

## LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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

December 9, 2021 @ 18:00

Present: Directors Heikes, Nielsen, Chimenti, Walker, and Mower were in attendance.  
Staff: Fire Chief Ron Jameson and EMS Director/District Administrator Eddie Ray.

### 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Agenda was approved.

### Minutes

\* **MSA:** Minutes of the November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular meeting were approved as presented.

### Public Forum

### Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters

Crystal Copley addressed the Board of Directors regarding the use of the community room for the food distribution and finding their own building. They were told by a member of the Town Board member that other people were already using the Old Town Hall and there may not be room in the building for them. Director Mower recommended that they talk directly with the Town Board regarding the use of the old Town Hall. Crystal set the time frame of middle of January 2022 to be moved into their own building.

### Treasurer's Report

- \* **MSA:** the treasurer's report was approved as presented.

### Fire Chief Report

- The driver simulator trailer will be here on December 18<sup>th</sup>. The trailer will be here for a few months so we can train our people and help train our neighboring agencies with the driving simulator.
- Radios are not compatible with our trunking system so we will need to upgrade each radio. The cost of the upgrade is \$442.00 per radio which includes a representative from BK to come and work with Paul Gomez and do the upgrade for us. Chief Jameson recommended that we include the GPS feature into each radio at \$167.38 per radio. Director Mower discussed the possibility of getting financial assistance from the County from the 9-1-1 Authority Board. Chief Jameson stated that he is already working on getting that information and working with the County to get the finances that are due to our district.
  - a. **MSA:** The Board of Directors agreed to pay the additional \$12,796.98 to upgrade the radios purchased on the USDA grant.
- Replaced batteries in E-51.
- The electrical transformer did get moved at station 2 closer to the building and out of the way of the parking lot.
- The Christmas party will be at the 4-H barn on December 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Chief Jameson presented making Paul Gomez as a Lieutenant on the department and bypass the probation period. \* **MSA:** The Board of Directors agreed to add Paul Gomez to the permanent roster.

### EMT Director's Report:

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

- We had 12 total calls, 6 were transported to the ER, 6 were refusals or cancelations.
- Maintenance: repaired the right (passenger) side scene lights on Rescue 2, replaced the license plate light on Rescue 2.
- Training: training was over hypothermia emergency.

#### **Administrator's Report:**

- The Department of Health has requested that they utilize our building on Wednesday mornings for COVID testing from 9:00am till 12:00(noon).
- \* **MSA:** The Board of Directors made a motion to add Eddie D. Ray and Danette Chimenti to the First Nation Bank of Trinidad and remove James E. Littlefield and Elizabeth Sue Pezze from the signature cards.

#### **Old Business**

- The La Veta School building construction is moving forward. The first inspection was performed, and some issues were identified with some fitting that are not compatible with our equipment that will be addressed and resolved. The school will be purchasing water to fill the water tank from the Town of La Veta.
- Generator Update: Wagner CAT has offer us \$22,000.00 as a trade-in value for the generator. Director Mower reached out to Adams Electric in Pueblo regarding selling the generator, trading it in and installing a smaller one but he has not received an answer from them.
- \* **MSA:** The Board of Directors made a motion to acquire a title for the trailer that the generator is on and sell it and the generator for no less than \$22,000.00.
- \* **MSA:** The Board of Directors made a motion to adopt the 2022 budget.

#### **New Business**

- Director Chimenti addressed the Board of Directors regarding the roads in Cuchara and the fact that the County Commissioners have not followed through with bringing in road base to repair the roads. Jerry Sporcich one of the supervisors of the Road and Bridge in conversation with Director Chimenti stated that the County Commissioners are not planning on doing any maintenance to the roads in Cuchara or following through with what they previously promised. Director Mower recommended that we as a Fire District wire a letter to the County Commissioners regarding the road conditions.

#### **Executive Session** – Not needed.

- \* **MSA:** The meeting adjourned at 18:49



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David E. Mower, Secretary