# BEULAH FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING No. 227**

September 25, 2025, at 6:30pm

## **MINUTES**

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

Board members present were President John Levar, Vice President Mike Smith and Member at Large John Sartoris. Also in attendance were Chief Bryan Ware, Captain Amber Reiman and CPA Andrew Wolf. Treasurer Trina Olson & Secretary Kathy Moore were absent. No Community members were present.

President John Levar called the meeting to order at 6:24 pm.

# 2. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER AGENDA

Motion was made by Mike Smith to approve the agenda as is, seconded by John Sartoris. Motion carried with no objections.

## 3. 2024 Audit – Resolution 2025-08

The 2024 Audit was presented to the board by Andrew Wolf.

Motion was made to approve the 2024 audit was made by John Sartoris, seconded by Mike Smith. Motion carried with no objections.

Motion to adopt resolution 2025-08 to approve filing John Sartoris yes, John Levar, yes, Mike Smith, yes

# 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of July 26th, 2025 Meeting.

Motion to approve was tabled

#### 5.FINANCIAL REPORT

The current balance in the operating account is \$ 44,242 and the savings balance is \$ 3,300. Trina and Bryan met with bank to have additional security measures. The cost for these measures is 150.00

Motion was made by Mike Smith to approve the Financial Report, seconded by John . Motion carried with no objections.

# 6. CHIEF'S REPORT, reported by Bryan Ware

- So far this year we have had 218 calls for service with 122 that have been EMS related, with 83 patients being transported to the hospital, and the remaining 96 calls for service being fire/rescue related. We are 22 calls ahead of last year at this point.
- The District was once again awarded the Human-Bear Conflict Reduction Grant. These funds will be used to purchase additional bear resistant trash cans for the community.
- The District is looking into funding to place 3 heli-pads as well as a heliwell on the property. These will aid in firefighting efforts around the state as well as provide much needed funding for the District when in use.
- An EMR class is ongoing for the PCSO Sheriff's Cadets. This class will wrap up in early October.
- The Districts next EMT class will begin in the fall. At this time the class is full.

- The District wishes to extend a thank you to Asst Chief Levar for his work on installing the District's new sign board at the front of the property. Thank you for you continued dedication to our Department.
- The District will provide coverage with the County MCI Truck as well as medical coverage for the upcoming Air Show at the Pueblo Airport.
- The Beulah Water District has been faced with fine granite washing down from the Oak Ridge Burn scar. This has been repeatedly causing an issue at the head gate as it needs to be removed to be able to make water for the Water District. They are looking into funding to place a screen to filter out some of these deposits.
- Capt. Ben Lehrer has stepped down from the Department. Thank you, Ben, for your years of service to the Beulah Community.

#### 7. OLD BUSINESS

a. CWDG Grant Review

Skid steer purchase, Evan Moulton for \$10,000 with purchase of grapple for \$5,000.

3368 trees removed as the grant reaches 1 year

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approving Lease for Type 6 Resolution 2025-09
  - 1. USDA funding was not an option for a loan for the new Type 6 wildland fire truck. They were requesting 3 loan refusals, which the District was unable to provide. Community leasing partners once again provided a lease to extend over 5 years in the amount of \$241,250.00 at 5.2 % interest rate. Repayment on this lease will start in April.
  - 2. Resolution motion to approve 2025-09 summarizing lease of type 6. John Sartoris moves. Mike Smith seconded. John Sartoris, yes, Mike Smith, yes, John Levar, yes.
- b. 2026 Budget Presentation
  - 1. 122,000 projected to go into savings next year
  - 2. Proposed 2026 budget to be discussed in October meeting.
- c. Executive Session as per Section 24-6-402(4)(f) C.R.S. for a personnel matter
  - Capt. Amber Reiman is moving out of state, vacating a full-time paramedic position. This position has been advertised out of house for Paramedic/FF.
    In-house applications will be accepted for EMT-IV/FF with the caveat of paramedic school being completed in the next two years.