BEULAH FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING No. 224
May 22, 2025, at 6:30 pm

MINUTES

The meeting of the Board was held at Fire Station #1 in Beulah, CO.

Board members present were Vice President Mike Smith, Treasurer Trina Olson, and Member at Large John Sartoris. Also in attendance was Chief Bryan Ware. Community members Chandra May-Lehrer, Kathy Moore, and John Levar were present.

Vice President Mike Smith called the meeting to order at 6:43 pm.

2. SWEAR IN NEW MEMBERS.
Kathy Moore was sworn in as a new member of the Beulah Fire Protection and Ambulance District Board of Directors.

3. APPROVAL OF MAY AGENDA.
Resolution 2025-07 was added to the Agenda under New Business.

Motion was made by John Sartoris to approve the agenda with the addition of Resolution 2025-07, seconded by Trina Olson. Motion carried with no objections.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of April 24th, 2025 Meeting
There was a correction to the date in the April Minutes which has been changed.

Motion was made by Trina Olson to approve the corrected April minutes as modified, seconded by John Sartoris. Motion carried with no objections.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT
The current balance in the operating account is $ 10,343.06 and the savings balance is $ 3,524.22. The District is currently awaiting a reimbursement from CSU for $ 145K for last month's expenses with the CWDG grant. Two larger expenses for the month were noted in the Repair and Maintenance line with the repair of 483's tailgate and the pump repair on 462. All other expenses and incomes for the month were within the normal budget.

Motion was made by John Sartoris to approve the Financial Report, seconded by Trina Olson. Motion carried with no objections.

6. CHIEF'S REPORT, reported by Bryan Ware

a. So far this year we have had 110 calls for service with 58 that have been EMS related, with 42 patients being transported to the hospital, and the remaining 52 calls for service being fire/rescue related.

b. We are wrapping up the Structure Firefighter course this evening which will add 3 new firefighters to our roster.

c. We were able to secure 2 new training manikins through 50% funding from Pueblo County EMS Council.

d. We have researched what selling the old Tahoe would bring in vs. sending the Tahoe out on deployment and feel that over a 1-year period having the Tahoe out on deployment will be the best case for financial impact for the District. The Tahoe will make $ 910 a deployment and through our AD program we anticipate 16 deployments a year, so this would bring in $ 14,560 a year.

e. We are submitting another Human-Bear Conflict grant for $ 88,000 to continue helping reduce the interactions.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. CWDG Update

Chief Ware created a document that will be presented monthly showing District savings from the grant and what budgeted expenditures the Board has approved with such funds so that those funds are more transparent. All three aspects of the project are moving along smoothly and Pine Drive will be the next focused area of the project for the coming summer.

b. Northcreek Sirens

Chief Ware spoke with the Pueblo County Emergency Manager and Chief Mears regarding the ongoing cost of upkeep and repair to the sirens. It was decided to move forward with the removal and sale of the sirens.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution 2025-06 Appointing Board of Directors Vacancy Position

A vacancy was created on the Board of Directors as a result of Chandra Lehrer having to resign before her term ended. John Levar presented to the Board that he would like to serve for the open vacancy. The open vacancy was advertised on the posted agenda and with John Levar being an eligible elector the Board of Directors voted him onto the Board to serve until the next regular election for this position in May of 2027.

Motion was made by Trina Olson to accept Resolution 2025-06, seconded by John Sartoris. Roll call vote complete. Motion carried with no objections.

b. Resolution 2025-07 Authorizing USDA Loan Process

This is the USDA Loan for a Type 6 Engine which has been ordered from Weis Fire & Safety Equipment. Bryan R. Ware, District Fire Chief, has been approved to submit the USDA Loan application on behalf of the District and, if awarded, be the signature for the loan approval. The authorization of the USDA loan application process has been approved and adopted by the Beulah Fire Protection and Ambulance District.

Motion was made by Trina Olson to accept Resolution 2025-07, seconded by John Sartoris. Roll call vote complete. Motion carried with no objections.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN: *Motion to adjourn was made by John Levar, seconded by John Sartoris. Motion carried with no objections.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Kathy Moore
Secretary, Board of Directors
Beulah Fire Protection and Ambulance District