
2. Reorganized the location of apparatuses in the station.
3. Met with the town and county about flood response from La Veta Fire. The plan is now for evacuation on hard top roads while it is safe to do so, followed by evacuation to east of Birch street, we no longer will be responsible for convoy escorts to Bear Creek.
4. Maintenance: The ATV had a new battery installed and a blown fuse replaced. I also tightened the bolt that holds the rear brake cylinder in place.
5. The fire ban was reduced to Stage one last week, however, the County Commission issued an exemption for a logger on the pass which we were not informed about, nor was it paged out. This resulted in a fire investigation by me to sort it all out.
6. There were two flood events with fire personnel assisting in monitoring and route clearing, but neither resulted in evacuation orders.
7. Paul Branson has offered to mitigate the area around the Mesa repeater as part of his office's program to protect critical infrastructure.
8. We received 1 application.
 - a. * **MSA:** The Board approved the firefighter application.

EMT Director's Report:

1. 14 EMS calls for the month of July. There were 9 patients transported to the hospital and 5 refusals or cancelations.
2. Training – Trauma training taught by G Wagner from Care Connect.
3. Maintenance – Replaced the headlights in Rescue 1, recharged the AC in Rescue 2, and replaced the batteries in Rescue 3.

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

4. Joseph McNett requested the Fire District to pay for his EMS Basic class. It was discussed and Joe agreed to sign the contract for the commitment. The La Veta Fire Protection Board of Directors agreed to pay for his schooling.

Administrator Report

1. Received quotes for firefighter gear lockers for the firefighters. The quote from RedHyl Welding is \$3492.00. The quote from GearGrid was \$5475.00.
 - a. * **MSA:** The Board agreed to move forward with the bid from RedHyl Welding.
2. The process for accessing the Safe Deposit Box at the Community Banks in Walsenburg has become problematic.
 - a. * **MSA:** The Board of Directors would like to purchase a fireproof safe for here at the station and move all items from the safe deposit box at the Community Banks of Colorado to the safe here at the station and close the safe deposit box at the Community Banks of Colorado.
3. The KnoxBox account has been updated with current information and administrators for the account.
4. The generator is past the 1-year deadline so we can sale the unit. Eddie Ray has contacted Ray Welsh requesting the title so we can sale it.

Old Business

1. Strategic plan is on schedule and moving forward. (No update this month)
2. Director Mower has contacted Kim Fire regarding the fire truck 6111 (1981 Ford Structure pumper). They do not have a place to store the unit, so they are not interested in having it donated to their agency.
3. Director Mower gave an update on the progress of the New School building. The company that provides radio boosting inside the building has receive the requested information.

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 – Adjourned regular meeting at 19:20 for executive session.

- Returned from Executive Session at 20:00
- * **MSA:** The Board of Directors appointed Ron Jameson as Fire Chief of the La Veta Fire Protection District upon his resignation from the Board of Directors.

Fire Chief Jameson addressed the Board regarding County Commissioners giving permission to burn without contacting the local fire departments.

- * **MSA:** The meeting adjourned at 20:23.



David E. Mower, Secretary