

## LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 18:00

Present: Directors Brunner, Chimenti, Valdez, and Mower were in attendance.

Staff: EMS Director/District Administrator Eddie Ray and Fire Chief Ron Jameson.

Guests: Sue Alt, Jim Alt, Laura Jameson, Justin Jameson

### Call to Order – Pledge - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 18:00, the Pledge of Allegiance was given, roll call was taken.

### Approval of Agenda

\* **MSA:** The December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Agenda was approved as with 3 additions, Anna Jameson would like to address the Board of Directors, Update to the SOPs for EMS incentives, and annual staff evaluations.

**Resolutions:** \* **MSA:** The Board of Directors approved Resolution 002-2023 the Posting location of notices for the Board of Directors.

- Election Resolution for 2023 Regular District Election – **Tabled**
- Designated Election Officer - **Tabled**

### Minutes

\* **MSA:** Minutes of the December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 regular meeting were approved.

### Public Forum

- Jim Alt addressed the Board of Directors asking a question regarding the use of PFAS: Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl (AFFF) fire foam in the La Veta Fire Protection District. It was explained that it is unlikely that any would be found in the district.
- The District received a letter from Lolla Spradley requesting a letter of support from the La Veta Fire Protection District to Jade Communications who is looking to expand their services up to the Ski Resort. The motion was made by Director Chimenti, seconded by Director Brunner, the motion passed by unanimous vote, Director Mower abstained from the vote to send a letter of support.

### Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters

Anna Jameson addressed the Board of Directors requesting the use of the Station 1 building to set up a booth on Saturday February 11 to sell Girl Scout cookies. \* **MSA:** The Board of Directors approved the use of the building for Hanna Jameson to sell girl scout cookies on Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Treasurer's Report

- Jim Alt asked about the line item Retained Earnings, Director Brunner committed to bringing an answer to the next Board meeting.
- Director Brunner addressed the lack of funds in the General Operations account and having more outstanding invoices than funds in the bank.
- Director Valdez questioned if a policy was in place governing the amount a staff member can spend without Board approval. There is no policy in place currently.
- \* **MSA:** The Board of Directors approved moving \$7,000.00 from the ColoTrust account Wild Fire Funds and \$7,000.00 from the ColoTrust account CAP. Reserve Account to cover the outstanding invoices for fire equipment.
- \* **MSA:** The Board of Directors set a spending limit of \$1,000.00 for the staff members without Board approval with the exception of emergencies and 2 Board members are contacted regarding the emergency expense.
- \* **MSA:** the treasurer's report was approved as presented.

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

### Fire Chief Report

- Training for last month was touring the La Veta Village building and becoming familiar with the sprinkler system and fire suppression in the building.
- Chief Jameson has set up a training for Rural Engine Operations to be held here at the station at the end of March or first of April.
- The propane training will be here, Chief Jameson is trying to get it set up at the Fair Grounds.
- La Veta Fire will be putting on an S-130/190 training with Dave Mower as the instructor.
- We are pursuing the USDA grant to help finish out the building.
- Chief Jameson is applying for the DFPC grant for the purchase of bunker gear.
- At the District Meeting the question was raised about the volunteers that are allowed to drive our equipment and the general feeling was that standards should be set. It was discussed by the Board of Directors that the SOPs are set and in place already.
- The FirstNet representative will be at the next District meeting promoting their service.

### EMT Director's Report:

- Training: Covered the new reporting system and changes to ImageTrend.
- There were no major maintenance issues on the ambulances for the month.
- We had 7 total calls, 6 were transported to the ER, 1 was refusal or cancelation.
- Director Ray applied for and received the Huerfano County Mineral Grant in the amount of \$5,400.00.
- The EMT Basic class will start on 1/18/2023 with 4 of the participants being in our district.

### Administrator's Report:

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### Old Business

- The road conditions in Cuchara. Director Mower contacted Jade Communication and received information that they, Jade Communication, did pay for the gravel for the road in Cuchara. This topic will be addressed with the Commissioners at the time of the meeting with them.
- The County Commissioners requested a meeting with the La Veta Fire Protection District to discuss the American Relief Funds that were requested by the LVFPD. The dates that were offered were not available for the LVFPD. The date was set for 1/20/2023 or 1/27/2023. When the Commissioners confirm the meeting, the date will be sent to the LVFPD Board of Directors.

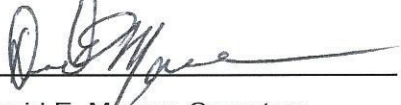
### New Business

- Director Brunner address the update to the SOPs to match the changes that have been made by the Board of Directors in reference to the number of training hours. He also address the need to change the SOPs to reflect the changes to the amount of incentives. Director Chimenti suggested that the fire chief be the one that is responsible for logging and posting the training attendance for fire trainings.
- \* **MSA:** The Board of Directors voted to add to the SOPs that the Fire Chief will be responsible for tracking and posting them quarterly so the volunteer firefighters know their status regularly.
- Director Chimenti addressed the incentive pay for fire to match the amount for EMS. \* **MSA:** The Board of Directors voted to change the SOPs for the incentive pay for the firefighters to match the amount of incentive pay as the EMS.
- Director Brunner addressed the topic of asset management and inventory tracking. The personal inventory will be updated at the next fire training. Our inventory sheets are out of date and need to be updated with current inventory status.
- Appointment of the DEO for the 2023 election – no update.
- Director Brunner addressed the annual job description due for the staff members. Director Maurice stated that the Board Members would review the job descriptions and bring any questions or comments at the next meeting.

**Executive Session** – CRS 24-6-402(4)(d) – to discuss specialized details of security arrangements or investigations at 20:11.

- Executive Session adjourned at 20:57

\* **MSA:** The meeting adjourned at 21:01



David E. Mower, Secretary