

**BEULAH FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING No. 169
September 24th , 2020**

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 Bob Thompson , and Secretary Chandra May-Lehrer. Also attending was Chief Bryan Ware.

Chair and President John Levar called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

There were no additions or corrections to the Agenda.

*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 August 27th, 2020 Meeting

Changes submitted and discussed by Board Members were reviewed and approved by all attending Board Members. There were no other additions or corrections to the meeting minutes.

*Motion was made by Larry Walter to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Bob Thompson .
Motion carried with no objections.*

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

a. Chief Ware went over the current Financial Report up to the current month. Monthly bills are maintained and there weren't any significant bills and/or expenditures for this month for the report. There was mention of the fire engine that sold, and that income was shown on the incoming revenue on the report as a gain of assets.

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

5. CHIEF'S REPORT, reported by Bryan Ware

a. As of today, we are at 185 responses for the year, of those 82 are fire rescue related. Of the 103 EMS responses we have transported 67 to local hospitals. As of this date in 2019 we were at 184 calls.

b. We remain under Stage 1 Fire Restrictions as a County. The Pueblo County Fire Chief's have passed on the recommendation to Sheriff Taylor to go to Stage II.

c. Beulah Water Works District and Pine Drive Water are currently making water and are at full capacity for storage. They never reached a point that water had to be hauled to their treatment plants by an outside source.

d. We will receive our final payment from the Medicaid Reimbursement Program this Friday in the amount of \$ 35,147

e. Our EMS Billing company ran some reports for us showing that we have currently billed out \$ 86,322.40 for responses yet have only collected \$ 16,186. They have found that \$20,837 of our billing is to Medicaid which we typically only collect on average a \$ 100 per \$ 1000 billed. Medicare has been billed \$ 33,872.40 which we typically recover around 30% of that billed. This leaves us with \$ 21, 322 billed to commercial insurance, \$ 7, 504 to self-pay and \$ 2,787 to auto insurance companies. They are working with the commercial payments now to get them expedited for this fiscal year.

f. We will be starting up another Basic EMT Course on November 3rd. We have limited the class size to 9 participants to stay within the COVID requirements. We will have 3 of our members (1 active and 2 cadets) taking the course. The remaining 6 will be from outside agencies and will bring in a revenue of \$ 3600 for the District.

g. Fire contracts have been mailed out to those areas (Galbreth, Burnt Mill, Bergemann) that we offer contract services to.

h. Chief Ware does not see a way for us to hold our annual Christmas Dinner and stay within the regulations of the COVID response. Chief Ware also does not feel that it is prudent for the department to place all of our responders in one area and risk taking out the agency's ability to respond if one exposure occurs. All members were in agreement with this decision for the safety of the community and the responders.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Fire Station Site Project and Activities – Update

There are water leaks still needing to be fixed, as well as a new water leak found inside the laundry room. These will be fixed soon.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of 2021 Budget- Resolution 2020-06

The Resolution 2020-06 was looked over by all members as it is the first draft of many for the 2021 budget for the Beulah Fire Protection and Ambulance District. All members were in agreement with the initial statement for the budget of 2021.

Motion was made by Larry Walter to accept the Resolution 2020-06 : Approval of 2021 Budget, seconded by Bob Thompson. Motion carried with no objections

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

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

Attachments

-Agenda

-Beulah Fire Protection and Ambulance District - Statement of Actual to Budget, Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2020