

LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
La Veta Fire Station
100 Birch Street
La Veta, Colorado

MINUTES

October 12, 2017
6:00 P.M.

Present: Directors Littlefield, Walker, and Shroul were in attendance. Director Nielsen attended via teleconference. The absence of Director Heikes was excused do to being out-of-District on family business.
Staff: EMS Director Schmidt, District Secretary Pezze.
Guests: Jim and Paula Berg and Bob Kennemer.

Call to Order – Pledge - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order, the Pledge of Allegiance was given, roll call was taken and Director Littlefield, presiding as Board Chairman, welcomed all those in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

MSA: The October 12, 2017 Agenda was approved.

Minutes

MSA: * Minutes of the September 14, 2017 regular meeting were approved as amended.

Public Comments

None

Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters

LVFPD Auxiliary President, Paula Berg advised that in the last month, the Auxiliary has manned a booth at the annual Oktoberfest and gave away 2 foam packs in their drawing. The Auxiliary, along with District Firefighters, presented a Fire Prevention Week program to La Veta school children (Kindergarten thru 3rd Grade) at the La Veta Station on October 12, 2017. The Arctic Cat 650 CC ATV donated by Mr. and Mrs. David Blain has been delivered to the La Veta Station. The 4 seater UTV purchase has been researched by the Department Heads and Director Shroul and the Auxiliary is ready to move forward with purchasing the unit for the LVFPD. Paula advised that the August 27th Mountain Luau fundraiser has netted the Auxiliary \$30,500 and the LVFPD Board of Directors expressed their sincere appreciation to the Auxiliary for their accomplishment and support of the District. The annual Christmas Volunteer Appreciation Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 5:00 PM. Paula advised that the Auxiliary would like to purchase a display cabinet to be mounted on a wall in the La Veta Station to display patches exchanged with other departments. The Board approved that request.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report and payments for the October 12, 2017 meeting were presented.

MSA: The Board approved the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Sec. Pezze advised that the final \$44,500 reimbursement from the DOLA grant has been received and deposited into the Colorado Account to garner a better interest rate.

Wildfire Mitigation Service (WMS) Report

No report presented due to Project Supervisor, Michael Warren currently dealing with major dental issues.

EMS Director Report

- 1) 9 EMS runs with 6 patients transported in September, 2017.
- 2) Director Nielsen and EMS Director Schmidt attended the Huerfano County Board of Cnty. Commissioners meeting and the Commissioners signed the RETAC grant application requesting \$6,000 in RETAC funds for LVFPD. These funds will cover \$1,500 of Dr. Weber's Physician Advisor for January to June, 2018 and \$4,500 in EMS training expense. This is a reimbursement grant and needs to be completed by May, 2018.

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

- 3) Dennis Ceremuga has passed his National Registry test and certifications are pending from the State of Colorado. 2 students, Warren and Waldrop, still need to schedule and pass their National Registry tests. Expenses for Ceremuga's EMT class have been sent to the CREATE grant office for 50% reimbursement.
- 4) Dr. Weber held an EMS training on Sept. 7th on adrenal insufficiency and it was well attended.
- 5) Met with Chief DeTray and Asst. Chief Mower to discuss the shift EMS personnel being able to respond to paged out fire calls. Chief DeTray is to get a new protocol drawn up for EMS Director Schmidt's review and then presentation to the Board. This will happen after Chf. DeTray's discussions with I.S.O. agents.
- 6) Working on getting the 3 ambulances and documents ready for the annual inspections and renewal of the Huerfano County Ambulance Licensing. License renews on January 1, 2018.
- 7) Working on upgrading supplies and equipment in Rescue 3 (1992 Chev. Amb.) now that we have multiple EMTs living in the Cuchara area. May request some of the larger equipment on the next Colorado EMTS Provider (CDPH&E) grant cycle.

Director Littlefield asked Director Schmidt to consider having the Cuchara EMTs use Rescue 3 to transport Cuchara patients to the hospital without the automatic response of Rescue 1 (2009 Dodge Amb.) always making the trip to Cuchara.

- 8) Working well with the SPRHC ambulance in supplying mutual aid whenever possible.

Fire Chief Report

- 1) 2 Fire calls in September: 1 smoke report and 1 small grass fire at 16465 Hwy. 12 in Cuchara
- 2) 2 Fire Trainings in September: Sept. 6 on ladders with 13 Firefighters in attendance and Sept. 16 on fire pump hydraulic calculations and initial attack with 7 Firefighters in attendance.
- 3) Chf. DeTray and Jim Berg continue to work with Dispatch on the "I Am Responding" communication system.
- 4) Will host a meeting with Brian from I.S.O. on November 7th and he will assist with preparations for the next I.S.O. inspection which might occur as early as spring, 2018.
- 5) Chief DeTray was the attendee at the Colorado State Fire S\Chief's conference so expenditures will be considerably less than estimated.
- 6) Presented 2 estimates for a 4 seat UTV that the LVFPD Auxiliary will be purchasing for the District. The estimate from Mark's Outdoor Sports in Alamosa was for \$17,800. Freemont Motorsports in Florence submitted a bid for \$14,899.

Old Business

The new station construction is very close to completion and only minor items remain to be done such as paper towel holders, towel racks etc.

District Secretary Pezze advised that the USDA grant pre-application for equipment and gear has been approved and the District can now proceed with completing the actual application step.

Director Walker spoke briefly about the State Firefighters pension fund and will provide a more detailed presentation at the November Board meeting.

The proposed 2018 Budget was presented. Director Nielsen spoke about the budget being a 'continuation" type budget and expressed concern for the ending fund balance amount being on a progressive decline. After lengthy discussion there were minor revisions suggested. The most significant revisions being the Fire Communication and the EMS Communication lines being moved to the General Fixed Cost - Operations section of the budget. The amended Budget will be discussed again at the November Board meeting and adopted at the December 14, 2018 regular monthly meeting. The Certification of Mill Levies will be delivered to the Huerfano County Commissioners on December 15, 2018.

Brief discussion was held regarding Huerfano County possibly helping with Search and Rescue funding in the future and helping purchase the UTV and ATV trailer. Directors Littlefield and Nielsen will visit with County Commissions about the concept.

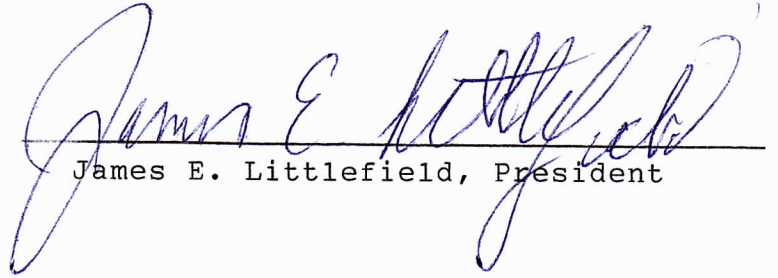
Discussion of the LVFPD Auxiliary plan to purchase an UTV resulted in accepting the Freemont Motorsports quote of \$14,899. Director Shroul will proceed with finding a used trailer capable of hauling both the ATV and the UTV.

MSA: The Board approved the LVFPD Auxiliary purchasing a Kawasaki Mule UTV for \$14,899 on behalf of the La Veta Fire Protection District. The Board also authorized Director Shroul to work with Chief DeTray to add a lift system and other essential accessories.

New Business

None.

MSA: The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.



James E. Littlefield, President