

LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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

August 16th, 2022 @ 18:00

Present: Directors Heikes, Brunner, Valdez, and Mower were in attendance. Director Chimenti was absent with approval.

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

Guests: Jim and Sue Alt

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 August 16th, 2022, Agenda was approved.

Minutes

* **MSA:** Minutes of the July 21st, 2022 regular meeting were approved with correction.

Public Forum

Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters

- Sue Alt addressed the Board of Directors in response to the letter and statement that Norma Mower presented to the Board of Directors regarding the competency of the EMS department.

Treasurer's Report

- There was extensive discussion regarding the budget. Director Brunner presented the Board of Directors with graphs and spreadsheets explaining the financial condition of the department and areas of concern.
- * **MSA:** Director Brunner made a motion to split the QuickBooks accounts from EMS and Fire provided that the amount is less than \$500.00.
- * **MSA:** the treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Fire Chief Report

- Training: Water training
- The auxiliary ice cream social collected money in its fundraiser, we also received a donation from the Cuchara Lokal in the amount of \$1,000.00.
- There was a fundraiser at the Yellow Pine Ranch that raised \$10,818.00 for the auxiliary.
- The auxiliary is looking at purchasing Class B shirts and badges for the department.
- E-63 is waiting for parts for the repairs to be completed.
- The burn permit ordinance will be going into effect on August 20, 2022.
- Met with the Red Cross and they will help up get smoke detectors out to the people in the community that requests them.
- There will be a meeting in Cuchara August 27th at 10:00am to cover the situation with the beetle kill and the prospect of upcoming burns.

EMT Director's Report:

- Training: FFL training was postponed again due to weather.
- We had the tires rotated on Rescue 2

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

- We are working on the batteries in Rescue 2 and seeing what is causing them to drain even with the master switch off.
- Total of 17 EMS calls for the month, 10 were transferred to the ER, 7 were refusals or cancelations.

Administrator's Report:

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Old Business

- The road conditions in Cuchara, no update.

New Business

- Chief asked about the ability to charge for the responses by fire to car wrecks. We can bill for the use of the fire trucks to help with traffic control and with hazmat.
- Director Brunner read a response letter to Norma Mower's letter do the Board of Directors.

Executive Session –

- **MSA:** the Board of Directors approved to enter an executive session - §24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S. at 19:36

Exited Executive Session at 19:59

* **MSA:** The meeting adjourned at 20:00



David E. Mower, Secretary