

CRAIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2017

Call the Meeting to Order

John Forgay called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Approval of Agenda

Tony Maneotis made a motion to approve the Agenda. Rod Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Approval of Minutes

Alan Webber moved to approve the January 19, 2017 minutes as presented. Chris Nichols seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Approval of Bills

Nichols moved to approve the bills for February 16, 2017 as presented (Fire Department bills in the amount of \$14,336.06, Haz-Mat bills in the amount of \$0.00 and Pension bills of \$99.15) for a total of \$14,465.21. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Purchase Orders

none

Budget Review

Nichols – We have received a little bit of money from the county, approximately 2% of our revenue. Administrative at 8%, Operations at 6.8%, Capital Expenses at .85%, Total Expenses are at 6.8% of our budget. Not a lot of expense, but not a lot coming in at this point. We are in good shape.

New Business

none

Correspondence

none

Reports from the Chief –

We have 34 Employees. 33 Firefighters, 1 Admin. We had 39 calls in January, 19 EMS and 20 Fire. The 2017 Rookie class is proceeding at a great pace with much enthusiasm. They had SCBA and PPE lessons last week. We are working on getting organized at the storage bays, adding shelving and cleaning supplies. No current updates on the R1 replacement. The most recent change order has saved us about \$50,000 by changing the engine. The fleet is in good shape. Parts have been ordered for L1, we replaced the batteries in T1. OC Krause has taken the lead on radio replacement, and made a trip to have the new radios programmed on his own time. Thank you to Shane for that. The Moffat County Assessor has sent a letter regarding the Salt River Project filing a protest for tax valuation. It is assessed by the state. The valuations were reviewed back to 2014 and they had a successful appeal. Monies that were collected will have to be repaid. We will have a decrease in revenue of \$46,484 in 2017, and will be able to file an abatement to recoup these funds in 2018. We had a save recently.

On a call that a female was pulseless, not breathing. Law enforcement administered a shock with the AED, teams arrived and returned a pulse. This person is as of today, still alive. Also, recently at the community blood drive, many of the firefighters participated and donated blood. As Firefighter Bohrer was sitting in the chair, another person at the drive recognized him from a call with a significant life threat that we had responded to at

this gentleman's home. He came up and thanked Firefighter Bohrer and was grateful for our response. He had said that the hospital in Denver was so impressed with our response.

Board Member Reports

Rod Kowach – Great job this last month. Be safe out there. Rookies, learn from the older guys.

Chris Nichols – Rookies, it is good to see you here. It warms a Chiefs heart to see new people here. You are the future of the fire department. Makes you feel good about what you do. Keep up the good work. Have heard we have a good bunch from the Chief.

Tony Maneotis — It's good to hear stories like that. It makes you feel good to be part of this team. Great job you guys with the save. We have the best of the best right here. Dinner the other night was great. It was fun to do this for you guys.

Alan Webber — Where are we at with the 10-year capital replacement plan? (Chief Hume will have it at the next meeting) Heard we had a save recently. There are a lot of things that you do that make you feel good and keep you doing it. You respond to car wrecks, and you put out fires, but when you get to save a life, that is huge. It's pretty special.

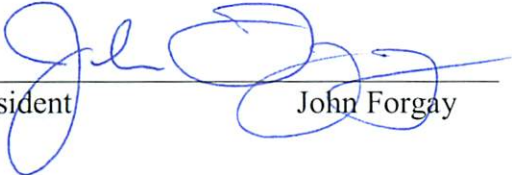
John Forgay — Enjoyed putting together dinner for you guys. It's heartwarming to hear these stories. You do not always get recognition outside of this room sometimes.

Audience Comments

Doug Slight thanked everyone for the well wishes and visits. Kris Olsen wished to thank the board. The monetary responsibility is awesome. Recently had attended a training and the Pueblo Fire Department had a minimal training budget, so his company paid for them to go to the training. It just really highlighted all of the work you do on the administrative side. Many departments are not as fortunate as we are. Nichols said that it all comes back to the firefighters. If we had to hire firefighters full-time over 40% of our budget would go to salaries. Because of the commitment that you make to get the trucks out the door we don't have to spend the budget on salaries.

Adjournment

Forgay entertained a motion to adjourn. Nichols moved. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (5:0) Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.



President John Forgay



Secretary/Treasurer Chris Nichols