

CRAIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2022

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. Chris Nichols seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Approval of Minutes

Rod Kowach moved to approve the January 20, 2022 minutes as presented. Webber seconded. Motion passed. (5:0).

Approval of Bills

Tony Maneotis moved to approve the bills for February 17, 2022 as presented (Fire Department bills in the amount of \$14,009.96, Haz-Mat bills in the amount of \$845.66 and Pension bills of \$95.00) for a total of \$14,950.62. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Purchase Orders

None

Budget Review

Nichols – Revenue 1.9%, Administrative expenses are at 7.3%, Operations 6.2%, Capital at 5.9%, for a total expenditure at 6.9%. Some bills are still coming in. We will move some of leftover into capital, approximately \$100,000. We're in decent shape.

New Business

Chief Mercer – Would like to look into the idea of a snow plow on a 4-wheeler to plow station/sidewalks. Bringing up the idea to see if this needed it to be a consideration for the 2023 budget. Webber supports the idea, Questions regarding insuring it, registering it, maintaining it. Nichols asked for a firm price.

Correspondence

None

Reports from the Chief –

Chief Mercer – We had 40 calls in January. 20 EMS, 17 Fire and 3 HazMat. Rookie academy is in process, and will be starting HazMat soon. We have promoted Lt Hampton to Captain, and are interviewing for Lieutenant this week. Fleet is in good shape. There is a heater control valve in E1 that is bad. We are working on replacing it. R1 had a recall on the fuel rail. It has been completed. DEF tank sensors are on order to complete the recall. L1 parts are still at Max Fire. We are still waiting on a bid from H&E; Captain Olsen is working on that. T1 is leaking power steering fluid from a fitting. Going to add additional lighting to command vehicle. Steamboat Fire is looking into building a training facility. A training officer and a board member came over to look at ours. In discussion, they are putting on an academy in April and May and would like to come use our facility for training. Door combos have not been changed, looking at changing the locks themselves. Parts are difficult to source, and locks themselves are \$800 each. New digital locks are about same size, have 10-digit key pad and take less time to recode than the current ones. Can replace all locks for about \$800. Policy revisions, our policies are very outdated, most have not been revised since 2013. There are other companies that offer policies.

The P.D. and S.O. use a company called Lexipol. Had a demo at the last officers meeting. They offer 165 base policies to choose from, as well as custom revision to specific policies. It is an annual subscription that has a minimum 1-year agreement. They estimate it to take a year and a half to two years to update entire policy manual. They also offer additional trainings, tracking and record keeping. Forgay asked about a work group to review policies. Webber asked if it would be better to outsource so officers could make better use of their time. Nichols thinks there is too many "us specific" policies, and that we would not be a good use of our time. Forgay suggested that it would be cheaper than a lawyer.

Board Member Reports

Rod Kowach – Congrats again Chief. Been busy, stay safe. Appreciate what you do. Thanks.

Chris Nichols – Going through the bills, want to be sure we are making use of the associations that we pay dues to. Routt County is looking to form their own HazMat team, keep your ear to the ground on that. Tonya, thank you for putting together the promotion ceremony, and for KC's gift.

Tony Maneotis — Congrats Chief, sorry that I missed your ceremony.

Alan Webber — Got nothing.

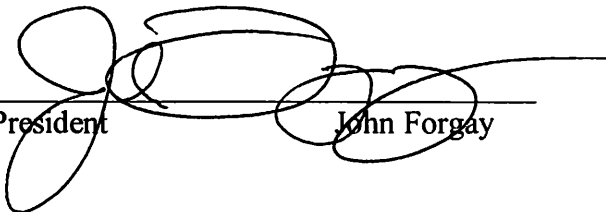
John Forgay — Echo, same sentiments. Tonya, I can't say enough. Chief, I appreciate that you are forward looking.

Audience Comments

None.

Adjournment

Forgay entertained a motion to adjourn. Nichols moved. Webber seconded. Motion passed. (5:0) Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



President John Forgay



Secretary/Treasurer Chris Nichols