

LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

La Veta Fire Station
100 Birch St
La Veta, Colorado
MINUTES

October 10, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Present: Directors Schmidt, Alt, and Lacy, Brunner and Valdez were in attendance.

Staff: EMS Director Dave Mower, Fire Chief Ron Jameson, Administrative Assistant Tressan Passarelli were in attendance.

Guests: Trevor Holliday, Emily Holliday & Brian Jameson were in attendance. Eric Guadagnoli, Justin Jameson, Christina Guadagnoli, Laura Jameson, Jim Berg, Haley Jameson and Sue Alt joined via ZOOM

Call to Order – Pledge - Roll Call

Approval of Agenda for October 10, 2024

- Motion to approve agenda for October 10, 2024 made by Brunner. Seconded by Alt. Motion carried.

Minutes from September 12, 2024

- Motion to approve minutes for September 12, 2024 made by Valdez. Seconded by Alt. Motion Carried

Public Forum

- Emily Holliday spoke on her termination letter that she received from the district.

Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters

- We received a donation in the amount of \$1,582.83 from Fowler State Bank and one for \$100.00 from Judith Blain. We received the La Veta Public Schools Emergency Action Plan. We also received a letter from the Huerfano County Federal Mineral Lease District on grant funds. Schmidt responded to put us on the list for the grants they are giving this year.

Treasurer's Report

- Motion to accept treasurer's report as read made by Brunner. Seconded by Lacy. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Report

- No questions or comments.

EMT Director's Report:

- Discussion on EMT students and cost. Discussion on help and being shorthanded. Mower: Everybody is going to work shifts. Decision on Emily Holliday. Brunner: I think what we should do is understand completely what we are asking for them to pay back. Also, these grants and scholarships understand that we are in fact asking for their money back with the caveat that we are saving that specifically to fund another student to take the class. We are as agents for this, we are asking for their money to be paid back so that in the future hold another class and fund the next students. Passarelli: That was a motion last month that was carried. Schmidt: If any of this money is in fact ever paid back it should be earmarked so we can use it in the future. I do not agree that we should call the grant company and tell them that it didn't work out. Emily, are you willing to live up to the terms of the contract? Emily: Yes. Schmidt: So, what does the board want to do? Do we want to put her on a probation status for a certain amount of time and see if she does in fact pick up the responsibility? Brunner: I would say absolutely because we need the help. Motion to work together with Emily and have her fulfil her contract starting October 1, 2024 made by Brunner. Seconded by Alt. 4 Yes and 1 No, motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

- Virtual Payments; Motion to let Passarelli find the best credit card processing company to take the virtual payments made by Brunner. Seconded by Lacy. Motion Carried
- Purchase a Scanner/Printer; Passarelli will call Gobin's and set something up.
- Request to work remote November 1st to the 10th; Motion to allow Passarelli to work remote from November 1st to the 10th made by Alt. Seconded by Lacy. Motion Carried.

Old Business

- Billing for FD: Jameson is working on setting up a demo for a new asset management system.
- Procurement Policy: Schmidt will send the email around again. Move to next month.
- USDA Grant: Still waiting on FEMA.
- FEMA Grant: Still waiting to hear from Ted Young.
- 2025 Budget: Passarelli will send out dates for everyone to meet to go over what Alt has so far.
- Radios: Brunner; We are shutting down the radios that are missing with the state. We are moving forward.

New Business

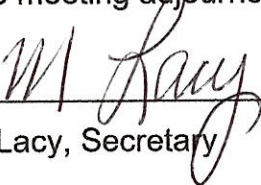
- Employee Concerns; Jameson: We want to have our board members and volunteers work together. There is a lack of trust on both sides. There is obstruction and projects are not getting completed. We need the support of the board. Let us do our job. Passarelli: I'm having issues too. People are getting into our One Drive and messing with our documents. I feel like we are fighting a losing battle. Jameson: What the previous board did and what you all are doing is night and day. This board ties my hands, and I can't complete any work. The board doesn't complete any jobs that you take on. I want you all to help us and help heal issues with auxiliary and volunteers. Mower: We are all frustrated with some things. I

feel deflated. I took action and then the board reversed it. Schmidt was the only one who supported me. Now I look like an idiot. Like Jameson, I'm here to serve my community. I didn't get the support of the board. The three of us talked about this and we needed to bring this up to the entire board. We are working on bringing us together as an entire department. No more separation. I don't feel like I have the support of the board. The three of us need support from the board. Jameson: I wish we could resolve the issues with the auxiliary.

- Christmas Party; Jameson: Someone from the board needs to talk to the Auxiliary to try and get them back on board to work with us. Schmidt: I'm glad to do that. We need to have a decision to want to have the party. Does the board want to put any money towards it? let's dedicate a certain amount of money from the board. Passarelli offered to cater for the party to save money and give more to the volunteers. Brunner; I say we have Passarelli cook and have the party. Motion to have a Christmas Party, the board puts in \$1,000.00 and we meet with the Auxiliary and see if they would be willing to help us, and we can help them made by Brunner. Seconded by Alt. Motion Carried. Date needs to be December 13th or 14th.
- District cyber security; Passarelli will contact Benny and get information on setting that up.

Executive Session – not needed.

* **MSA:** The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm



Mike Lacy, Secretary

Chiefs Report 10-10-2024

Department meetings

Second Saturday of each month at 8:00 AM.

Training for the month

San Isable Electric, Training for first responders

Truck and equipment

E-12, E-13 and E-14 past pump testing.

Grant

FEMA grant update from board

Volunteers

County information

Stations

Time and Miles

Hours 102

Miles 172

La Veta Fire Protection District
Monthly EMS Report- September 2024
BOD Meeting 10/10/2024

Training: Regular EMS Training was held on 9/12/2024 and the subject was Medical Emergencies. The training was attended by only 4 EMT's. Additional Training was held on 9/21/24 with Dr. Ellias presenting Stroke & Seizure and their differences. This training was attended by 5 responders including myself. We had great discussion and Q&A with Dr. Ellias.

Maintenance: There was no Ambulance maintenance required in September.

Billing: The Billing that was discussed from the Open Accounts from QMC were submitted to SDW. They will review them and attempt to re-bill if possible. This will take time. Hopefully we have a report next month.

Applications: There were no new applications received in September for membership.

EMT Student Status: Meagan Owens has completed and passed her NREMT test. She has applied for certification from CDPHE and is awaiting certification. She has completed all her requirements has submitted all her required documentation. Gabe Vigil and Justin Jameson are scheduling their exams for later this month. The remaining EMT Students will be discussed in tonight's meeting and there status will be discussed.

EMS Calls: There were 18 calls for service in September. 14 Patients were transported to SPRHC ED, and 4 patients refused transportation and care. (Please see the Attached report.

Scheduling and Shifts: Discussions continue regarding Schedules and Shifts. The Officers agreed that effective 10/01/2024, all EMT's will be required to work 2 shifts per month. There will be duties to be completed including Ambulance Checks on each shift. All personnel performing a shift will be paid \$80.00 for working in the station for a minimum of 2 hours and be required to be available and responsible for answering calls for the day. Each shift consists of 2 hours. These items will be ongoing.