

## LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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

October 8, 2020 @ 18:00

Present: Directors Heikes, Nielsen, Walker, and Mower were in attendance.

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

### 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 October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Agenda was approved.

### Minutes

\* **MSA:** Minutes of the September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular meeting were approved as presented.

### Public Forum

There was no public present.

### Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters

The Board of Directors received a letter of interest for the vacant Director seat on the Board from Danette Chimenti.

### Treasurer's Report

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

### Fire Chief Report

1. Training: DFPC Burn trailer was here for 4 days. The training was attended by several neighboring agencies.
2. Maintenance: The 2 heaters were repaired at the Cuchara Station.
3. Host testing was accomplished, and all passed.
4. We had a total of 5 fire calls in the month of August.
5. Chief Jameson addressed a situation regarding the number of personnel in each firetruck when responding to a call, we need to have a minimum of 2 people per firetruck.
6. Chief Jameson held the fire prevention week with the home-schooled students here at the station and Mark Brunner and Eddie Ray went to the public school for the fire prevention week.

### EMT Director's Report:

1. 18 EMS calls for the month of August. There were 7 patients transported to the hospital and 11 refusals or cancelations.
2. Training – we trained on stroke.
3. Maintenance – repaired the headlamp in Rescue 1 and replaced the radio fuse in Rescue 3.
4. There has been markable progress on the reporting side of things.
5. Director Mower addressed the Board regarding the withholding of EMS pay until reports are completed. The pay cannot be withheld on that basis.

### Administrator Report

1. The title to the 1992 Chevy ambulance has been signed over to the CRAG-Ukraine. The company is working on coming and picking it up ASAP.

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

2. **Director Nielsen made a motion to add Director David Mower to the signature card at the First National Bank of Trinidad, seconded by Director Walker, 3 voted yes and Director Mower abstained from the vote.**

### **Old Business**

1. Strategic plan is on schedule and moving forward. Chief Jameson and EMS Director Ray will look at the plan and report on the progress at the next Board meeting.
2. The La Veta School building construction is moving forward. Director Nielsen questioned about the statement by the County to maintain the secondary access. He was verifying that the access would meet our requirement. Director Nielsen also asked a question regarding the statement from the City of La Veta regarding the use of water from the City of La Veta to fight a fire if ever needed. Director Heikes stated that the fire department would get water from the reservoir if needed to fight a fire on the school property.
3. The generator is moving forward. We received a call from Ray Welsh regarding the title for the Generator and the title should be given to us in the next 4 – 6 weeks.
4. Director Mower address the Board regarding a training operation at the new building of the school so that we can train on treating an accident victim and utilizing the ladder truck for an arial recovery of the patient.

### **New Business**

1. EMS director Ray addressed the Board regarding House Bill 20-1017 Substance use disorders. As a result of this Bill we will be a location for people to bring illegal drugs if they want to get rid of it. We as a department are to contact law enforcement to dispose of the drugs correctly.
2. Director Nielsen addressed the Board regarding a letter he had received regarding Amendment B. The La Veta Library is asking if the Fire Department will be joining the stance regarding the property tax assessment rates. It was the decision of the Board of Directors to remain natural on the discussion.
3. Danette Chimenti addressed the Board of Directors regarding her letter of intent to join the Board of Directors.

### **Executive Session** – \* MSA: The Board voted to enter Executive session at 19:05. CRS 24-6-402(4)(f).

1. The Board of Directors returned from Executive session at 19:28.
2. The Board of Directors took a silent vote and turned them in to the District Administrator to count them. The vote was 3 to 1 for Danette Chimenti.
3. Director Mower addressed the Board regarding the Fire Chief, EMS Director, and District Administrator job performance and presented an evaluation form for each position. The Board Members will take the evaluation forms and make suggestions and thoughts.
4. \* MSA: The Board of Directors voted to add Badges, Uniform Shirts, and Years of Service pins for the fire department members.

\* **MSA:** The meeting adjourned at 19:54.



David E. Mower, Secretary