

**BEULAH FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING No. 81
March 27, 2014**

MINUTES

The meeting of the Board was held at the District office in Beulah, CO

Board members present were: Secretary Anne Moulton; Treasurer Travis Allee; and Fundraising Coordinator Bob Thompson who will preside today. Absent, excused were President Steve Douglas, and Vice President Pat Stanifer. Also attending were Fire Chief Bryan Ware, responder Naomi Blake and community member Kim Toman.

1. Acting chair Bob Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. THE AGENDA: addition was requested of, under New Business, Engine 63 and Brush 73.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Anne Moulton, seconded by Travis Allee. Motion carried with no objections.

3. MINUTES of the February 27, 2014 Meeting:

Motion was made by Travis Allee and seconded by Anne Moulton to authorize Secretary Anne Moulton to create the final minutes based on the track change corrections provided and to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried with no objections.

4. TREASURER TRAVIS ALLEE GAVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT providing a statement through February 28, 2014.

- We are running about where we need to be, but not receiving as much EMS billing income at this time.
- For the audit, they requested further information about transfers from Beulah Fire account; information from Gwen was provided. Travis has not heard anything further.
- Overpayment of \$1807 was returned from Pinnacol when we changed our workman's comp policy to Colorado Special District Pool. It was put back into that line item.

Motion was made by Anne Moulton, and seconded by Travis Allee to accept the Financial Report. Motion carried with no objections.

5. FIRE CHIEF BRYAN WARE REPORTED:

- We have had 19 EMS, and 12 Fire calls to date.
- The live burn on March 8th went very well. We had 35 members participating, and learning skills including those for interior work. ESB, Pueblo County, the Sheriff's Office, and Rye Fire Protection District were involved as well. Prior to that date we had multiple agencies there for various trainings. We had a lot of use from that home. Bryan put an article in The Buzz thanking the Bonham family for that donation.

- Colorado Special Districts Pool offered us a \$355 grant to purchase safety equipment; we will be ordering safety cones and vests from Northern Tool supply where we have a \$250 gift certificate. That will help us cover almost all of the 50% match, with the remaining from budgeted funds we would have spent anyway.
- The S212 Sawyers class will occur this weekend. Seven of our members will be trained to this national standard and will be joined by an MPEC employee. MPEC will be hosting the class.
- The S215 Wildland Urban Interface Class will be taught here yearly (Kurt teaching), and there will be a requirement for all members to take that class (Fire and EMS responders). There will be a three year implement, so all will take it within the next 3 years.
- The resource trailer purchased last month has been equipped and stocked, is ready for response as needed. It will house portable water tanks, wildland supplies, food and water for responders. It can also be a small command post if we need to get out of the weather; it has lights. The last expense will be putting a decal on it for about \$500.
- We are still looking to replace Brush 73 with a used truck, especially since we are now down two engines. Bryan met with Joe (State Forest Service) who was going to push that up his chain of command, to help us acquire one of the state trucks. This will be further discussed under New Business.
- Engine 61 went down with a broken half shaft in the front axle 4WD. Austin will be working on it this weekend. There will be \$5000-\$5500 cost just in parts for these repairs. We will need to revise our budget, adding another \$6000 to that budget line.
- The plot on 3R RD and Oldham Rd that was offered to us by the Browns for a substation won't work. Travis went out to survey it, and it isn't large enough for a station with fire engine. The Signal Mountain community, that was involved, can look for other land.
- Our website server crashed. It is being moved to a new server and rebuilt by Nathan, and will include a tab for the Auxiliary.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Twin Buttes Fire Water Supply update. Both the pump that pumps water from the tank to the surface for refilling trucks, and the float valve to turn off filling the tank from the well pump were not operational as previously discussed. After conversations with Joe O'Brien and Kevin Fern, Bryan learned that they have purchased the pump, 110 gallons/minute, and will purchase the new floats. They plan to have Kyle install them. We and the Twin Buttes HOA are staying on top of it and expect to see it installed by May.

b. 2014 Board Election update. There were no write-in or additional self-nomination candidates for the Board as of the deadlines. Current board members Pat Stanifer, Bob Thompson and Steve Douglas will continue to serve for 2,4,4 years respectively, while Kim Toman will take Anne Moulton's place, with a 4 year term starting in May. (Travis Allee will continue to serve his 4 year term with 2 more years remaining). No election

will be required and there will be no election costs but some legal costs for filing various papers. This information is posted as required in our office and at the election site which is the Beulah School.

c. Net savings added to reserves in 2013 update. At the end of 2013 a net of \$6963 was added to our reserves.

d. 2014 audit (covered in the Financial Report).

e. Non-profit Formation and Fund Raising update. (Kim Toman reporting) The committee is finalizing the non-profit form 1023. Joni and Sandy have been key members working on it and have been out of town. They plan to have that done early in April after their board meeting on April 7th. A lot of public interest and support has been shown. Bob has a donation check to the Auxiliary which will be handed over to Joni. Bob wrote a receipt, and a thank you note has been covered.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Engine 63 and Brush 73. Both trucks are 1973 apparatus. As briefed at the last meeting, Brush 73 has been taken out service and since then all equipment has been removed except radio equipment and harness which will be removed next week. Engine 63 will not pass the pump test so it will not certify for ISO. We considered it for water carrying, but it only carries 500 gallons. That tank is significantly rusting, not rusted through yet but with heavy rust. Bryan has already taken off the insurance, and they are sitting outside of Station 2. There is antifreeze inside the pump. Bryan spoke with Steve, who agrees with Bryan's recommendation that there is no reason to hold on to these trucks. We will put them up for sale on three sites, (a government site, a Fire site and Craig's List) as is, for a couple of weeks, then at worst sell them for scrap metal. Our attorney already created a document for handling past property with release of reliability. We will list them for 2 weeks and if no one purchases them, then we will transport to sell for scrap (will have insurance applied for that day if driven). The engines can be sold separately for possibly \$1000 or up to \$3-4000. We are down to 2 brush trucks, so pursuing another, if we cannot obtain one through the state. Travis suggested we contact the City Shop, which has listings. Dylan provided a county contact. Used brush trucks fully loaded are going for \$80-90,000, so we will look for a better option as we did before. We will take the pump off of 73 to sell privately; we have a buyer.

Motion was made by Travis Allee, and seconded by Bob Thompson, authorizing Bryan to sell Engine 63 and Brush 73, for what we can get in scrap value at the minimum, but preferably better, as described above. Motion carried with no objections.

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN: *was made by Travis Allee and seconded by Bob Thompson. Motion carried with no objections. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.*

Anne E Moulton, Secretary, Board of Directors,
Beulah Fire Protection and Ambulance District
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