

**BEULAH FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING No. 204
September 28th, 2023**

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 Mike Smith, Treasurer Sue Bacon, Member at Large John Sartoris, and Secretary Chandra May-Lehrer. Also in attendance was Chief Bryan Ware.

Chair and President John Levar called the meeting to order at 6:29p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

There are no objections or corrections currently.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of July 27th, 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 John Sartoris. Motion carried with no objections.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

a. Operating account stands at \$30,510.57 and the Savings account stands at \$173.46. The District is going to be decided in October which company to choose for propane for the stations. There weren't any other items mentioned or questions about the financial statement.

Motion was made by Sue Bacon to accept the Financial Report, seconded by Mike Smith. Motion carried with no objections.

5. CHIEF'S REPORT, reported by Bryan Ware

a. So far this year we have 192 calls for service with 125 that have been EMS related, with 87 patients being transported to the hospital, and the remaining 67 calls for service being fire/rescue related.

b. The final award round of the AFG grant went out last week, we were not notified of an award. We have reached out to the regional FEMA coordinator for feedback on our grant application with the hopes of reapplying again for the next round.

c. We have submitted a \$20,000 grant with Ready Set Go to cover the cost of sending a mitigation inspector out to each of the 477 Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) homes in the District. The District will be starting a new mitigation program in conjunction with the Pueblo

County Sheriff's Office Wildland Fire Team on completing mitigation projects in Zone 1 (first 30' around a home) on properties that meet the criteria created by the team.

d. We are working on completing a \$10 million dollar grant that we allow for the District to offer mitigation services for Zone 1 and Zone 2 on all properties location with the WUI. This would also allow for the creation of a 100' shaded fuel break along the 12-mile section of Highway 78.

e. We were awarded \$100,000 from CWP to help reduce Human- Bear Interaction. The projects outlined in that grant will start in 2024.

f. We will be running a HazMat Ops class in October with 8 participants and then starting November 2nd we will be hosting our next EMT academy with 17 enrolled students.

g. I am working with Pueblo County on updating and overhauling the CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan).

h. Pueblo County and in turn Beulah Fire will be looking to adopt the IFC and IWUIC codes in January of 2024.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. None currently

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2024 Draft Budget Presentation

Chief Ware presented a first draft spreadsheet of what the budget as of right now is looking like for 2024. A final presentation with more realistic numbers will be presented to the Board in December.

b. Other

None currently.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.

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