

**BEULAH FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING No. 174
February 25th, 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 via phone, and Secretary Chandra May-Lehrer. Fundraising Coordinator Bob Thompson was absent. Also attending was Chief Bryan Ware.

Chair and President John Levar called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 Chandra May-Lehrer. Motion carried with no objections.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of February 25th, 2021 Meeting

There were few corrections, therefore the corrections were made and resent to be placed on the website.

Motion was made by Larry Walter to accept minutes with corrections, seconded by Sue Bacon. Motion carried with no objections.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

a. Chief Bryan Ware and Treasurer Sue Bacon went over the financial statement from January 2021. There was a reimbursement to the District for one of the members being deployed to the Cameron Peak Fire, that was an income for the month of January. There also was a grant, which was given to the District for \$2,063 that was then utilized to restock supplies at Station 1. More info is given in the Chief Report section of these minutes.

Motion was made by Chandra May-Lehrer to accept the Financial Report, seconded by Larry Walter. Motion carried with no objections

5. CHIEF'S REPORT, reported by Bryan Ware

a. As of today, we are at 36 responses for the year, of those 16 are fire rescue related. Of the 20 EMS responses we have transported 13 to local hospitals.

b. The Pueblo County Fire Agencies will start to assist with staffing the vaccination site starting in March. Beulah Fire has also started the process with the State to become a vaccination site so we can assist with getting our community vaccinated.

c. The current EMT class will wrap up next Tuesday. We will look at hosting another class in the fall.

d. The District has awarded a FEMA COVID grant in the amount of \$ 2,063 to allow us to restock on all the PPE that we went through in 2020 and will allow us to have supplies for future needs.

e. We have submitted the State EMS Grant for the new ambulance. We had our first hearing on that this past Wednesday which was for the financial waiver. We will find out the results of that this coming week. If we do not get past the financial waiver the grant will be pulled.

f. We have an upcoming Community Blood Drive on Saturday, March 27th.

g. We received a notice from Colorado Unemployment that an ex-employee of ours had filed for unemployment yet when we logged into respond to the claim I found that someone had filed a false claim under my name and SSN. The fraud report has been submitted to the State.

h. The collections on unpaid bills from the District has seen some improvement. About \$5,000 has been brought in from the roughly \$27,000 outstanding. Through the District's accounting rep, 8 cases still need to be followed up on and the District should see more money coming in from those outstanding balances.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. 2020 Audit

An audit will be due in March 2021 for the District. Even though it is not a complete audit but audit exemption, it will cost the District \$3,000 which is already budgeted.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Water District IGA

Chief Bryan Ware handed out to the board members an updated IGA between the District and Beulah Water Works. This updated IGA discusses the changes in allowing the District to utilize up to 30,000 gallons of water annually and any additional overages will be determined by an overage rate that is in agreeance with the District and the Water District annually. The District will also provide public meeting space for the Water District as scheduling permits. This IGA will become a resolution in an upcoming meeting and therefore put into action at that time.

b. other

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 6:58pm.

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