

LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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

January 27th, 2023 @ 17:00

Present: Directors Brunner, Chimenti, 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 17:00, the Pledge of Allegiance was given, roll call was taken.

Approval of Agenda

* **MSA:** The January 27th, 2023, Agenda was approved.

Discussion regarding the American Rescue Funds Act Request

- The county commissioners requested a meeting with the La Veta Fire Protection district board of directors regarding the issue of the American rescue funds act request that was made in November of 2021. Commissioner Galusha asked for clarification as to the exact dollar amount that was requested. The dollar amount that was requested was \$63,248.99. Commissioner Galusha then stated that the commissioners have agreed to only pay half of the requested amounts by organizations so that others could get to share in paying for the piece of the pie. In a recent meeting of the county commissioners, they reported that La Veta had not adjusted the requested amount for the grant. It was pointed out that the letter adjusting the amount requested was sent to the county commissioners via e-mail but had not been received. Commissioner Galusha asked what the funds would be used for exactly. It was explained that the equipment would be used the funds would be used to purchase equipment a LifePack 15, and two Lucas devices. This equipment is directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Equipment, the LifePack 15 would be used to replace the LifePack 12 which is very old, and we are unable to purchase replacement parts. The LUKAS devices would allow us to perform chest compressions on patients that are suffering from cardiac arrest. With further discussion the county commissioners were not able to make a decision regarding the funds but made a tentative agreement to pay half of 63,248.99 which comes out to 31,625.00. The County Commissioners would be voting officially on the issue at their next regular meeting Tuesday 1/31/2023.
- The road conditions in Cuchara were discussed with the County Commissioners. County Administrator Carl Young explained that Jade Communications and JKL have been working on repairing the roads that have been damaged by the installation of the Fiber lines in the area. Director Chimenti stated that we have had meetings with the Road and Bridge explaining that the roads have not been repaired and some of the roads have not had any work done on them. County Administrator Carl Young explained that one of the problems is that the pit they were getting the materials from was subpar material so they will be getting material from a different pit in the area with better material. It was discussed that one of the main problems with the roads is the lack of drainage in the area. Fire Chief Jameson offered his help to the Road and Bridge personnel to grade in a way that will create better drainage from the roads. Commissioner Galusha thanked him for the offer. The Commissioners stated that they were aware of the problem and they are actively working to resolve the problems as quickly as possible.
- County Administrator Young asked about the burn permit process and how it was going with the department. Chief Jameson stated that they were going very well and people, for the most part, are complying with the new process.
- Commissioner Galusha discussed the condition of the road up South Middle Creek and asked if there was anything that can be done to get fire equipment into the area above sooner. There are no other side roads and Chief Jameson stated that there is really nothing that can be done at the present time.

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

The floods have washed out the road to the extent that it is unpassable. The only access is from Highway 160 to County Road 442. There really is no other solution currently.

- * **MSA:** The Board of Directors appointed Cindy Jameson to the position of Designated Election Officer for the La Veta Fire Protection Board of Directors election to be held on May 2, 2023.

* **MSA:** The meeting adjourned at 17:55



David E. Mower, Secretary