

**BEULAH FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING No. 168  
August 27th, 2020**

**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 6:31 p.m.**

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

There were no additions or corrections to the Agenda.

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

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of July 23rd, 2020 Meeting**

Changes submitted and discussed by Board Members were reviewed and approved by all attending Board Members. There was an additional change to be made as to whom was leaving the Board opening a vacancy. This person was Kim Toman, as, she is moving out of District.

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

**4. FINANCIAL REPORT**

**a.** Item 8102.00, which is Repair and Maintenance: there was a purchase made in regards to the Chief's Tahoe. The vehicle was taken to Spradley in Pueblo, and was therefore fixed with replacing a cylinder, oil change, and new air filter.

**b.** Item 8430.00, which is Office Supply: a new computer was in need of purchasing for the training room at Station 1.

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

**5. CHIEF'S REPORT, reported by Bryan**

**a.** As of today, we are at 171 responses for the year, of those 77 are fire rescue related. Of the 94 EMS responses we have transported 59 to local hospitals. As of this date in 2019 we were at 163 calls.

**b. COVID 19 Update** – We are still following COVID19 standards. FEMA will continue to staff the testing site at the State Fair Grounds through December. A private company has been contracted to take over testing which will now run Monday-Friday from 10a-7p and every other Saturday from 10a-7p.

**c. Fire Restrictions/ Extreme Fire Danger**

We remain under Stage 1 Fire Restrictions as a County. The Pueblo County Fire Chiefs have passed on the recommendation to Sheriff Taylor to go to Stage II.

**d.** This past Tuesday our agency along with the Rye Fire Department and the U.S. Forest Service responded to an area off of 12 mile for a report of smoke. Flight for life was utilized to get eyes on the fire as it was ¾ of a mile off 12 mile road in heavy timber. The initial size up had the fire at a 50-yard x 75-yard underbrush fire. Within an hour the fire had torched up on a tree which created a crown fire. While the fire was within our District its response jurisdiction fell to the U.S. Forest Service who assumed command. Due to the town being threatened heavy air resources were utilized to contain the fire. As of today, the fire is 100% contained and crews will continue to extinguish it through Saturday.

**e.** We purchased the Pueblo West Tahoe as a resource vehicle, which worked out as the primary command vehicle went down on the fire with traction control issues. The truck is at Spradley Chevy waiting a diagnosis. The old fire engine will be sold this weekend for \$ 8000.

**f.** Beulah Water Works District has not been able to make water for over a week now, Pine Drive is still currently making water and supplying water to Beulah Water. If Pine Drive is no longer able to make water we will have each Water District declare a State of Emergency and then request assistance from Pueblo County with hauling water.

**g.** We received our final figures for the Medicaid Reimbursement Program this year and it came in at \$ 35,147 which is \$ 5,000 more than we had budgeted.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. District Auxiliary – Update**

There is a recommendation on taking out the District Auxiliary Update in the meeting minutes, due to not having any board members currently supplying the update. The Garage Sale was very successful in raising approx. \$7,000 for the Auxiliary.

**b. Fire Station Site Project and Activities – Update**

There were 3 EXIT signs that needed to be fixed and rewired in order to be in operation. The metal in front of Station 1 is still in need to be fixed.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Appointment of Board Member**

Sue Bacon, community member and prior EMS member has been appointed as a new Board Member.

*Aa. Motion was made to accept the Appointment of Sue Bacon as Treasurer by Larry Walter, seconded by Chandra May-Lehrer . Motion carried with no objections.*

**b. Board of Directors Positions**

Motion was complete to appoint the open Board position. As Sue Bacon will now hold the position of Treasurer on the Board of Directors.

**c. Public Meetings**

There was discussion based on opening the meetings to the public. There would be adequate spacing provided, and temperatures taken at the front door upon entering the building

**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 7:15 pm.

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

Attachments

-Agenda

- Statement of Actual to Budget, Jan 1 to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.