

**BEULAH FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING No. 117
October 25, 2016**

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, Secretary Kim Toman, and Fundraising Coordinator Bob Thompson. Also attending was Chief Bryan Ware. Absent were Vice President Stephen McLaughlin and Treasurer Joni Smith. There were about 100 total attendees including Board Members and volunteer responders.

Chair and President Steve Douglas called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

It was recommended by Steve that Item 4, New Fire Station – Planning, Fundraising, Potential Mil Levy, and Ballot Language be moved before Item 3, Beulah Hill Fire. There was one addition to the Agenda. Under Item 3, Beulah Hill Fire, the Junkins Fire Status was added.

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

4. NEW FIRE STATION – PLANNING, FUNDRAISING, POTENTIAL MIL LEVY, AND BALLOT LANGUAGE

Bryan Ware made the presentation for the New Fire Station.

The first issue addressed was the question “Why do we need a new station?” Currently the District operates from two stations (one is on the corner of Grand Avenue and Pennsylvania and the other is on Waterbarrel Road), office space is rented across from the Beulah General Store, and an ambulance is stored in the garage at the Beulah School. The District has received a Side-by-Side ATV from grant funds and since there is no room to store this new vehicle, it will be stored in the Chief’s garage until other arrangements can be made.

Central storage of equipment is a major reason why the District needs a new Fire Station.

Another aspect is having the ability to store equipment as the District continues to grow and acquires equipment to meet the community’s current and future needs. The District currently has two vehicles that are ready to be donated free of charge to the District, but the District has nowhere to store these vehicles, so the donations cannot be accepted right now.

The District has grown also in the number of volunteer responders. This requires the District to have more storage area for volunteer’s Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). There have been many citizen comments made that more storage for PPE is really not

needed. Bryan stated that PPE, although thoroughly cleaned and inspected, still contains carcinogens (cancer causing agents) in the fibers. If volunteers were to keep their PPE in their personal vehicles, or even worse in their own homes, the PPE exposes the volunteers and their family members to these carcinogens. A central place to keep all the PPE is very much needed by the District.

In addition, many citizen concerns revolved around the question: “How will a new Fire Station help me?”

Since the Insurance Standards Office (ISO) recently reviewed ISO Ratings this summer in the District, it was found that many homes that had an ISO Rating of 6, now have an ISO Rating of 4. The District is also seeking to purchase two 3,000 gallon water Tenders. These additional Tenders will most likely allow ISO Ratings to drop 5 points for those homes in most of the District’s service area that have absolutely no fire hydrants. Again, these two vehicles cannot be obtained by the District until adequate storage is available for them. The Tenders are stored with water in them and need to be kept from freezing in colder seasons. Many times insurance companies lower insurance rates when ISO Ratings are lowered. If citizens find that their insurance company does not recognize the lower rating, Bryan encourages citizens to call him and he will talk directly with your insurance company about the ISO Rating.

Many citizens wonder “Where will this new Fire Station be located?”

The District received a donation of land 6.2 acres in size on Central Avenue. The parcel’s west boundary is directly across from Fox Lane. The parcel was donated by the family of Dick Sellers.

So then citizens wonder “Why is such a large building needed?”

When looking at the preliminary drawings of the building it may appear that it is a fancy structure. The structure is really a metal building with a brick façade front. The building is also being built for the needs of the District 10 years from now. The District has entertained the idea of just completing a portion of the building, but this only saves an estimated \$500,000 of the total project cost and is counter-productive when construction costs keep rising (approximately \$240,000 per year for this project).

The construction costs do include the purchase of two water carrying vehicles and a cost savings can be realized if these two vehicles can be acquired without cost to the District. One Tender is ready to be donated to the District with no cost. A Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) grant application is being completed for a November 14 submittal for the low-cost (5%) acquisition for a Type 1 Engine. These savings will lower the total amount needed to complete the new Fire Station.

Bryan gave some other new stations for comparison: LaVeta and Pueblo City. LaVeta Fire built a 12,000 sq-ft station that is mainly vehicle bays (3-triple bays). Their station was \$1,000,000 less expensive than the one proposed by the District, but the LaVeta Station does not have any training/meeting room, staff quarters, or storage area for equipment or documents. Pueblo City Fire Station #6, cost \$2,200,000, which is less expensive than the one proposed by the District, but it is only 2 vehicle bays with minimal office and staff quarters, there is no storage space or any training room.

Another question of citizens is: “How will this new Fire Station be funded?”

The District is proposing a 9Mil Levy increase over the course of 25 years. This Mil Levy will end after 25 years or sooner if the loan(s) for the New Fire Station are paid in full. The figures shown on the slides (shown at the end of the Meeting Minutes) are based on this year’s valuations. The maximum amount the District can receive in a single year under the proposed Mil Levy is \$118, 078.

The District has looked into a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Loan which has an interest rate of approximately 3% (maximum of 3.25% as dictated by the ballot language), as well as a loan from a private financial institution which the lowest interest rate found was 4.25%.

The District can obtain a 50-50 split loan between the USDA Loan just mentioned in combination with a USDA REDLeg Loan at 0% interest, but this would create a higher mil levy because of the payment schedule.

The last question of citizens is: “How much is this going to cost me?”

Again based on this year’s valuations, a \$250,000 home with the Mil Levy increase would cost \$179.10 a year, which potentially can be offset with homeowners insurance savings as a result of lower ISO Ratings. See Figures 1 & 2 at the end of these Meeting Minutes for full details.

BALLOT ISSUE INFORMATION:

Bryan presented information about the two separate ballot questions.

The District was informed by Pueblo County that there were about 130 ballots that were mailed out that did not include the page of the ballot containing the Districts questions (5E& 5F). If anyone receives a ballot with a missing page they are strongly encouraged to call the Pueblo County Election Office to have a new ballot mailed to them.

The first Ballot Issue is 5E, which is the debt increase to fund the new Fire Station. This Mil Levy, if passed, will allow the District to get a loan to partially pay for a new Fire Station. The funds collected from the Mil Levy would pay the loan back. The loan amount is not to exceed \$2,000,000 (not including interest), with a 25 year payoff, and a net interest rate not to exceed 3.25%. The Mil Levy would not be extended past the life of the loan.

Ballot Issue 5F allows the District to de-bruce from TABOR and collect funds from large grants. The passing of this Ballot Issue does not cost the taxpayer any money.

There is a larger detailed construction report that is available on the District website, BeulahFireandAmbulance.org.

These are the questions and answers that were discussed throughout the meeting. Please note that some questions were asked more than once, but identical answers were given to the question. The Meeting Minutes below are a summary of these questions and answers and are not a direct transcript of the questions and answers.

So far there has only been talk about Fire personnel and equipment. Where is the EMS portion of the District going to be housed?

EMS will be housed at the new Fire Station. The ambulance currently housed at the garage at the School would be moved to the new Fire Station.

Tonight there was no mention of a private area to treat walk-in patients, which is lacking at the current office. Is there going to be an area for this at the new Fire Station? Although there is no designated treatment room, there are offices with doors so walk-in patients can be seen privately and confidentially.

Where did the information about ISO Ratings going from a 9 to 4 come from?

This specific information came from ISO themselves. This information is not guaranteed and would be determined after final flow testing was completed. Bryan is very confident that final testing could be successful.

Does having a cistern on your property affect ISO at all?

For a structure fire, a 30,000 gallon set tank would be needed to affect ISO Ratings. If someone has a larger cistern, the District would consider tapping into that water supply to fight a structure fire.

Our homeowners insurance was dropped this year and now with two new fires that have occurred in the District, what is your opinion of what insurance company's expected to do next year?

John Russell answered this question since he has sold homeowners insurance. It is really hard to get insurance in this area. Bryan added that homeowners insurance rates in this area were generally increased this year from the wildfires in Colorado from last year.

My home is not within 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant, and it is outside the 5 mile distance from a station. What will happen to my ISO Rating if the new Fire Station were built? If the new Fire Station were built, the 2 additional water vehicles were added to the District and finally if ISO approves at a reevaluation all the flow tests, your ISO rating would stay at a 10.

When can construction of the new Fire Station be expected to begin? If both ballot issues pass in November, construction can begin in March or April of 2017, being completed in about 12 months from starting and also securing the remaining funding.

Would a new Fire Station have changed the outcome of the Beulah Hill Fire?

The Beulah Hill Fire was completely wind-driven, a new Fire Station would not have changed the outcome of the fire. The only thing that would have helped would have been an attack with water from the air and the District will not consider purchasing a helicopter. It was later asked if the District would consider purchasing the equipment needed to better fight a fire like the Beulah Hill Fire instead of building a new Fire Station.

The answer remained the same: the Beulah Hill Fire was wind-driven, there was no other equipment that could have helped in any way other than air support.

Bryan also added that air support was in the original request at the onset of the Beulah Hill Fire but the request was denied because of safety concerns for aircraft personnel in such high winds.

Later in the meeting a citizen asked if there would have been a different outcome to the Beulah Hill Fire if the District still only owned the equipment of 5 years ago?

Again, there would not have been any change to the Beulah Hill Fire with any equipment change since this was a wind driven fire.

In last 5 years the District has brought in about \$1,400,000 in revenue, how much of this has the District saved for a new Fire Station?

Steve clarified that the \$1,400,000 figure would include grant funds which is for direct equipment purchases, not operating. The mill levy increase approved by voters in 2012 was mostly for increased operating expenses, with approximately \$10,000/year being raised for capital expenses such as equipment replacement. The reality is that most of those funds have been needed to keep existing fire equipment operational instead of being saved for equipment replacement. There was no funding anticipated from the mill levy increase in 2012 that would be available to fund a new fire station. Steve also added that at the end of each year, \$50,000 is allocated by the Board for operating expenses for the first quarter of the next year until revenues begin to come in again. So far, the District has been able to put about \$30,000 from donations toward the new Fire Station. Reality brought the Board to realize that a new Fire Station wouldn't be able to be built entirely from grants, savings and/or donations. The Mil Levy covers only half of the anticipated cost of the new Fire Station.

Wasn't \$70,000 spent recently on two new trucks?

Yes, two new trucks were purchased for about \$70,000. In the District budget, the equipment replacement line, approximately \$10,000 per year, is used mostly to keep existing vehicles running and in service. The Auxiliary is helping with the payments on these vehicles.

Has the number of EMS calls increased over the past few years?

Yes, EMS calls have greatly increased over the past few years. In 2010 there were about 52 medical calls; there have been 180 medical calls so far in 2016.

If the new Fire Station becomes functional in 2018, how are the ISO Ratings reevaluated?
The District would notify ISO and ISO would come and reevaluate the District.

Usually, fire stations have people there 24/7, our District is volunteer based. How does this effect ISO Ratings?

ISO does look at response times in their evaluations. The Districts response times are good for fire responses and response times for EMS responses are below state averages.

Yes, it is known that there is an immediate need in the District for 16' bay doors, restrooms, gear room, and a kitchen, but there is a concern about the cost associated with extending a water main to provide the new Fire Station with water. The larger concern is that the homeowners saving with a lower ISO rating will not amount to much combined

with the concern about any tax increase, is this amount of a tax increase sustainable and affordable for citizens? There are about 350 residents in the immediate Beulah Valley on two separate water districts, and one water district overnight can impose a special assessment of up to \$500 per tap on homeowners for major system repairs. If this type of assessment happens along with this tax increase, it may put a huge hardship on some citizens. Is this new tax sustainable for 25 years or can something else be considered in streamlining the construction plans to make the new Fire Station more affordable to all residents? Are the storage areas and work out room really necessary?

The District is planning the new Fire Station for current needs and future sustainability. Additionally, a workout room is needed because the #1 killer of firefighters is heart attacks. The District needs to address this and provide a way for volunteers to stay fit. It was later asked if firefighters could just workout at home and save the cost of a workout room.

Some volunteers simply do not have the space in their homes for workout equipment and being paid minimally, they usually cannot afford good workout equipment.

Later it was also asked why, when volunteer responders only put a 8% priority on storage and workout area, were these areas included in the design of the building when they could be eliminated to save costs?

Again, this was answered by the new Fire Station was being built for 10-20 years from now.

A citizen comment was later added that 34-2' lockers were not sufficiently large enough in the design of the building. This comment came from a citizen that has used lockers with contamination issues in waste water operations. This citizen indicated that equipment storage is a big concern.

Another citizen's comment involved looking forward to the needs of the District. This citizen drew on the recollection of the Denver International Airport. When it was first opened it had a lot more space than was being used and citizens complained about that, but now is full to the brim. In addition, it is not possible to calculate from either of the recent fires what will happen next in Beulah, the next fire may come from your house, your neighbor's house, what does need addressed is the District's ability to take care of any new fire quickly.

Bryan reminded all present that there would be both positive and negative comments and questions tonight and encouraged everyone in attendance to continue to get along, no matter how people are voting or commenting/questioning.

It was one citizen's opinion that the District looked like it was trying to move the Fire Department from what used to be a volunteer base to a business. This individual also stated that he thought a new Fire Station would not help response times.

Bryan indicated that the District will not be able to use the Mil Levy to provide man power for the new Fire Station. The Mil Levy can only be used to construct the new Fire Station. A new Mil Levy will not be imposed to staff this new Fire Station. As the number of medical responses increases, billing will increase and this billing revenue will offset any labor expenses the District will incur.

In addition, Bryan encourages anyone to step forward to volunteer to help with any portion of the construction of the new Fire Station, as this savings will offset the cost of loan needed to build the new Fire Station. Already the painting of the interior of the Fire Station has been removed from the construction costs since the District realizes that this task can easily be done by volunteers. Other tasks that can easily be volunteered for are:

dirt work, and zero-scaping, plumbing, etc, to help decrease costs. Please approach the District with any talents citizens may have to help with the project.

What has happened so far with the potential water main extension to the new Fire Station? The engineer hired by Beulah Water Works and the firm hired by the District have been in communication about possible water line routes for a tie in for the new Fire Station. So far nothing has been set in stone, but it looks like the best option is for an 8" line to be tied in to the existing 6" line at the intersection of Lake and Central Avenues. If and when this main is extended there may be some water taps available as the Beulah Water District allows.

How would staffing the new Fire Station with personnel 24/7 affect ISO Ratings? The answer to this question is unknown.

There are some smaller apparatus currently in the District, specifically at the current Station 1, that is capable of getting into tighter areas of the District and up the smaller, narrower roads in the District. How will new apparatus fit in these areas, specifically the Middle Creek area?

The current Tenders in the District cannot get into the Middle Creek subdivision (past the Middle Creek gate). The intention of the District is to keep apparatus that will be able to get into and serve all areas of the District. Smaller vehicles as well as larger vehicles will be kept within the District.

A comment was made about the idea of getting more building in the same amount of space in the current design, if the building were built with straight lines and with steel. Also, the opinion was expressed that there is not much potential growth in Beulah and with an aging community, is a new Fire Station justified?

The building is a completely steel structure with a brick façade. If a second floor were to be added, it would mean adding an elevator to be ADA (handicapped) compliant. The second floor (mezzanine area above the truck bays) in the current design of the building plans is for storage only which does not require being ADA compliant.

What will the District do with the cost savings from the rent of the current office space and what will be done with the current Station 1?

The savings of approximately \$7,500 per year will be applied to the maintenance of the new Fire Station. The current Station 1 is owned by the District and it will most likely be sold, with the proceeds being applied somehow to the new Fire Station in loan payment, maintenance or other needs.

In regards to the structural and architecture, one citizen would rather see another bunk room in the design in place of an eye appealing exterior.

The comment was noted and Bryan indicated that the District did not want this building to be an eye sore to the community.

One citizen's opinion was expressed as Beulah having an aging population. The school that was at a population of 120 is now at a population of 160 only because new kids are being bussed in from outside the community due to the new magnet school. How can such a fancy building be built in Beulah when it is not a growing community? In 25 years

who will be paying the taxes when new people are not moving into the community?
Having such a fancy building that isn't being used will be depressing and the District will end up with a building that isn't being used. The community has a difficult time keeping two restaurants open.

Yes, it is agreed that Beulah is not a youthful community, but properties that are for sale are selling and call volume has increase greatly over the last few years. Comparing just last year's total call volume to this year's call volume to-date:

2015: There were 3 structure fires, 3 wildland fires (in a structure fire the structure has to be on fire, not just a deck). These figures do not include training events.

2016, so far: There have been 3 structure fires and 19 wildland fires.

A citizen commented that it was apparent that new facility is needed, but they encouraged the District to rethink the project by describing the need by evaluating the aging taxpayers in the community and having a very limited tax base without a lot of growth. This citizen expressed the opinion that when the District first entertained the idea of a new Fire Station the community should have been involved instead of the District alone deciding how large of a building was needed and how much was going to be spent. This decision should have been done entirely different and now the community is looking at an expensive, large facility, but is it really needed? The taxpayers should have been more involved from the beginning and the ballot issue is "putting the cart before the horse" and why now is the community's opinion being asked? Why does the community have to furnish the new Fire Station with great weight room when the volunteers probably have this in their homes already? We are in a meeting room now, why do we need a new one? Considering the insurance ISO Rating, there probably won't be any savings for myself. At best, the insurance rate savings would be \$70 and this Mil Levy would cost more than this. Three years ago a new tax was voted in to combine the Fire and EMS services and now the District is asking for more taxes. A new Fire Station is needed, but not to the extent of what is being proposed here.

Community meetings have been held for community opinions about the new Fire Station and its design. Community meetings were held two months ago and a year ago. Notices for these meetings have been posted and advertised encouraging community members to attend and provide input. The District did entertain those opinions that were expressed at each of these meetings.

What are the boundaries of the District?

The District covers an area of 111 square miles. West on 12-Mile to the Pueblo County line, on North Creek Rd to the Pueblo County line, East to the top of Rock Creek Hill, and down 3R road to the intersection of Waterbarrel and Crow Cutoff Road.

How will a new Fire Station help the District's response time?

Response times will decrease with a Fire Station that is equipped with bunks. For example, a volunteer such as Kurt Thompson, who lives on Waterbarrel Road, would be able to stay overnight at the Fire Station while he is on-call. This eliminates his drive into Beulah to respond on an emergency call, thus reducing response times.

If this Mil Levy doesn't pass what will the District do?

The District will look at redesigning the building with the possibility of removing a wing to reduce cost. The District would also consider a Mil Levy ballot issue for a Spring 2017

vote. Right after the meeting a month and a half ago the ballot language needed to be nailed down for this election so these last minute comments of the new Fire Station cannot change the language of the ballot for this election.

What is the water supply backup plan for the new Fire Station?

If the water tie in to the Beulah Water Works District does not happen, then there will be cisterns installed on site for water use. The water to the new Fire Station will not be used for filling apparatus.

Has the District considered adding on to Station 2?

No, the District has not looked into adding on to Station 2. The District did look into adding on to the current Station 1 and that was just not viable for many reasons. Station 2 is mainly used to respond to emergency calls in the eastern area of the District and a station is definitely needed in the central Beulah Valley.

How is the District structured? The District is a special district operating under Colorado State Law.

For a \$200,000 valued home at 13.5 mils tax is approximately \$230 per year. How much of this covers equipment repairs?

The budget line for equipment maintenance is about \$6,000 per year. If the District were to use the City of Pueblo for servicing equipment, the labor charge is \$94 per hour. By using our local certified staff for equipment repairs saves the District about \$44 per hour in labor costs.

What are the issues with the current Station 1 not being able to be used anymore?

The current Station 1 is really limited on size, there is no interior water, and there are no restrooms. The walls and general structure is still solid and it can hold 4 vehicles, but not newer vehicles that are larger than the older style vehicles.

Do the trucks store water all winter?

Yes, they are filled with water throughout the winter and thus need to be kept from freezing.

One citizen commented on their knowledge of information sharing experience being involved with a local government in Colorado and asked what duties the District has regarding information sharing with community members.

The District's Transparency Notice is posted on the District website and the District Budget is available for public review as well.

There is a fixed dollar amount generated each year from this Mil Levy and there are also mixed donations and grants contributing to the construction of the new Fire Department. What happens to the revenue from the Mil Levy when the loan is paid off?

The way the Mil Levy ballot is written, when the construction loan is paid off, even if before 25 years, Mil Levy revenue cannot be used for anything else except costs to build the new Fire Station as outlined in the construction plans. Even if a lower interest rate on a loan is secured, once the loan is paid back, even if earlier than originally anticipated, the Mil Levy sunsets and is over. The Mil Levy is written to generate \$118,078 per year.

If the Mil Levy passes by a close margin, will the District still borrow the full \$2,000,000? Is there a way to reduce the amount of money borrowed?

Yes, the District will entertain any way to reduce borrowing to complete the new Fire Station. The District cannot borrow more than what is needed for this building.

Clarification: Would the District be willing to build a smaller building if the Mil Levy passes only by a small margin?

No, the District would not consider building a smaller Fire Station if the Mil Levy passes by a small margin. The District is more than willing to accept in-kind donations to support the construction of the new Fire Station to offset borrowing costs.

What are the current matching funds for this project?

Of the \$3,800,000 total cost, \$2,800,000 (\$2,000,000 base loan plus interest) would be from the community in the form of this Mil Levy, the remaining \$1,800,000 would come from a \$1,000,000 DOLA grant and \$800,000 through other grants and donations.

What other funding sources can be tapped into for funding?

17 other grants have been identified as a potential match for this project and will be applied for. The District will also ask local business owners to donate in-kind services and materials as well as discounted services and materials to support this project.

For example, a FEMA grant was secured and allowed the District to purchase Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA's). The District will be requesting a modification to this grant so some Structural Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Wildland PPE, a Gear Extractor (Washer), and a Thermal Imager Camera can be included since the SCBA equipment already has been updated and replaced through other sources.

How much has been spent on this project and how much is already allocated to be spent?

In 2015 the District signed into contract with F&D International (F&D) \$2,500 of project design work. The District has also signed into contract another \$10,000 with F&D in 2016 to continue with essential construction functions through the end of 2016, to continue moving forward with the project. If the Mil Levy does not pass nothing else has to be spent on this project.

After the recent fires, and knowing that a new building wouldn't have been beneficial in these fires, has the District come back and asked what would have helped (equipment, hot shots, trainings, etc.) with wildfires?

There has not yet been an after-action report completed for the Beulah Hill Fire. The only piece of equipment that would have aided in this fire was an air attack and the District will not entertain purchasing an air tanker.

A citizen commented: when running a business and picking a building for the business, the owner really has to look close and not add a single square foot that isn't needed. This building is for the community and 2 trucks are needed, but is this sized building really needed? It is probably overkill. The citizen recommended doing away with a wing and try for a 0% interest loan for 10 years. A plan of this type would better suit the community. Bryan reminded the audience that this isn't the first time the community has been asked for input. The District can entertain removing an entire wing but the cost savings has not

been identified yet. If the Mil Levy does not pass, the whole building design would have to back to the architect and engineering firm.

If a new Fire Station is built will the equipment currently at Station 2 on Waterbarrel Road be housed at the new Fire Station?

Equipment will be in operation at both Stations.

Will it be less expensive to build on to Station 2 for larger equipment?

The District has not looked at this option yet.

Has any study been conducted? The District currently has 11 fire trucks now and 2 more have been requested. Colorado City has only 4 trucks, Rye has 11 trucks. Why do we need so much equipment when Beulah is lacking water resources?

The District is need of vehicles that can hold and transport water. That is why 2 more vehicles have been requested.

Can the District utilize this many vehicles when 2-3 volunteers are needed per vehicle?

On October 3, 17 volunteers responded to the emergency call.

Would it be more cost effective to purchase a tractor trailer that could haul large amounts of water?

The training required to have a volunteer comfortable driving a semi, especially up a road like 12-Mile, is not beneficial to the District. In addition, it would take a volunteer many routine hours of driving this semi to remain competent in driving it.

What are the ages of the current vehicles owned by the District?

The District's oldest truck is 32 yrs old.

With the remaining trucks being between 20 and 32 years old, are parts readily available when they break down?

Currently there are two vehicles out of service due to the recent fires.

It sounds like having extra trucks are not a bad thing to have in our District.

Steve closed discussions by stating that a new building may not improve response times in the Valley, but it will improve response capability. Having better equipment available in the Valley will serve the community better than having to ask for help from outside agencies creating a 4-8 hour response time. Secondly, please keep in mind that the ballot language is written as not to exceed a specific amount, it may go lower.

Lastly, the \$1,000,000 DOLA grant will be determined on or around November 15th or 16th. DOLA is waiting to see how this ballot is answered, as this is the local buy in/local match. Both ballots need to pass to move forward with any budget for this project.

3. BEULAH HILL & JUNKINS FIRE REPORT

The initial emergency call-out to Beulah Fire was reported at 12.31 pm; Beulah Fire arrived on scene at 12.36 pm; Mutual Aid was called at 12:46 pm; Evacuations were ordered at 12:50 pm; The first structure was lost at 12:51 pm. All 3 Type 6 vehicles were put on initial attacks. Local jurisdiction remained in command for the next 1.5 hours until relieved by County authorities. A full report can be obtained at the District Office.

The Junkins Fire was initially reported at 3:31am. Beulah Fire had a crew on site 45minutes after the initial call came in. Currently there are more than 900 Federal Responders on this incident.

There is a Surf Agreement to obtain Federal Funds to pay the District for the use of equipment for these fires as well as directly paying volunteer responders for their respective time and effort in fighting these fires. So far \$28,000 has been billed to the Federal Government by the District for equipment and personnel use.

Authorities with the State of Colorado will be inquiring to State procedures on handling equipment in dry, windy conditions. Another safety situation that will be looked into is the running of the generator to power the local cell tower during the Beulah Hill Fire. A citizen mentioned that a plastic 5-gallon gas can for the generator had tipped over and leaked all over the running generator causing the generator to shut off.

Beulah citizens are still encouraged to have the Fire Department give mitigation suggestions for their personal homes. Call the District Office for more information. 719-485-2367.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Kim Toman
Secretary, Board of Directors

Final

Attachments

-Agenda

-Beulah Fire Protection & Ambulance District New Fire Station 1, October 25, 2016 informational project write up

-November 8th Ballot Questions – Replacement Fire Station

Slides from Presentation:

HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST ME

Property Value	9 Mill Levy Cost per year	Daily Cost
\$100,000.00	\$71.64	\$ 0.19
\$150,000.00	\$107.46	\$ 0.29
\$200,000.00	\$143.28	\$ 0.39
\$250,000.00	\$179.10	\$ 0.49
\$300,000.00	\$214.92	\$ 0.59
\$500,000.00	\$358.20	\$ 0.98
\$1,000,000.00	\$716.40	\$ 1.96
20 Year Levy District Revenue	\$2,337,307	

Figure 1

Program	Interest Rate/ Loan	Loan Length	Annual Payment	Total Interest Cost
100% USDA Loan	3% \$2 Mil	20 Years	\$ 134,431.42	\$ 688,628.30
50% Mix USDA	3% \$1 Mil	20 Years	\$ 67,215.71	\$ 344,314.15
50% Mix USDA	0% \$1 Mil	10 Years	\$ 100,000	\$ 0.00

Figure 2