

LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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

January 13, 2022 @ 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 January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Agenda was approved.

**Resolutions**

- \* **MSA:** Posting of Agenda – (Resolution number 002-2022)
- \* **MSA:** Election Resolution for 2022 Regular District Election – (Resolution number 001-2022)
- \* **MSA:** Designated Election Officer Eddie Ray (Election on May 3, 2022)

**Minutes**

\* **MSA:** Minutes of the December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular meeting were approved as presented.

**Public Forum**

**Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters**

**Treasurer's Report**

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

**Fire Chief Report**

- New radios are in and have been distributed to the crew members. We have had 2 radio fail which have been returned for repair.
- The driver simulator is here, and we are using it in our training sessions with the crew members.
- Air bags were installed on E-51 to help with the support of the weight of the unit and help with the ride and the handling of the unit.
- New exterior lights were installed at station 2 that are activated with motion. The new lights are LED to help conserve energy.
- There is no update from the auxiliary.
- \* **MSA:** The Board of Directors voted to approve Paul Gomez as a lieutenant on the fire department.
- Chief Jameson updated the Board of Directors regarding the process of issuing burn permits and setting of stages of fire bans in our county. There is work with the County Commissioners to initiate a county wide burn permit system. Director Mower stated that he would research the statues of the fire controls and the level of responsibility of the sheriff's department in regard to fire protection.

**EMT Director's Report:**

- We had 12 total calls, 6 were transported to the ER, 6 were refusals or cancelations.
- Maintenance: replaced the batteries on the door lock on the walk-in door at station 2
- Training: there was no training due to the Christmas party.

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

**Administrator's Report:**

- Director Mower addressed the Board of Directors regarding investigating the possibility of increasing the Mill Levy of the La Veta Fire Protection District. Not that we will be increasing it but start looking at the possibility and what doors it will open for us.

**Old Business**

- The La Veta School building construction is moving forward. The new school board is working with the town board to work out the remaining details to get the school into the new building. Things seem to be moving forward.
- Generator Update: Brian Jameson has contacted a grain elevator in Kansas and has possibly gotten an offer from them for the amount of \$30,000.00. They will know more in the next day or two. Director Mower has not been able to get into contact with Adams Electric, but they are not returning his calls, so his opinion is that they are out of the running for the work. Director Mower recommended contacting Rocky Mountain Electric regarding the generator installation at station 1.

**New Business**

- Director Chimenti presented a letter to the Board of Directors regarding the roads in Cuchara and the commitment that the County Commissioners made to repair the road. It was agreed by the Board of Directors that the letter be sent to the County Commissioners.

**Executive Session** – Not needed.

\* **MSA:** The meeting adjourned at 19:27

  
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David E. Mower, Secretary