

LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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

May 12, 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 18:15, the Pledge of Allegiance was given, roll call was taken.

Approval of Agenda

* **MSA**: The May 12th, 2022, Agenda was approved.

Oath of Offices

- Oath of office by Vonnie Valdez
- Oath of office by Mark Brunner

Appointment of new Board Members

- Appointment of Vonnie Valdez as a member of the La Veta Fire Protection Board
- Appointment of Mark Brunner as a member of the La Veta Fire Protection Board

Election of Offices

- Maurice Heikes – President
- Danette Chimenti – Vice President
- Mark Brunner – Treasure
- David Mower – Secretary
- Vonnie Valdez – Director

Minutes

* **MSA**: Minutes of the April 14th, 2022 regular meeting were approved with correction.

Public Forum

Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters

- The La Veta 4-H presented a request for an ambulance to be on scene for their 4-H fair at the fair grounds on July 9th. The 4-H is a non-profit event so the fee for the ambulance and the staff will be waived for the event.
 - * **MSA**: The Board of Directors agreed to have an ambulance at the event on July 9th, 2022

Treasurer's Report

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

Fire Chief Report

- E-31 is progressing toward being a type 1 engine, it just needs a spare tire now.
- The SCBA compressor at station 2 has been donated to Howard as it has not been used by our department in quite some time. The tanks from the system have also been donated to Howard.
- We received a good response from the community for supplies to go to the victims of the New Mexico wildland fire. Chief Jameson will be taking the supplies down to them this week.
- Troy Musgrave has submitted an application to the department.

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

- The 9-1-1 Advisory Board is making progress and the fire chiefs are now part of the board.
- Chief Jameson is asking for a better more defined job description and a clear level of expectations of the Fire Board in regard to his time commitment to the district. Director Danette recommended that we utilize the IAR app more to indicate who is out of district and who is in district.

EMT Director's Report:

- We had 16 total calls, 7 were transported to the ER, 9 were refusals or cancelations.
- Training: We covered Airway Emergencies.
- We had no major maintenance issues with any of the ambulances. Oil was changed in R-3.
- We did receive 1 application for EMT, but she does live outside of district and would only be able to cover during the day. Currently we need more help at night, the Board recommended that not hire her at this time as she lives outside of the district.

Administrator's Report:

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Old Business

- Director Chimenti requested an update on the ordinance from the County Commissioners regarding the burn permits. Chief Jameson updated stated that the Commissioners are still working on the wording in the ordinance and how things are expected to be. The burn permits will be issued by the county, but the district fire chiefs will have the final word on the ability to burn or not. The Commissioners are not moving the county to a stage 2 at this time.

New Business

- Director Valdez asked for information regarding the House Bill that is aimed at limiting the Special Districts. The Bill is geared to more to the Special Districts in the Metropolitan areas. The House Bill appears to have been unsuccessful this year. Director Mower will investigate the matter more and report next month.
- Director Valdez stated that she will not be at the next month meeting due to prior arrangements.
- Chief Jameson informed the Board of Directors that he will be moving the fire training to the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Executive Session – Not needed.

* **MSA:** The meeting adjourned at 19:45



David E. Mower, Secretary