

## LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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

March 11, 2021 @ 18:00

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

### **Call to Order – Pledge - Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 18:01, the Pledge of Allegiance was given, roll call was taken.

### **Approval of Agenda**

\* **MSA:** The March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Agenda was approved.

### **Minutes**

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

### **Public Forum**

There was no public present.

### **Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters**

No correspondence or presenters

### **Treasurer's Report**

Director Walker asked about the first quarter expenses and the excessive amounts. The high amounts are due to the annual payment of the insurance payment.

There was discussion by the Board members to utilize the money that has been set aside from the Board members stipend (ColoTrust Capital Reserves) to pay for the matching funds of our DOLA grant to purchase Radios and a new Command vehicle.

\* **MSA:** The Board approved the use of the funds from the ColoTrust Capital Reserves (Directors Stipend) account to pay our portion (\$18,000.00) of the DOLA grant.

\* **MSA:** The Board approved the Treasurer's Report as presented.

### **Fire Chief Report**

1. We had 5 calls for the month of February.
2. Chief Jameson reported that in our annual SCBA testing revealed that 19 of our SCBA tanks need to be replaced due to the age of the tanks. He is working with a company that may have some tanks that are 2 – 3 years old that will give us some time to get back to where we need to be.
3. Training in February was SCBA training.
4. Chief Jameson asked about our NFRS reporting and the calls being registered being combined Fire and EMS together to qualify for more grant opportunities.

### **EMT Director's Report:**

1. We had 13 total calls, 8 were transported to the ER, 5 were refusals or cancelations.
2. Training in February was on ambulance safety and operation and was taught by Mark Worgan. It was well attended, and we received good feedback from the attendees.
3. No maintenance issues.

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

4. EMS Director Ray presented a maintenance contract for our existing LifePak 15s. The cost is \$1,800.00 per year per unit for a total of \$3,600.00. We did receive a 15% discount, so the total amount of the contract is \$3,060.00. The Board discussed the issue and determined that we would enter accept the contract to cover the equipment. \* **MSA:** To accept the contract to cover our equipment.

### **Administrator Report**

1. No updates.

### **Old Business**

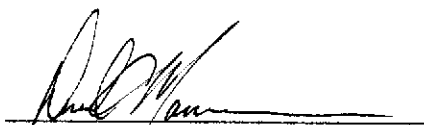
1. Strategic plan is on schedule and moving forward.
2. The La Veta School building construction is moving forward.
3. The generator – no update. The generator has been listed in the local paper and we are accepting bids.
4. The DOLA Grant has been approved and the money has been set aside for our project. We have received the paperwork from DOLA confirming the status.

### **New Business**

1. Director Mower addressed the Board regarding operations of the EMS and Fire. There was an incident that equipment was added to the ambulances that did not work correctly and caused an issue that threatened the safety of the ambulances and stations. The equipment has been removed from the units. \* **MSA:** Any equipment that is to be added to the equipment should be approved by the Board of Directors prior to the purchase of the equipment.
2. Director Mower asked about the maintenance of the Fire District equipment and who will be doing the equipment. The purchase of the tires for the ambulance and the fire truck (6501) were purchased rather than using the 2 used tires from Rescue 1. \* **MSA:** Colman is not to do any maintenance on our equipment any longer and whoever does the work on our equipment would be paid for their services and Ray to follow up on the 2 tires from Rescue 1.
3. Director Mower asked about Rescue 1 was backed into a pillar at station 1 that got yellow paint on the rear bumper of the rig. The incident occurred in November of 2019 during EMT training.
4. Director Mower asked about the EMS mutual aid calls for the Spanish Peaks ambulance service and the financial burden placed on our district. Director Nelson raised the question regarding the mutual aid on the fire side of our operations. It was discussed that the communities we serve, and the hospital are all working together to serve their needs. It was explained that we receive a base rate for the call plus the loaded mile to the hospital.
5. Director Mower address the Board regarding the road conditions in Cuchara and the need for maintenance from the County. The Board was asked to write a letter to the Commissioners regarding the road condition and the ability for emergency vehicles to access people in need. It was agreed by the Board of Directors that they would draft a letter to the County Commissioners regarding the road conditions.

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

\* **MSA:** The meeting adjourned at 19:18.



David E. Mower, Secretary