

LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

La Veta Fire Station
100 Birch St
La Veta, Colorado
MINUTES
March 12, 2020
18:00

Present: Directors Littlefield, Nielsen, and Heikes were in attendance, Director Walker had an excused absence. Director Jameson was absent.

Staff: Acting Fire Chief Steffan and EMS Director/District Administrator Eddie Ray.

Guests: Dave Mower, Justin Jameson

Call to Order – Pledge - Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

* **MSA:** The March 12th, 2020 Agenda was approved as presented with one correction, the date was incorrect.

Minutes

* **MSA:** Minutes of the February 13th, 2020 regular meeting were approved as presented.

Public Forum

No public forum.

Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters

Eddie Ray read a letter dated from the Huerfano County Land Development regarding a change to boundary lines of a property in Cuchara. The Board discussed the changes, the only concern was the fire access, but the change did not prevent access to any of the property.

Director Littlefield presented a letter from Ray Fisher director NGO CRAG-Ukraine regarding the future of Rescue 3 upon the arrival of our new ambulance in June. Chief Steffan explained more about the company that was interested in receiving our old Rescue 3. Eddie Ray will do research regarding the value of Rescue 3 and report back.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report and payments for the March 12, 2020 meeting were presented. The Board was presented with a \$10,000.00 check from the dissolution of the Auxiliary.

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

Fire Chief Report

1. 5 Fire calls for the month of January
2. New tires are in for the Ladder truck
3. The speedometer is now working on the ladder truck
4. The E-Break has been repaired on Rescue 4 and a new break indicator light added to the dash.
5. The lettering has been added to the ATV and UTV
6. The title for the tender from the BLM is closer to becoming a reality.
7. There was discussion on adding information regarding the Burn Permit requirement on the county WEB site and adding to the "Code of the West" pamphlet that is handed out to anyone looking at property in our district.
8. Shem Bellah has been put on a leave of absence while he is working for Denver Fire.

EMT Director's Report:

1. 12 EMS calls for the month of February
2. RETAC – Covered the COVID-19 situation in our district and the status of our counties PPE for first responders.

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

3. Training for the month of February covered Diabetic Emergency.
4. There was discussion regarding adding a winch to the new Rescue 3 which will be adding \$4,700.00 to the build of the new ambulance.
5. No personnel issues this month
6. Brian Jameson replaced the mirror on the passenger door due to it being hit while parked at the Spanish Peaks ER.

Administration Report

1. We received a \$31,012.69 check from our insurance company to help cover the legal fees.

Old Business

1. Dave Mower contacted Jade Communication regarding the contract and the additional antenna on station 1. Dave Mower is continuing to work on the Jade Communication.
2. Strategic plan is on schedule and moving forward.
3. Dave Mower report of the status of the New School Building and the items needed for the Town of La Veta. Dave Mower stated that the Fire Department does not and would not be placed in the middle of the situation between the School and the La Veta Town Board.
4. * **MSA**: The May 5th Election was canceled due to no nominations.
5. Replacement command unit for the district.
6. Director Littlefield brought up the idea of an open house in the month of April at Station 1.
7. Director Littlefield would like to hold a fundraiser in the month of July to raise funds for the La Veta Fire Protection District.

New Business

1. Director Nielsen presented a low interest loan that may be available for the Fire District. Director Littlefield committed to contacting the company and discussing the options for the district.

Executive Session – Not needed.

* **MSA**: The meeting adjourned at 20:10.



Maurice E. Heikes, Treasurer