

**BEULAH FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING No. 173
January 28th, 2021**

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 Larry Walter, Treasurer Sue Bacon, Fundraising Coordinator Bob Thompson , and Secretary Chandra May-Lehrer. Also attending was Chief Bryan Ware.

Chair and President John Levar called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

There were no additions or corrections to the Agenda.

*Motion was made by Larry Walter to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Sue Bacon.
Motion carried with no objections.*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of December 10th, 2021 Meeting

*Motion was made by Bob Thompson to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Larry Walter.
Motion carried with no objections.*

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

a. Chief Bryan Ware went over the financial statement from December 2020. There were not any significant expenses and/or incomes to report. It was mentioned that throughout the changing in the billing agencies, the department is waiting for roughly \$27,000 in collection from November and December calls. Chief Bryan Ware is reaching out to those who still owe on their outstanding bills for the department, in hopes to move along the process.

*Motion was made by Larry Walter to accept the Financial Report, seconded by Bob Thompson.
Motion carried with no objections*

5. CHIEF'S REPORT, reported by Bryan Ware

a. As of today, we are at 17 responses for the year, of those 8 are fire rescue related. Of the 9 EMS responses we have transported 6 to local hospitals. We finished out 2020 with a total of 252 responses with 119 being fire rescue related and 145 being medical in nature.

b. We have lifted all fire bans throughout Pueblo County and are currently allowing open burning when weather conditions permit.

c. Pueblo County has dropped into the Orange level on the COVID dial and if the numbers hold we should be dropping into the Yellow level next week. Pueblo County continues to staff a testing site and a vaccination site which the Pueblo County Fire Agencies are about to start supporting with staffing.

d. We have restarted the in-person learning for the EMT class which will wrap up at the end of February.

e. The District has applied for an AFG grant to purchase and install a new station generator. We will not hear results on this grant until later this year. We are also applying through the State EMS Grant for a new ambulance to replace the 2006 unit that we bought from Rye a few years back. The new ambulance will cost \$ 192,725 which if the grant is awarded the District will be responsible for 20% of that which is \$ 38,545 which would come from the sale of the 2006 unit. The grant is due in by February 15th with an award notification in June.

f. We ended up with 16 fire contracts which brought in \$ 4,000.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Fire Station Site Project and Activities – Update

There are no current issues needing to be addressed for the fire station, however our warranty has expired as of December 2020. Therefore, any expenses and/or repairs necessary will not be covered any longer. There was a radiant tube heater at Station 2 that needed some repair. The control panel got burned and therefore was needed to be replaced. That was taken care of and was a total of \$450 to replace.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2020 Annual Newsletter

Chief Bryan Ware has created a newsletter that will be distributed on the Beulah Fire website, social media, and Pine Drive Telephone has graciously accepted to print and send out the letter with monthly billing statements. This letter will keep the community up to date as to what the Beulah Fire Protection and Ambulance District has accomplished and news as to future events that the department will participate in with the community.

b. 2020 Audit

Chief Bryan Ware notified the board about an upcoming Audit the department will participate in. It is an audit exemption, not a complete audit and therefore will only cost \$3,000 which is already budgeted. This audit will be due by March 2021.

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN: *Motion to adjourn was made by Chandra May-Lehrer, seconded by Larry Walter. Motion carried with no objections.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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