

LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Cuchara Fire Station
400 Panadero
Cuchara, Colorado

MINUTES
July 11, 2019

6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 18:00

Present: Directors: Director Littlefield Nielsen, Heikes, Walker, and Jameson were in attendance.
Staff: EMS Director Ray, Acting Fire Chief Steffan, and Acting District Secretary Pezze.
Guests: Jim Alt, Mike Fleener, Dave Mower, Tulie Fleener, Peg Littlefield

Call to Order – Pledge - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Director Nielsen, the Pledge of Allegiance was given, and roll call was taken, Heikes and Jameson were late to the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Director Nielson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented seconded by Director Walker all approved, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Director Nielson made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on 6/13/19 as printed seconded by Director Walker, all approved, motion carried.

Director Walker made a motion to accept the minutes from the special meeting held on 6/18/19 as printed seconded by Director Neilson, all agreed.

Correspondence

A letter was received from the group Hermosa stating that they wanted to send money to the district but their funds were limited. It was agreed that the district would ask that they not send money to the district this year to help them with their money problems. The board agreed unanimously that the district would ask the group Hermosa to not send money this year. It was agreed that Director Littlefield would write the letter and send to them.

Treasurer's Report

Looking over the financial report it was pointed out that there was some information was missing on the report such as the memo field of the checks written, the board asked that we contact Century Financial and ask if this could be changed.

During the presentation of the financial report Director Heikes arrived to the meeting.

Maurice made a motion to accept the financial report as presented, seconded by Director Walker, all approved, motion carried.

Fire Chief Report – (Director Jameson arrived during the Fire Chief Report) –

6 fire calls, 1 Alarm activation at the school, 1 Mutual Aid, 1 Smoke Report, 1 Search & Rescue, 1 Flooding, 1 MVA.

Work is continuing on the generator and it has started and seems as though it will work nicely for us. The work on the brush trucks proved to be beneficial, they are functioning very well in service. The shifter release broke on 6311, it will be repaired ASAP. Chief Steffan sent out information to the fire crew stating the problem and the work around until the new part comes in. The work on the tender is almost completed and they are hoping to send the unit back to us soon. La Veta fire was well presented in the both parades, Cuchara and La Veta. Fire training was held in Cuchara and the use of drip touches and the use of chainsaws was covered as well as the

snap tank was setup and tested. No new applications. The drone has come in and training has begun with Ray Walsh from the Sheriff's office. All seems to be going very well with the drone and with the training. There was a problem with one of the batteries that came with the drone which will be sent back and replaced under warranty.

EMS Report – we have been approved for the grant for the new ambulance. We will not get the pre-build until about October of 2019. We are working with North Star on drawings for the new ambulance. The Auxiliary will fund \$65,000.00 toward the purchase of the new ambulance and the QRT group has agreed to pay \$10,000.00 bringing the total amount pledged to the purchase to \$75,000.00. We are waiting for the purchase order number from the state, as soon as we get the PO number we will get the ambulance ordered. We received the reimbursement for the training funding from RETAC, each of us Spanish Peaks and La Veta will receive \$6,500.00 for the reimbursement. The Children's hospital training trailer will be in our area for training will be here on August 7th. The backup camera is installed on Rescue – 2, we are working on an issue with the headlight on Rescue – 1. No new applications. IV class has been completed and now the students are working on getting live successful IVs on patients.

We are setting up an EMR class for the La Veta fire department. It was recommended that we wait until November to start the class.

Director Neilson made a motion to purchase the first Power Load system to be installed into Rescue – 1, seconded by Maurice, all approved, the motion carried.

Unfinished business – Jim Littlefield recommended that one of the board members look over the contract from Jade Communication. Director Walker agreed to look over the contract when he returned from being out of town.

Jim Littlefield brought an update on the legal case, the judge recused himself from the case due to a conflict of business so it will have to be reassigned to another judge. To date the district has spent over \$30,000.00 in legal fees in regard to this legal case. Some of this cost was having the by-laws redone and the records retention standards due to the state making changes.

The board asked that we check into the need for the EMTs carrying malpractice insurance, to check on the insurance of people responding to and from scene in POV, and check on the use of emergency lights on private vehicles.

The board asked that we move forward with Grace Brunner to update the fire district web site at her proposed price of \$200.00. David Steffan would like to put the burn permits on the WEB site.

Director Jameson made a motion to offer the position of District Administrator/EMS Director to Eddie Ray, seconded by Maurice, and all approved. The motion carried.

Director Jameson recommended that the board look at the policy regarding disgruntled volunteers. It was recommended that we look at the situation as a case by case basis.

Director Walker made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Jim Burg effective tomorrow, seconded by Director Jameson but made an amendment that we accept the resignation effective immediately rather than waiting until tomorrow, all approved, the motion carried.

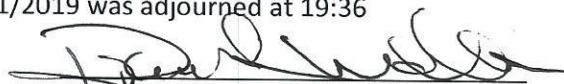
New Business

No new business

Adjourn

Maurice made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Walker, all approved, the motion carried.

The La Veta Fire Protection District Meeting on 7/11/2019 was adjourned at 19:36



Robert L. Walker, Secretary