

CRAIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2020

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Rod Kowach moved to approve the October 15, 2020 minutes as presented. Webber seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Approval of Bills

Maneotis moved to approve the bills for November 19, 2020 as presented (Fire Department bills in the amount of \$12,760.25, Haz-Mat bills in the amount of \$0.00 and Pension bills of \$0.00) for a total of \$12,760.25. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Purchase Orders

2020-001 – PO to ROI for bunker gear for the three rookies that have completed academy. Webber made a motion to approve PO 2020-001. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Budget Review

Nichols – Administrative expenses are at 86%, Operations 69.6%, Capital at 84.7%, for a total expenditure at 83.2%. Under budget so far. Have invited Kevin Peck to do an end of year review at the next meeting.

New Business

Proposed Budget Presentation – Draft copies were presented by Chief Hume. The numbers have changed very little since last board meeting. 2021 proposed figures have not changed. December 9th will be the meeting for the final approval of budgets. Nichols made a motion to approve the proposed budget reading. Webber seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Correspondence

Audit engagement letter, to start audit process. Nichols made a motion to approve the audit engagement letter. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Forgay read a thank you sent by Kim Maneotis and Safe Care Colorado.

Reports from the Chief –

Chief Hume – We had 44 calls in October. 15 EMS, 29 Fire and 0 HazMat. Rookie academy 2020, three have passed. Division of Fire Prevention and Control cancelled all in person testing for the rest of the year, which will extend academy. 2021 recruitment applications closed on October 31st. We had 8 applications, 6 were invited to the informational meeting, 5 scheduled interviews. Moving on to physical agility Friday at the bays. The next step will be physicals, with class starting in January. BC Mercer has been contacted by Oak Creek, and they have 4 that have committed to coming to academy. We could have a large class. The budget process is ongoing. Covid – Covid fatigue is something we need to focus on. From the last incident management meeting, there has been a rapid rise. Changes have been implemented at the public safety center in operational guidelines, additional physical space, modified work areas and procedures. From a public safety and leadership

perspective, if everyone is sick all at once, there will be no one to provide services. We will be rolling out some changes in the next few weeks here. The fleet is in pretty good shape. There is a seal leak on T1 that is still being worked on. There is also a crack in the water tank that we are having conversations on how to fix. Captain Kernen retired, we wish him well. He has agreed to still help with extrication tools. We have had several promotions; Lt Olsen has been promoted to Captain, Ryan Hampton and Brian Slaight have been promoted to Lieutenants. We have a great leadership team; we will have a ceremony at some point. We have had some building repairs to the station to get it weathered in before winter. Storage bays snow and ice cover; we have engaged with Charchalis for a cover over the door and a smaller one over the meter. Remember that department health and safety is important to your family.

Board Member Reports

Rod Kowach – Congratulations to all of the officers. Be careful out there. Roads are getting nasty. Stay healthy. Thanks and be safe.

Chris Nichols – You are making the right move Chief, be leaders. Applaud for the proactive approach. Hate to see Christmas banquet cancelled. Propose as a thank you, like the Christmas party is supposed to be, to purchase a \$130 gift card for each of the firefighters. Appreciation of their service. Board agreed. Thank you and stay safe.

Tony Maneotis — Congratulations to officers. Tough times that we're all going through. Stay safe, follow rules. Been busy. Happy Thanksgiving.

Alan Webber — Congratulations to Lt. Slaight. New officer corps is going to be exciting to see in action.

John Forgay — Thanks Tonya for the work you put in. Sorry about the party. Congrats to the officers. Want everybody to stay safe. Hope everybody takes responsibility to do what's right.

Audience Comments

Doug Slaight, question for the Chief, was there any discussion on the rise in cases due to the hunters in town? Chief Hume – largely attributed to big box stores, large gatherings, local bars.

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