

LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Cuchara Fire Station
400 Panadero
Cuchara, Colorado

MINUTES

August 15, 2019

18:00

Present: Directors Littlefield, Nielsen, Heikes, Walker and Jameson were in attendance.
Staff: EMS Director Ray, District Secretary Ray, and Acting Fire Chief Steffan,
Guests: Dave Mower, Peg Littlefield, Cheryle Johnston, Jim Alt, Randy Collins, Sue Pezze.

Call to Order – Pledge - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order, the Pledge of Allegiance was given, roll call was taken.

Approval of Agenda

* **MSA:** The August 15th 2019 Agenda was approved as presented.

Minutes

* **MSA:** Minutes of the July 11, 2019 regular meeting were approved as presented.

Public Forum

Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters

Director Littlefield presented a check from Mr. and Mrs. Lamb in the amount of \$200.00. Sue Pezze presented checks from 2 Southern Colorado Endurance Riders \$100.00 and \$200.00, and one from Ron and Leanne Briggs \$250.00. Sue Pezze presented a letter from the Huerfano County 4-H Fair Board thanking us for EMS coverage at the Mud Bog. Director Littlefield addressed the Board regarding a letter that was emailed out to the volunteer staff.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report and payments for the August 15, 2019 meeting were presented. Century Financial Group (CFG) made improvements to the reports we are receiving.

\$50,000.00 was put into a new account labeled "Legal/Lathrop/Berg & Associates. The LVFPD Auxiliary donated \$65,000.00 to go toward the purchase of the new ambulance. Contact Malea Schmidt regarding the \$10,000.00 QRT donation for the new ambulance and putting it in the ColoTrust account so it will collect interest.

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

Fire Chief Report

1. Fire calls in July 2019: 6 calls.
2. Fire Trainings in July: Ladders, Pump Ops, Hydrant Ops. (19 were in attendance)
3. There are a few new maintenance needs that were identified when trucks were taken out for the 4th of July parade. The ladder truck has an electrical problem that has not been resolved yet. 6311 (1998 Hawk) the transmission selector was cracked and has been temporarily fixed pending parts. The entire assembly and fuel line were replaced on the 7721 (1966 6x6 tender).
4. The drone was lent to the Sheriff's Office to conduct a missing person search utilizing the I Am Responding capabilities. SO Deputy Ray Walsh has agreed to do more training with our district and we have over a dozen volunteers interested in taking the training.
5. Our training schedule has reached its end and we are putting together a schedule for the next 6 months' worth of training.
6. Acting Chief Steffan addressed the volunteer application process and how an initial interview between the applicant and the department heads will determine if the application will be presented to the Board for acceptance. This process will possibly save the district from paying for things that are not needed.
7. Homecoming pep fest at the football field is 9/26/2019 – Acting Chief Steffan and EMS Director Ray will attend to help with the lighting of the letters.

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

8. Director Littlefield will check on the lease agreement on the Cuchara Fire Station and the possibility of getting a conex to store our extra gear and equipment.
9. Director Jameson talked to Warner Smith about splitting the hose bed on the Hawk engine.

EMT Director's Report:

1. The EMS crew are doing great in responding to calls both day and night calls.
2. We had 16 calls for the month of July, 12 were transports and 4 were refusals.
3. The CDPHE grant – we are waiting to be assigned our PO number from the State, we are not able to move forward until we receive that number.
4. Attended the RETAC meeting in Pueblo.
5. The EMS training, we covered ambulance operations and communication.
6. The backup camera on Rescue 1 (2009 Dodge) was installed, the high idle on Rescue 2 (1999 Ford) was reprogrammed, resolved the issue with the low voltage on Rescue 1, replaced the batteries in Rescue 1.
7. The emergency brakes on Rescue 2 have been fixed and they are working correctly now. The rear bearings are in good shape no problems were found. The exhaust needs to be reattached.
8. The power load system is due to be drop shipped to the station on 8/22/19. The installation has been scheduled for 9/3/19. The cost of the installation is \$1,800.00.
 - a. * MSA – The Board approved the installation of the \$1,800.00.
9. Sue and Eddie will be attending the "Digital Billing for Federal Fires" training on 8/23/19.

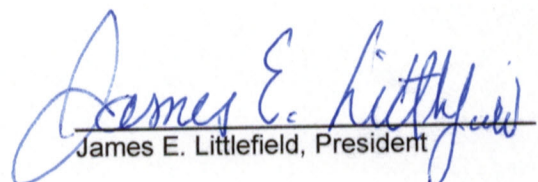
Old Business

1. Director Walker agreed to look over the contract with Jade Communication when he returned from being out of town. He has not been able to look at the contract due to issues with the flooding and water issues at his house.
2. Director Littlefield updated the Board regarding the legal case, nothing new to report yet.
3. The strategic planning is moving forward, there will be a workshop next month to continue work on the plan as we move forward.
4. Grace Brunner has started working on the LVFPD WEB site and making great progress. The LVFPD Auxiliary asked to be included in the WEB site. They would like to have information regarding the LVFPD Auxiliary and how to volunteer on the fire district WEB site. We are implementing a district domain email address for the district.

New Business

1. Director Jameson would like to attend the next Special District Association annual conference in Keystone, CO.
2. Dave Mower addressed the Board regarding the type 5 Incident Management Team for Huerfano County with hopes of improving to a type 3. If anyone is interested please contact Dave Mower directly.
3. Discussion of a Christmas party/appreciation dinner for the fire district. Possible date of 12/1/2019 at 15:00.

* **MSA:** The meeting adjourned at 19:53.


James E. Littlefield, President