

LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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

September 9, 2021 @ 18:00

Present: Directors Heikes, Nielsen, Chimenti, and Mower were in attendance. Director Walker absent.
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 September 9th, 2021, Agenda was approved.

Minutes

* **MSA:** Minutes of the August 12th, 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

1. Training for the month covered: distributed additional gear to crew members, Communications with County Dispatchers
2. We responded to 8 fire calls for the month.
3. We are still waiting for the appraisal of the property at station 2 so the quick claim deed can be completed. Mike Christian is hoping to have the appraisal done by next week.
4. Items from the USDA and VFA grants have been ordered and received. We are waiting for Paul Gomez to receive a key to program the new radios.
5. * **MSA:** The Board of Directors voted to pay San Isabel Electric to move the power transformer for the bid cost of \$4,143.00
6. The auxiliary received a donation of \$5,000.00.
7. The appraisal of the property was received and submitted to the property owner.

EMT Director's Report:

1. We had 24 total calls, 14 were transported to the ER, 10 were refusals or cancelations.
2. Maintenance: Repaired the back-door handle on Rescue-2 and the fire extinguisher mount on Rescue-2. Rescue-1 had a frontend alignment.
3. Training: Communications with County Dispatchers.

Administrator's Report:

1. We have been approved for both the USDA and VFA grants. The USDA grant is \$50,000.00 and the VFW grant is \$5,346.00. We will be receiving the checks soon.
2. The Fowlers State Bank loan payment was made this month in the amount of \$38,146.00

Old Business

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

1. The La Veta School building construction is moving forward. No new updates.
2. Generator Update: Director Mower reported that Adams Electric is waiting for information from the engineer from Wagner Power as to specify how often the unit will need to be load tested, the understanding is that will only need to be load tested once a year. The engineer has some health issues and has not been available. If we proceed with the installation of the generator and the transfer switch, the door on the electrical room will have to be modified to open out rather than in so the transfer switch will not be blocked by the door.

New Business

1. The 4-Rivers credit application discussion. The application is in question due to the application requiring the Board of Directors as personally responsible for the outstanding balance. Director Walker requested a Board discussion. Due to Director Walker being absent the Board decided to table the discussion until next month when Director Walker will be present.
2. Director Chimenti requested changes to the SOPs
 - a. Training requirements should be modified due to the fact that the fire trainings are only once a month rather than twice a month. The SOPs stated that the fire fighters are required to attend 2 trainings a month. Change the required fire training hours from 72 to 36 hours a year and to allow fire members to attend trainings outside of the district.
 - b. The junior fire fighters age should be changed from 15 – 18 to 16 – 18 to be more in line with the OSHA guidelines.
 - c. The use of alcohol at district functions. Should alcohol be allowed into the stations for events at the station? The Board of Directors agreed that alcohol would be allowed at functions but not be allowed into the stations. The Board of Directors agreed to remove the statement regarding purchasing alcohol while wearing district apparel.
3. * **MSA**: The Board of Directors voted to change the SOPs as follows
 - a. ARTICLE VI Section 9.
 - i. Remove the second sentence reading: "Furthermore, any employee or volunteer shall not purchase or consume alcohol while in District apparel."
 - b. ARTICLE VII Section 1.
 - i. A. Change "twice a month" to "once a month".
 - ii. C. Change to read: "All fire fighter members are required to attend fire training for a minimum of 36 hours per year. Training outside the LVFPD may count toward the 36 hours if the appropriate certificates are provided and accepted by the Fire Chief."
 - iii. E. Change "EMT" to "EMT/EMR" in both places mentioned.
 - c. ARTICLE X
 - i. 1. Change "15 (fifteen)" to "16 (sixteen)".
 - d. ARTICLE XIV
 - i. A. Remove the second sentence reading: "Furthermore, members shall not purchase or consume alcohol while in District apparel."

Executive Session – Not needed.

* **MSA**: The meeting adjourned at 19:15



David E. Mower, Secretary