

LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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

September 8th, 2022 @ 18:00

Present: Directors Brunner, Valdez, and Mower were in attendance. Director Heikes was absent with excuse.

Staff: Fire Chief Ron Jameson and EMS Director/District Administrator Eddie Ray.

Guests: Jim Littlefield and Sue Alt

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 8th, 2022, Agenda was approved.

Minutes

- * **MSA:** Minutes of the August 16st, 2022 regular meeting were approved.
- * **MSA:** Minutes of the Special Meeting August 30th were approved with the correction of the date.

Public Forum

Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters

Jim Littlefield addressed the Board of Directors regarding the moral of the department being high and the crews working together.

Treasurer's Report

- The budget items were separated back into the different categories of EMS and Fire. This is to help see the amounts spent by the two departments more easily. With the separation being late into the budget year the items for the EMS do not reveal any monies budgeted for the year. Treasurer Brunner is working to separate the budget items and reveal the amounts used by each department.
- Director Valdez asked about the budget being created for next year and it was explained that the district would form a budget committee and we would develop the budget and present it at the next meeting. The budget committee is Director Heikes, Director Brunner, Chief Jameson, and EMS Director Ray.
- Director Mower asked about the Profit & Loss line 376 as to where this charge is from and what it reflects. It was explained that the billing company QuickMed Claims handles our EMS billing and if people on Medicare or Medicaid do not pay their portion of our bill it is reflected in adjustments.
- * **MSA:** the treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Fire Chief Report

- Training: Water training
- The fire department helped with the Century Ride which was a success.
- Chief Jameson brought a request about using the fire station for next year for their pre and post event party. It was brought up that they like to drink beer at the end of the day, both Directors Valdez and Brunner was not in favor of them bringing the beer into the station.
- The Forest Services is starting to pile up slash to be burned this winter. There is no burning happening currently but is expected to start after the snow is on the ground.
- E-63 has been repaired and back to full service.

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

- Director Brunner asked about the meeting that was held in Cuchara by the Forest Service. Chief Jameson stated that it was a very informative meeting, and the Forest Service did a good job of explaining to the public what their plans are and what to expect this winter.

EMT Director's Report:

- Training: FFL training finally happened. It was a good training, and we also had a scenario with a trauma patient needing to be FFL from the scene. The training was well attended and informative.
- We replaced the 2 batteries in Rescue 2. The batteries were only about 2 years old so ORiely replaced them free of charge. We also replaced 2 lights on Rescue 2
- Total of 22 EMS calls for the month, 15 were transferred to the ER, 7 were refusals or cancelations.
- EMS Director will be going on vacation on October 3rd returning on October 12th.

Administrator's Report:

- The district laptop is starting to have more and more equipment failures. This is something that we should start to budget for as the laptop is now over 6 years old. A replacement laptop will cost about \$1,300.00.
- The RETAC grant is coming up, we are looking at replacing the laptops in the ambulances with iPads on the grant.

Old Business

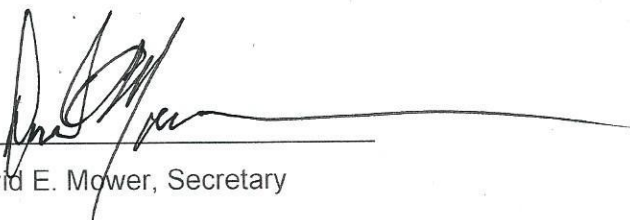
- The road conditions in Cuchara. The county is still waiting for information from Jade Communication. Danette reported that there is no road base or gravel been put on the roads. They are in bad shape. Brittney has been out of the office but she did report that Dustin has been in with Jade Communication, but they have not completed the work and there is no indication as to when they will repair the roads.
 - a. Jim Littlefield recommended we contact commissioner Andretta regarding the road conditions.
 - b. Chief Jameson stated that we are in a rural community and with us living where we are there are certain conditions we have to learn to live with.
- We have received 1 letter of intent for the open Board of Directors position. We will be appointing a candidate to the open position at the next Board meeting.

New Business

- The budget will be due on October 15 to the County Commissioners. The Budget committee will be meeting to form the draft budget and we will present it at the next Board Meeting.
- 2022 Christmas party, the Board of Directors will be penciling in the date of December 3rd.

Executive Session – Not needed

* **MSA:** The meeting adjourned at 18:35



David E. Mower, Secretary