

**BEULAH FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING No. 223
April 24rd, 2025, 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 Mike Smith, Member at Large John Sartoris, Treasurer Trina Olson, and Secretary Chandra May-Lehrer. Also in attendance was Chief Bryan Ware. Community member Kathy Moore was present.

Chair and President John Levar called the meeting to order at 6:27p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

There were no additions and/or corrections to the agenda at this time.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of March 27th, 2025, Meeting

There was one correction to be made. Upon being noted and changed prior to sending out final edition of minutes, they 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 is at \$58,904 and the Savings account stands at \$3,524. Under EMS Billing, the District usually receives around \$40-45K in the 3rd quarter as part of the Medicaid Supplemental Payment program. The remaining balance of \$7,400 came in for the Ready Set Go grant. A few expenses mentioned for this financial report are as follows: under Repair and Maintenance, \$15,269 is the second half of the payment for the motor installation for apparatus 411. Batteries for radios were bought for \$3,3320. And the second payment for general liability for insurance was paid as well for \$6,745. All other accounts are in good standing and there were no other big financial items discussed at this time. Treasurer Trina Olsen should be set up by May 1st, 2025 with the online banking systems.

Motion was made by John Sartoris 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 had 85 calls for service with 45 that have been EMS related, with 33 patients being transported to the hospital, and the remaining 40 calls for service being fire/rescue related.

b. We recently brought on 3 new members who are currently enrolled in the Firefighter 1 course. They are Rosie Freeman, Haley Wilcox, and Nick Schneweis.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. CWDG Update

The Shaded Fuel Break along Highway 78/South Pine Drive has begun. The crew works Monday-Thursday morning, staying overnight at Station 1, with 8 crew members (inmates) and 2 CO's. So far, they have cut down trees and cleaned up 4 properties. Northcreek properties are going well. Picking up slash piles are slightly behind; however, they are trying to be picked up as fast as they can, with the slash all going to the slash pile. Crews at Station 1 have been taking advantage of the cooler weather days and burning the slash pile to allow the crews to continue bringing the slash to the pile. There have been no issues with homeowners moving flags/markers on trees lately, the implementation of Appendix A with the contract and contractors taking pictures of the markers might be what has helped this. There was no other update at this time for the CWDG.

b. Northcreek Sirens

Chief Ware talked with Century Sign about removing and buying the sirens off of Northcreek. It would cost \$7,500 to remove and they could buy the sirens for \$12,500. It would give the District \$5,00 in pocket now and the overall savings of \$2,520 per year. The Board agreed to have this done. Chief Ware will discuss with Chief Mears in Pueblo about moving forward with this plan.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution 2025-06 CWDG Line of Credit

Chief Ware presented the idea of getting a Line of Credit for the purposes of CWDG items only. In case of expenditures for CWDG items that are necessary when the District is awaiting reimbursement. Chief Ware proposed \$200,000 limit, original one-time fee of \$2,000 to begin and the interest rate was 9%. However, after proposing this item, Chief Ware was talking about tabling this resolution, and holding off on talking to the bank about opening this line of credit as reimbursement has been running smoothly as of now and it wouldn't be necessary to do so at this point of time. It is a thought for in the future in case there is a problem with the grant and reimbursement payments. There was also discussion with the Board about Chief Ware beginning a ledger of all purchases to keep track of what has been spent and where, in case there were ever questions about what has been spent on regarding the CWDG. Currently, there is a ledger the Board receives monthly on the contractors and employees, and large purchases- this new proposed ledger would include all things relating to CWDG. This will become part of the update under old business for the CWDG Update each month.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.

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