

**BEULAH FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING No. 220  
January 23rd, 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, and Secretary Chandra May-Lehrer. Also in attendance was Captain Amber Reiman and community member Karyl Frank. Chief Ware was present via phone.

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

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

There were no corrections or additions to the agenda.

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

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of November/December Combined Meeting and Chief Ware's Annual Review**

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. Chief Ware gave a brief Financial Report to the Board as he is currently out of town and calling in, and as the Treasurer position is open. Currently the District's operating account is around \$11,000 and the Savings account is at \$100. A small check came in from the CWDG, however a larger amount is expected within the next few days hopefully. There was a small amount that came in for cash donations for approximately \$1,500.

*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**

Due to Chief Ware calling in for the meeting, he gave a brief report. So far, the District is at 21 calls for service. The Annual Report that is normally sent out in February for the community from the Department will be sent out in March. The CPW (Colorado Parks and Wildlife) Lion Team has been in the Beulah community working to try to drive out the high volume of mountain lions within the town. They utilize their working dogs that are trained to haze the lions and hopefully push them back further in the mountains and/or tranquilize and collar the mountain lions for better tracking to then hopefully move them back up in the

mountains. There was an unfortunate circumstance where one of the dogs was injured and the ambulance was lawfully utilized to take the dog to a local vet for emergency services. The dog was expected to recover. The CPW is expected to return and continue their efforts to move out more mountain lions from the area in the upcoming weeks. Chief Ware also gave the Board a copy of a Fire District Purchasing Procedure Policy, it details what other Districts within Pueblo County follow for a purchasing system. It was encouraged for members to read over and follow up with Chief Ware with questions as Beulah Fire would be following this purchasing policy.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. CWDG Update**

As of now, the District is waiting for a check of approximately \$247,155.53. There have been meetings and conversations still relating to the advanced reimbursement being an issue and the hold up is with CSU. It has been told to Chief Ware and Captain Reiman that this check was approved and should be sent any day. Also, equipment such as the sign board, chipper, and dump trailer were approved to be purchased as well. There will be continued discussion on the advanced reimbursement payments and hopefully by the next meeting we will have an update on how it will work from here on out.

### **b. Board Position- Treasurer**

Treasurer Sue Bacon had decided as of January 1, 2025 to step down from her position as Treasurer. Community member Trina Olson attended December's combined meeting to get an understanding of what the Beulah Fire Board meetings consisted of and was able to ask questions and discuss then with Chief Ware the potential of putting in interest for the Treasurer position. At January's meeting Chief Ware printed out a resume for Trina Olson and asked the Board to look it over and bring any questions to next month's meeting.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Resolution 2025-01 Revised 2024 Budget**

The revised 2024 Budget was discussed amongst the Board and there were no questions and/or objections.

*Motion was made by Mike Smith to accept Resolution 2025-01, seconded by John Sartoris. Roll call vote was completed. Motion carried with no objections.*

### **b. Resolution 2025-02 Appointing a Designated Election Official**

This resolution designates Captain Amber Reiman as a designated election official of the District. The terms of office for President John Levar, Vice President Mike Smith, and Treasurer Sue Bacon will expire May 6, 2025, and therefore an election will need to take place. This allows Captain Reiman to be the "designated official to publish the call for nominations, appoint election judges if necessary, appoint the Canvass Board, arrange for the required notices of election, printing of ballots, and direct that all other appropriate actions be accomplished", amongst other duties assigned for this position (32-1-804, 1-1-11. C.R.S).

*Motion was made by Mike Smith to accept Resolution 2025-02, seconded by John Sartoris. Roll call vote was completed. Motion carried with no objections.*

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.

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