

LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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

August 8, 2024 @ 6:00pm

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

Staff: EMS Director Dave Mower and Fire Chief Ron Jameson were in attendance.

Guests: Laura Jameson & Justin Jameson were in attendance. Sue Alt and Jim Berg joined via ZOOM

Call to Order – Pledge - Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

- Alt: I would like to add Website under new business as c.. I would like to request an Executive Session under 24-6-402(4)(h), C.R.S., Personnel matters. Schmidt: Who is this regarding? Alt: Director Brunner. Schmidt: It Doesn't involve anyone else? Alt: No it does not. Schmidt: You will have to make a motion to request an executive session when we get to that part. Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by Alt. Seconded by Brunner. Schmidt: I really don't understand how the Agenda can be amended when it has to be posted 24hours before the meeting. It doesn't make sense. I am going to look into this. Motion Carried.

Minutes from July 11, 2024

- Alt: We should put who is absent on the minutes. The best place would to put notified or excused absence for the state. Schmidt: We can put Director Brunner was absent with an excused absence. Alt: Does anyone feel these do not have enough detail? Valdez: Absolutely. I don't feel comfortable with these. They do not reflect some of the conversations we had. Schmidt: Do we want to delay these minutes till they are recorded with the audio of the meeting? Then bring them back at the next meeting? Brunner: Because I wasn't here, a lot of the stuff doesn't make sense to me. Are the Fire and EMS reports attached to the minutes? Schmidt: In the official records, they are attached to the minutes. Brunner: Sure, which is fine. I wont vote because I wasn't here. I agree with you Valdez. They are too brief now. Valdez: I think Passarelli is trying to hammer a happy balance. We just need to give her more guidance and a little more meat to these. Schmidt: We need to review the minutes more ahead of time to give her some feedback. Or Lacy can take over doing the minutes. Do we want to lay these on the table for a more precise redraft? Valdez: I make the Motion that we wait to approve these minutes till we get more precise minutes. Seconded by Lacy. Motion Carried.

Public Forum

- Laura Jameson: I would like to ask permission for 2 cyclists to use the unfinished room to stay in for the weekend. I will monitor them and be here. Brunner: I make the motion that

*MSA = Moved, Seconded and Approved (unanimously unless otherwise indicated)

we follow what we did last year. Seconded by Alt. Schmidt: Been moved and seconded to allow the cyclist to stay in the fire house during the cycling event. Schmidt: I'm not in favor of this. I see liability issues for this. We are not a motel. We are a fire district. If we want to make the shower available with someone here to watch them come and go, But staying in here I don't like that. Valdez: How long have we been doing this? L. Jameson: Last year was the first year we started doing this. Valdez: I feel comfortable with it provided that we do have someone from the district that will over see it. I think it's a good PR thing. Vote is 4 yes and 1 no. Motion Carried.

Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters

- None

Treasurer's Report

- Alt: Last month we agreed to move \$75,000 to ColoTrust, it did not get moved. I would recommend this month that we move \$80,000 to ColoTrust. If everyone is agreeable I will arrange to transfer \$100,000 to the ColoTrust. It only takes 3 days to transfer any funds back to the general account. We can make 5.4% in interest at ColoTrust.
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented made by Brunner. Seconded by Alt. Motion Carried.

Fire Chief Report (Report given in board packet)

- Jameson: Typo on my report. It's Engine 51 that has a leak, not 52.
- Valdez: What would the grant be for? Jameson: For SCBA's, radios and fire gear. Schmidt: We will talk about that later.
- Brunner: Motion to make Cavin McCay a member of the District and thank him for his service. Seconded by Lacy. Motion Carried.

EMT Director's Report: (Report given in board packet)

- Bills from QMC; Mower: I sent the report we got from QMC to Shelly Brewington at SDW and asked for her opinion on how to pursue these. I need to find out how to collect these. Brunner: What we know is they are open accounts. They have the possibility for us to collect on them. Ultimately, we are going to have to say: what are we going to write off? And what are we going to send to collections? Because all of these have been billed. They are open accounts for nonpayment. It doesn't hurt us to send to collections. Sending them to SDW will cost us. Sending to collections will cost us nothing. Valdez: What happens to the patients from 2021, 2022? Let's say they have switched insurance, does the new insurance pay it? Or does it become the patient cost? Brunner: That's the turnup-turnip test. Can we get anything out of it? That would be up to the collections. They would be able to write it off quickly or settle with pennies on the dollar. Then we get something. Schmidt: How do we know they have been billed? Brunner: We trust QMC. That's why we switched companies. Schmidt: You are making a blanket statement that these have been billed.

Maybe they have, maybe they haven't. Brunner: They say they have. QMC states they have billed everything that was billable. These people who have an open account have received a bill for our services. Some of them have been paid partially, but they are open. There is still a balance on them. Schmidt: Could you have seen that from the report that we sent to SDW? We are asking them to interpret the report, and you are interpreting the report, why ask them to do it? Brunner: All we can really do is say it's this person. This is how much they owe us. Mower: That's why I asked Brewington. I asked her to give me some guidance on what we should do. If we take all of these and send them to collections, then ok. Or let us try to rebill these. I am waiting to see what she says. It's going to be up to the board to decide what to do with these. We are going to have to print them out and go through them. Alt: I did not realize there were this many. Mower: My question is do you want me to deal with this? Or do you want the board to deal with it? Schmidt: Have they been billed? Mower: We are going to have to go through them one by one and see if they have been billed and what was paid. Brunner: Schmidt you don't have confidence that they have been billed. Schmidt: I don't have confidence in either one of the billing companies. I think this is a mess. Are we waiting for the recommendation from Brewington, or just jump on it on our own? Alt: Why don't we have a committee to sort through the QMC claims. I would be happy to be part of that. Brunner: I'm glad to help you. Schmidt: That's the committee, Alt, Brunner and Mower. Brunner: I make a motion to form a committee; Mower, Alt and myself and Lacy to look at the open files and decide if we should send them to collections or not. Seconded by Lacy. Motion Carried

Administrator's Report:

- None

Old Business

- Billing for Fire Department Services: Brunner: I am working on it. I have yet to find a company. We can keep this on the agenda as I continue to search. Mower: I can give you some contacts.
- Kitchen Update: Schmidt: We have a commercial electrician who pulled a permit on the project. We have an electrician who is going to do the work. Brunner brought up that it may be different than the original building specs. Brunner: So, state says 1/2" pipes are good. Our building standard is no 1/2" pipes. Our spec book has a section that is just electrical. Schmidt: I don't know how the electrician spec'd it out. I hope it doesn't cause an issue. Then we find a licensed contractor to start the dry wall.
- Garage Door Update: Schmidt: I did talk to Kay Whitley on the damage to the garage door. We will not have to pay for that damage.
- Attorney Bill; Schmidt: I did talk to the attorney on drafting the bill for Alt and Brunner. That bill has been reduced to 50% and has been paid.

New Business

- Grants; Schmidt: Jameson reminded up on the USDA grant. In April we approved the grant application. The board is waiting on the complete grant application. We need to decide who

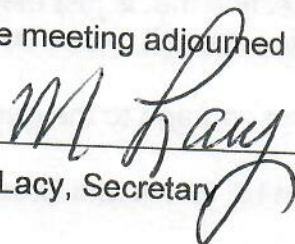
is going to complete the application. We can go down the list that was requested and say Yes or No.

- 1. Programable Radio: Yes
- 2. 2 Kill Switches for Electrical Cars: Yes
- 3. 400 ft 1" booster line: Yes
- 4. : Yes
- 5. 10 SCBA cylinders: Yes
- 6. 2 Fire Attack Pros: Yes
- 7. 2 sets of bunker gear: Yes
- Billing; Discussion on billing companies and if we should bring it in-house.
- Website; Alt: He has had complaints that the meeting minutes are missing. So, everyone look at the website and see what is there and what's not there. Our Resolutions, minutes, budget and other documents are missing. Brunner: I think we should have what's best for our public. Whether its state statute or not. Schmidt: I don't have a problem with the minutes being on the website. I don't think the resolutions need to be on there. All the information is public knowledge if anyone wants to request it. It's up to us how much we want to put on the website and how much anyone cares. The minutes need to be on there. The SOPs it's fine to have them on there for the members to see. I doubt the public will even know what they are or care. Remember everything we put on there will cost us money to make it ADA compliant. Everybody see what is on there and what you would like to see on there. We will roll this to next month.
- Radios: Valdez: I forgot to put this is old business. I have the list of the people I was supposed to get ahold of to find out about their radio. Brunner: No, I forgot to have them put this on the agenda. I got the updated list. Valdez: Did R. Jameson and J. Jameson get a copy of this? Brunner: I sent them a copy, but this one has the updates on it, so I made them a copy. Schmidt: Brunner you have one month to find info on all the radios, and we are shutting them off.

Executive Session – Motion to go into executive session per 24-6-402 (4)(h) C.R.S. Personnel Matters made by Alt. Seconded by Valdez. Motion Carried. Executive Session was entered at 8:49pm. Motion to exit executive session made by Alt. Seconded by Brunner. Motion Carried. Executive Session ended at 9:20pm

Schmidt: Let the record show that the actions taken will be to ratify the rank of Captain for Brunner with the EMS dept. and cause the roster to reflect the same and all his documents corrected.

* **MSA:** The meeting adjourned at 9:21pm


Mike Lacy, Secretary

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Monthly EMS Report-July 2024
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Training: Training and EMS Staff meeting was held on July 9, 2024. The staff meeting consisted of discussion regarding scheduling of EMS personnel for both Shifts and general availability. A few Ideas were discussed and investigation into the best methods is ongoing.

Maintenance: The only maintenance that occurred in July beyond repair of R-1 was the need for replacement of Headlamps again. That was accomplished by me personally.

Applications: No new applications have been received for membership.

Billing: I was finally able to acquire the final reports from QMC (which was very difficult) after the Zoom meeting held regarding billing. I sent them to Jim Alt and Mark Brunner. Jim Alt replied to me that I should be the one to review and send the reports that were appropriate to SDW. There is only 1 Report that I forwarded to SDW. It is the "Patient Account Summary-Open Accounts" file. The remainder of the reports, as I interpreted them, are merely records for our knowledge. I asked Shelley Brewington to please review the report I sent and provide her input and guidance regarding what needs to be done with these open accounts. There are many that, If I understand correctly, no payment has been received for these. There appears to be a significant amount of monies owed to LVFPD. I will report what Shelley's guidance is upon her response. Otherwise, I believe that the billing is operating properly and in sync between SDW and LVFPD now.

Events: LVFPD, both Fire and EMS, participated in the July 4th parades with equipment and Candy as we always do. We also provided EMS Standby for the annual Mud Fest at the fairgrounds. Fortunately, no EMS services were required during or as a part of any of these events. We received many Thank You's for our service!

EMS Calls: There were 16 calls for EMS service in July. 14 patients were transported to Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center Emergency Department. There were 2 refusals for transport. Run report is attached.

Trauma Committee: The SPRHC Trauma Committee, of which I am a member, met on July 24th to review all Trauma cases for the 2nd Quarter of 2024. All cases were reviewed. LVEMS had several trauma cases for the quarter. There was only 1 case that was deficient because the EMS crew did not provide a trauma alert to the ED on the specific Pt. This deficiency will be corrected at the next LVEMS training class, the care that LVEMS provides is recognized as being "Stellar" according to the committee. We will also be able to train at the hospital in the surgery Department with advanced airway management on actual patients with the Anesthesiologist during surgical procedures. I am awaiting a surgery schedule for our team to schedule those opportunities.

Chiefs Report 8-8-2024

Department meetings

Second Saturday of each month at 8:00 AM.

Training for the month

Pump training at La Veta Town lakes, Structure engines and Lader Truck,

Truck and equipment

E-52 Needs repairs to tank. Leaking water,

Grant

Need to get the USDA grant done,

Volunteers

Need to approve all new members that have met the requirements,

County information

Fire ponds are ready for the county to send in to the state,

Stations

Time and Miles

Hours 102

Miles 528