

LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
USDA Notice of Intent and
Public Meeting**

**La Veta Community Center
131 East Ryus Ave., La Veta CO**

February 12, 2015
6:00 P.M.

Present: Directors Brunner, White, Nielsen, Shrout and Littlefield were in attendance.
Staff: Fire Chief DeTray, WMS Manager Paul Branson, District Secretary Sue Pezze
Guests: Jim Berg, Peg Littlefield, Tucker Shrout, Vincente Ozzello, Robin Richards and Justin Jameson

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Call Meeting to Order

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the La Veta Fire Protection District (LVFPD) was held at 6:00 P.M. on February 12, 2015 at the La Veta Community Center, 131 East Ryus Avenue, La Veta, Colorado. The purpose of the meeting was to advise the public that the La Veta Fire Protection District has the intent to apply to USDA Rural Development for financial assistance to construct a new Fire Station, Emergency Services Building. The Special Meeting also provided the public an opportunity to review the station plans, ask questions regarding the construction project and express concerns, either in support of or in opposition to, the project.

Director Brunner opened the meeting by welcoming all those in attendance and gave a brief overview of the new station construction project. Robin Richards, whose home is situated directly east, across Birch Street, from the proposed new station made numerous inquiries. Ms. Richards stated she was excited about the project and appreciative of the LVFPD's efforts to be a good neighbor. She also advised that she is grateful for the services that the District provides. No negative comments were received from the public.

When asked about financing for the project, Director Brunner advised that, ultimately, the anticipated funding sources will be an \$890,000.00 (\$600,000.00 secured and \$290,000.00 pending supplemental) Energy and Mineral Impact grant from Colorado Division of Local Affairs, \$267,000.00 from USDA (in consociation with San Isabel Electric Association, Inc.) Rural Economic Development Loan Grant and \$833,000.00 from a USDA Community Facilities Loan to fund the \$1,990,000.00 project. Initially, there may be loans with private banks until the USDA loans are secured.

MSA: Meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M.



Shannon R. Shrout, Secretary