

**BEULAH FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING No. 99
September 10, 2015**

MINUTES

The meeting of the Board was held at the Beulah Community Center in Beulah, CO.

Board members present were: Chair and President Steve Douglas, Treasurer Joni Smith, Secretary Kim Toman, and Fundraising Coordinator Bob Thompson. Also attending was Chief Bryan Ware. Absent was Pat Stanifer. Guest Speaker in attendance was Sally Bloomfield from the Red Cross and Tom Laca from CSU Extension Service & CART. There were 45 total attendees, 13 attendees were Board Members or volunteer responders.

1. Chair and President Steve Douglas called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

There were no modifications to the Agenda as presented.

Motion was made by Bob Thompson to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Kim Toman. Motion carried with no objections.

3. EVACUATION PLANNING.

There will be an Evacuation Exercise on September 26, 2015 which will begin about 10am. This functional exercise will test the sheltering & public notification (reverse 911) systems. There will be an initial reverse 911 pre-evacuation recommendation followed shortly by another reverse 911 full evacuation recommendation. This recommendation cannot force residents to leave their homes after the evacuation notification is put in place, but once you leave, you will not be permitted to reenter the area until the evacuation recommendation has been lifted.

If you are participating, please sign in at the table at the entrance to the Community Center.

Residents in the evacuation area are encouraged to participate in the exercise in order to help test and evaluate the County's and District's systems that are currently in place. The more participants, the better the system is tested and evaluated.

On the day of the drill, there will be a normal flow of traffic throughout Beulah. Anyone not directly involved in the evacuation is encouraged to come to the school around 10:45 am and observe the evacuation processes. There will be mock incident briefings for evacuees as well as internal briefings for involved crews.

There will be extra Sheriff's patrol on duty in Beulah for the duration of the evacuation for home security.

Evacuation planning packets were handed out and discussed. This packet included a 10-minute evacuation time as well as a 2-hour evacuation time. The packets contain information so residents can be ready to evacuate and have essential items included their personal evacuation kit for these time constraints.

Sally Bloomfield from the Red Cross made a presentation about evacuation planning. Topics included: Mitigation, Build a kit, Be aware, Make a plan and Be informed.

All residents are strongly urged, upon evacuation, to register at the website: PuebloEmergency.info, even if residents are checked in at a shelter. Also remember when an evacuation recommendation is in place, responders appreciate the donation of home-cooked food, but it cannot be accepted. Because of health standards, only food prepared in a commercial facility can be accepted.

Smoke Alarm information will be available at the evacuation exercise on Sept 26th, courtesy of the Red Cross.

A question answer session followed. Questions asked and associated answers were:

1. What do residents do with Sick Animals? Please don't introduce known sick animals into shelters, rather bring them to a family member or friend when time permits. For larger livestock, contact veterinarians that handle livestock for options.
2. How do I know if I am on the reverse 911 list? Residents are encouraged to go to the Pueblo County Sheriffs website and register your cell phone for notification. Residents can also call the Administration Communication Center at 719- 583-6250 to register a phone number for the reverse 911 system.
3. Will large, livestock animals be evacuated for this exercise? For drill purposes, large animals will be represented by stick figures and will not be physically moved for this evacuation exercise.

4. NEW FIRE STATION PLANNING

It is important to note that the plan for this project is not to fund through a mill levy, but rather by donations, grants, and foundation funding.

The history of the Beulah Fire Department with a brief description of how buildings and apparatus have come into present day was given. Insurance Standard Office (ISO) ratings are partly based on apparatus and buildings that house the apparatus. If the District does not keep up with ISO requirements it can lead to more costly homeowners insurance. As the District replaces old apparatus, the newer acquired structural fire apparatus does not physically fit into Station 1. The most current example is Tender 91. This apparatus best serves the Beulah area surrounding Station 1, but is housed at Station 2 because it does not fit through the doors of Station 1. In addition, there has been a large increase in volunteer responders in the District and there is not enough room to store their personal protective equipment (PPE) in District buildings. Additionally, it is not safe for responders to keep their gear in their personal vehicles or their homes as the gear has been exposed to fire and smoke and now the gear contains particulates that are known to cause cancer. These are the main reasons why the District is in need of a new fire station.

The property for the new fire station will be donated by the Seller's family and a plot plan of the new station on the donated property was presented as well as a floor plan of the new fire station. The floor plan presented tonight is a conceptual plan that had lots of input from various sources on what should be included in the structure. Input has been and still is being accepted by the District.

If anyone would like to be involved in the public meetings pertaining to the new fire station, they are encouraged to attend. The upcoming meetings are scheduled as follows: The

Subdivision Exemption will go before the Pueblo County Commissioners on September 16, 2015 at 9am at the Court House; The Map Amendment will go before the Planning Commission on October 21, 2015; and then the Map Amendment will go before the Pueblo County Commissioners on November 18, 2015; lastly, the Use Permit for the new fire station will go before the Planning Commission on November 18, 2015.

Questions were encouraged throughout the presentation, the questions that were asked and associated answers were:

1. Will the District have the fire trucks and ambulances all in the same structure? Yes, an ambulance and fire apparatus will be housed at the new fire station. Fire trucks will also continue to be housed at Station 2, on Waterbarrel Road.
2. Will this structure have a fairly maintenance free exterior? Yes, the new station will utilize xeriscaping with very minimal landscaping effects so defensibility will be maintained. The structure itself will have a low maintenance exterior.
3. Even though there is a separate ISO rating, insurance companies have their own rating system. Is Bryan in contact with insurance companies about these ratings? Bryan will contact insurance companies when a homeowner requests him to contact their insurance company. Bryan has been in contact with a few insurance companies to talk with them about specific properties. He responds to questions from insurance agencies.

Maria Henry, from Las Vegas (also a Beulah resident), has info on the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT Team). She will be available after the meeting to discuss this with anyone interested.

5. MOTION TO ADJOURN: *Motion to adjourn was made by Kim Toman, seconded by Joni Smith. Motion carried with no objections.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Kim Toman
Secretary, Board of Directors

Final

Attachments

-Agenda

-Beulah Fire Protection & Ambulance District Proposed New Fire Station 1, Fall 2015, 2-page write up

-Beulah Fire Protection and Ambulance District Beulah Fire Protection and Ambulance District new Fire Station 1, 9-page detailed write up

-Beulah Fire Protection District – Proposed New Central Station, Conceptual Absorption Field Plan Drawing