

**BEULAH FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING No. 198
March 23rd, 2023 at 6:30pm**

MINUTES

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

Board members present were Chair and President John Levar, Vice President Larry Walter, Treasurer Sue Bacon, Fundraising Coordinator Mike Smith, and Secretary Chandra May-Lehrer. Also in attendance was Chief Bryan Ware, John Sartoris, and Jack Stucki.

Chair and President John Levar called the meeting to order at 6:31p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

There are no objections or corrections currently.

Motion was made by Larry Walter to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Sue Bacon. Motion carried with no objections.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of January 26th, 2023 Meeting

There weren't any corrections or additions to the minutes, therefore were accepted.

Motion was made by Mike Smith to accept minutes with corrections, seconded by Sue Bacon. Motion carried with no objections.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

a. The Districts operating account stands at \$6,175.26 and the savings account is at \$2,583.09. The District did receive reimbursements and grant funds; therefore, the District is in good standing on all accounts. No other expenditures or items to address for this report.

Motion was made by Larry Walter to accept the Financial Report, seconded by Chandra May-Lehrer. Motion carried with no objections.

5. CHIEF'S REPORT, reported by Bryan Ware

a. So far this year we have 49 calls for service with 35 that have been EMS related, with 24 patients being transported to the hospital and the remaining 14 calls for service bring fire/rescue related.

b. We have brought on 4 new members so far, this year by bringing on Faith Greene, Ronnie Romero, Leslie Richardson, and Justin Oldham. Over the next year they will be going through their orientation process.

c. We have converted what was the mini rescue (481) over to a Type 6 engine and it has a new call sign of 462. All the rescue equipment has been moved to the bed of 402 (pickup truck) until we have the funding to purchase another enclosed trailer.

d. Lieutenant Jennah Laraque and Firefighter Ross Marsh will be leaving our agency on May 1st, 2023 as they will be moving to the West Park area, This will leave the agency with 3 paramedics until Lt. Amber Reiman finishes her program in late July.

e. The Station generator that was supposed to be installed by the end of this month has hit another delay and supposedly was shipped from Cummins last Friday. Pueblo County has agreed to extend the grant another 30 days with the goal of having this project wrapped up by the end of April.

f. We wrapped up the EMS class two weeks ago and plan to hold 2 IV certifications' courses in April and then will be wrapping up the RT130/190 Wildland Firefighter course this coming weekend.

g. The Fire Auxiliary has paid for the parts that are needed to repair the pump on 491 (*water tender). The District will still need to pay for the man hours and the new drive shaft, estimated to be around \$3-4,000. This is still much lower than the quotes obtained by the mechanic shops of \$30-40,000.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. None currently.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution Cancellation of Election 2024-03

All District Board Members agreed by roll call vote to cancel the election of new candidate(s) for the two positions that were due for renewal and/or new official. Vice President Larry Walter did not choose to renew his position on the Board; therefore, community member John Sartoris has agreed to be take his place on the Board. Secretary Chandra May-Lehrer did renew her position for the 4-year term. Resolution 2024-03 has passed unanimously and was therefore signed and sealed.

Motion was made by Mike Smith to accept Resolution 2024-03, seconded by Sue Bacon. Motion carried with no objections.

b. Resolution 2023-04 Audit Exemption

This Resolution was not completed by vote at this time in the meeting due to the need for a full audit to be completed.

c. Middle Creek Mitigation Efforts with Jack Stucki

Community member Jack Stucki who lives in the Middle Creek area came to the meeting to discuss mitigation efforts in Middle Creek and around Beulah valley. Jack has made many contacts with multiple companies and individuals to help in the efforts. San Isabel has been a huge help in trying to line up some help around their power lines. Jack had asked for the Board to keep in mind the mitigation efforts that are necessary around Beulah and to come up with ideas to complete the clean-up that is necessary in saving our valley from a fire disaster.

d. Other

None currently.

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN: *Motion to adjourn was made by Chandra May-Lehrer, seconded by Larry Walter. Motion carried with no objections.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Chandra May-Lehrer
Secretary, Board of Directors
Beulah Fire Protection and Ambulance District