

**BEULAH FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING No. 199  
April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30pm**

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Board was held at Fire Station #1 in Beulah, CO.

Board members present were Vice President Larry Walter, Treasurer Sue Bacon, Fundraising Coordinator Mike Smith, and Secretary Chandra May-Lehrer. Also in attendance was Chief Bryan Ware and community member John Sartoris. Chair and President John Levar was absent.

**Vice President Larry Walter called the meeting to order at 6:32p.m.**

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

There was no objections or corrections currently.

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

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Meeting**

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 Chandra May-Lehrer. Motion carried with no objections.*

**4. FINANCIAL REPORT**

a. Operating account is at \$6,606.99 and the Savings account stands at \$2,573.14. There were no current big-ticket items to address for this month's report. The North Creek Fire brought in money for not only the crew(s) that worked the fire, but also the truck that was deployed there as well. With that money, Chief Bryan Ware came across an enclosed trailer that the District has been thinking about buying for a very decent price and it was basically brand new. The District utilized some funds that were received by the North Creek Fire to purchase the trailer and has already begun the renovations to turn it into a rehab trailer. The Board agreed it was a right choice to buy this trailer for the District. Therefore, there were no other items to discuss for this month's financial statement.

*Motion was made by Chandra May-Lehrer 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 73 calls for service with 47 that have been EMS related, with 31 patients being transported to the hospital, and the remaining 26 calls for service being fire/rescue related.

b. The station generator has finally been completed as of today.

c. We have submitted a Human-Bear Conflict Resolution grant in the amount of \$142,000 to help reduce the encounters some of our residents are having with bears. This is a grant in partnership with CPW and will know the outcome of the grant in late June.

d. The grant request we put in with Senator Hickenlooper's office has made it past the first hurdle and was pushed forward by his office to the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee. This was funding requested to purchase a used Type 3 engine.

e. North Creek Fire Brief- The North Creek Fire broke out on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, it was fully on National Forrest Land, in Custer County. It grew to a total of 50 acres and was staffed for a total of 3 days until cleared as contained 100%. The fire was determined to be human caused, however all the agencies that assisted not only did a remarkable job themselves but complimented Beulah Fire for all the beginning and continuous efforts that helped keep the fire smaller than it could have been. With the fire being on National Forrest Land, there were a multitude of mutual aid agencies including hot shot crews, air teams, and multiple foot crews. It was a tremendous accomplishment across the board and the community has responded with many thanks for all departments involved.

f. Amber is wrapping up her paramedic school next week and will begin her internship. She will be out of the office starting May 1<sup>st</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup>.

g. Gia Taylor has resigned from our agency, and we will be adding Zeb Laca to the agency for summer coverage.

h. There have been multiple issues with the company that the District receives propane from. Chief Bryan Ware was given approval from all Board members to seek out a new propane company for both stations. There were about 5 companies that Chief Ware will call about for prices per gallon.

*Motion for Chief Ware to change propane company/vendor for both Station 1 and 2 was made by Larry Walter, seconded by Sue Bacon. Motion carried with no objections.*

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

a. None

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

a. None

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

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