

CRAIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2017

Call the Meeting to Order

John Forgay called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Kowach moved to approve the February 16, 2017 minutes as presented. Tony Maneotis seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Approval of Bills

Maneotis moved to approve the bills for March 16, 2017 as presented (Fire Department bills in the amount of \$16,661.07, Haz-Mat bills in the amount of \$0.00 and Pension bills of \$0.00) for a total of \$16,661.07. Chris Nichols seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Purchase Orders

none

Budget Review

Nichols – We have received our first big check. That shows us as having received about 33% of our revenue for the year. The carryover of \$70,000 was transferred to the capital reserve account. We retained a little for any outstanding bills. We show we have spent 5.3% of our budgeted expenses. We are in good shape financially.

New Business

Chief Hume – Had a conversation with Nichols, and with Officers, and would like to purchase chairs, tables, and whiteboards to keep in one of the storage rooms at the new bays. It would be nice to have as a briefing room for trainings at the tower. The approximate cost would be \$4500 to outfit the room. Nichols made a motion to approve \$4500 not to exceed for equipment for the briefing room. Webber seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Correspondence

We received a \$50 donation from a family that we provided a lift assist for. We have sent out a Thank you card. The Girl Scouts came and presented the cookies that they had sold as part of their hometown hero program. They presented the board with 81 boxes of cookies

Reports from the Chief –

We have 34 Employees. 33 Firefighters, 1 Admin. We had 30 calls in February, 15 EMS and 15 Fire. Radio replacement is going well, PR is continuing. Jesse and Annie went to a career day at CNCC, we had several firefighters go to Sandrock for a tour. We are staying very active in the community. It has taken about a year to get parts for L1. Will have repaired as soon as we get parts. Steamboat Fire came and looked at the ladder to gather information on purchasing their own. The Rookies have completed their SCBA training. They have almost completed the HazMat portion of academy. There is some metal and fasteners leftover from the bays project. Hume would like to put it up for bid. Nichols agreed. The wheel on the gate was damaged over the winter, and needs to be repaired. Chief Hume recognized Senior Firefighters, and Officer Candidates for

stepping up and taking calls when there is not a Lieutenant or Captain available. We continue to roll trucks out the door with their work, Chief Hume passed out a draft of the 10-year capital plan. It is general information for the years 2017 -2027. It shows where we anticipate truck replacements or major purchases. The costs are only estimates, as they will be subject to change over time. We will be taking a couple of years to rebuild our capital. Through the course of conversation, the officers did a great job of possible needs including replacement of the SCBA compressor, a second truck like E5, Station repairs, bunker gear replacement, a fire suppression system in the bays, a new washing machine, etc. Nichols said that it was good to see that we were keeping it under half of the projected capital mills. The new R1 is already budgeted for. Everything looks good. Good job building the reserve. We will have to keep an eye on what happens with the loss of Unit 1 at Tri-State. There will be a loss of income from property tax when that shuts down. Great plan, hope we can achieve it.

Board Member Reports

Rod Kowach – Good month with calls. Keep up the good work with the rookies. PR has been great. The video of the school was cool. Be safe.

Chris Nichols – It’s great that the Girl Scouts made you their hometown heroes. The community bought over 80 boxes of cookies that is awesome. Keep up the good work.

Tony Maneotis — Same as Rod and Chris, Thank you for the 10 year plan. It was great to have the Girl Scouts here tonight. With the recent loss of 2 young people from Craig, my heart really goes out. I hope you guys don’t have any calls like that.

Alan Webber— Agree. PR is huge. I attended a leadership meeting with the SDA on February 22nd . it’s like a mini camp of the conference. Good networking.

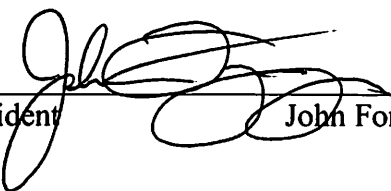
John Forgay— Not much more to add. The young ladies coming in here shows a lot of respect from the community. I appreciate it.

Audience Comments

none

Adjournment

Forgay entertained a motion to adjourn. Nichols moved. Webber seconded. Motion passed. (5:0) Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



President John Forgay



Secretary/Treasurer Chris Nichols