

LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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

May 14, 2020
18:00

Present: Directors Nielsen, Heikes, Jameson, Walker, and Mower were in attendance.
Staff: Acting Fire Chief Steffan and EMS Director/District Administrator Eddie Ray.
Guests: Malea Schmidt, Norma Mower, Jim Ramsey, Mark Brunner, Jim Burg, Jim Alt

* **MSA:** Amendment of the agenda to swear in the new members prior to roll call.

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 April 9th, 2020 Agenda was approved with amendment.

Election of Offices

- Maurice Heikes – President
- Ronald Nielsen – Vice President
- Robert Walker – Treasure
- David Mower – Secretary
- Ronald Jameson – Director

Minutes

- * **MSA:** Minutes of the April 9th, 2020 regular meeting were approved as presented.
- * **MSA:** Minutes of the Special Meeting April 30th, 2020 were approved as presented.

Public Forum

Norma Mower and Malea Schmidt of the La Veta QRT addressed the Board regarding the \$10,000.00 donation for the new ambulance stating that they would be voting on the matter soon but did not see an issue with the donation. They also presented to the Board of Directors an offer to purchase 4 sets of ballistic protective gear for the La Veta Fire Protection District in the amount of \$5,000.00 (Shield 616).

Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters

The letter from the San Isabel Electric Company was received.

Treasurer's Report

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

Fire Chief Report

1. Training: We were able to take the Wildland Refresher online with both stations taking part to stay below the mandated attendance levels at each site.
2. Maintenance: We are developing a maintenance system with report sheet for any work on the equipment. Foam was added to 6311, and pumps were started and run.
3. We cleaned up several items in the station to clear floor space in the station.
4. We received two, Gage Vecellio and Anthony Borja, we are reviewing them and checking references.
 - a. * **MSA:** to approve the start of the process with the two applications.
5. There was discussion regarding the process of after hiring an individual that we reevaluate the applicant after their probation period.

EMT Director's Report:

1. 12 EMS calls for the month of April

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

2. CDPHE grant – The ambulance is coming along great; the installation of the black box and the power-load system is scheduled to be completed in the next 2 weeks. The ambulance should be delivered the first week of June.
 - a. I am working on a grant with “Brothers helping Brothers” to get updated bunker gear.
 - b. I am working with Lexipol to get a Homeland Security grant to upgrade/replace our radios.
3. RETAC – There was no RETAC in the month of April
4. Training – Covered the Guideline updates for our scope of practice.
5. Maintenance – Installed an after market high idle on Rescue 2 to speed the idle of the unit up while on scene to help maintain the vehicle batteries.

Administrator’s Report

1. The Board of Directors approved to add Eddie Ray to the signature cards for the bank accounts.
 - a. * **MSA:** The Board of Directors approved the Resolution 2020-05-01. This is to add the President, Treasure, and District Administrator to the ColoTrust accounts.

Old Business

1. Dave Mower contacted Jade Communication regarding the contract and the additional antenna on station. Director Mower read over the contract and his thought is to approve the contract.
 - a. * **MSA:** The Board of Directors voted to approve the Jade Communication contract.
2. Strategic plan is on schedule and moving forward. (No update this month)
3. Director Mower gave an update on the new school building. DFPC will be review their plans possibly next week or two. We will have discussion with DFPC regarding the plans.

New Business

- Director Mower address the Board regarding the COVID-19 compliance with the Huerfano County Health Department by the La Veta Fire Protection District.
- Director Nielsen addressed the Board of Directors regarding setting a procedure for selecting/hiring a Fire Chief for the district.

Executive Session – Not needed.

* **MSA:** The meeting adjourned at 19:43.



David E. Mower, Secretary