

# CRAIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 2019

## **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**

Chris Nichols made a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of a discussion on the Crabtree demolition. Alan Webber seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

## **Approval of Minutes**

Rod Kowach moved to approve the April 11, 2019 minutes as presented. Tony Maneotis seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

## **Approval of Bills**

Webber moved to approve the bills for May 16, 2019 as presented (Fire Department bills in the amount of \$19,725.64, Haz-Mat bills in the amount of \$23.99 and Pension bills of \$0.00) for a total of \$19,749.63. Maneotis seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

## **Purchase Orders**

Purchase orders 2019-003 is for the purchase of wildland boots to replace the existing ones. And are incorporated in budget line items. Chief Hume discussed the various vintages of current wildland boots. Nichols asked about the lifetime of the boots, and expressed concerns of the unit 1 changes in future budget. Nichols made a motion to approve P.O. 2019-003. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

## **Budget Review**

Nichols – We have received our second larger check from the County. We have collected 60% of our expected revenue. Administrative expenses are at 31.2%, Operational Expenses are at 31.1% and Capital Expenses are at 1.3% with Total Expenses at 19.9% of budget. We are in good shape. Will need to fund the pension still.

## **New Business**

Engine 6 Contract – In pricing a new brush truck last year the estimate was \$200,000. Skeeter pricing has come in at \$216, 779.00. The contract allows for pre-construction meetings on E-6. Chief Hume recommended that the Board approve the contract, and the workgroup would look at the build and then bring any changes to the board. Webber made a motion to approve the contract for Engine 6. Nichols seconded. Motion passed. (5-0)

Discussion on the Crabtree Demolition – Nichols – The fire department trained in the Crabtree house in 2006. They were going to burn it at the time, and then Mrs. Crabtree did not want to burn. Now the house needs to be torn down. The bid to tear it down came in at \$8,900. It is

mostly a landfill fee. The house is asbestos free. Nichols feels that we did a bulk of the of the damage to the house, and is asking if the board would like to offer to pay any portion of the fee to tear it down. Chief Hume – Originally Crabtree’s had wanted it burned down, so they let them train in it first. Then she didn’t want it burned down, so we didn’t. Forgay – Feel that since they had asked us not to burn it down, that it is a complete separation from us, and we have no share in the responsibility. Maneotis – If we are going to be watching the budget, then no, this is not an expense that we need. Webber – They had the opportunity 13 years ago; we don’t need to pay now. Kowach – Agree, we do not need to pay for this.

### **Correspondence**

Forgay read a Thank you card from Donna Morrison.

### **Reports from the Chief –**

Chief Hume – We had 30 calls in April. 11 EMS, 19 Fire and 0 HazMat. We have no probationary firefighters. We had a termination. The probationary firefighter was unsuccessful with state testing. We are looking into further options such as a support rookie. The wildland workgroup thanks you for the contract. Pre-construction meetings will be scheduled soon. Scholarships will be given out tomorrow. Firework construction plans are underway. P.R. is never ending. We were at Sandrock Elementary to receive bears for fire/law/ems. Kindergarten Safety Day was this week with all of the kindergarten classes. Middle School safety day is tomorrow, and we will be landing two helicopters on the field. We will be taking the fire extinguisher training prop. Fleet is in good shape – brow lights are inbound, exhaust on generator on E1 is being welded up. We recently had a fatal accident on north bound highway 13. We received compliments from the Colorado State Patrol. We attended the pipeline tabletop with about twenty members of the department. We are working with Max Fire still on some issues. There was a structure fire at River Ridge, we received a huge outpouring of support from McClellens. Saved the Structure. FDIC was a great training, great new technology, things that we are doing are still on the cutting edge. It is good to see that we are not lagging behind. There was a call on Saturday at Price Creek. Maybell Fire was out of service. It was a rollover with extrication. There was a discussion over ambulance crews. Craig Ambulance has always gone with us. The patient outcome should always come first. Chief Hume met with the hospital to reconfirm the relationship. Will address this at EMS Council meeting.

### **Board Member Reports**

Rod Kowach – Busy month. PR has been great, keep it up. It is great for the kids. Stay safe out there.

Chris Nichols – Careflight? Chief Hume – MRH relationship with St Mary’s now has a relationship with Careflight. Their fixed wing is at the airport here. The helicopter is still based in Grand Junction. Careflight does not balance bill. Nichols – Classic has been a big part of the community.

Tony Maneotis — Got a lot going on Chief. Stay positive. We need make Craig better, bring new things in. Good job on everything you are doing. Keep safe.

Alan Webber — Don’t really have anything.

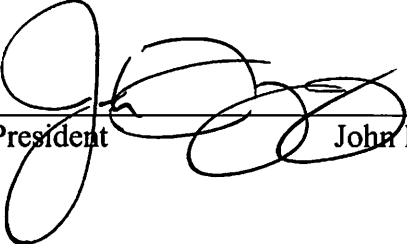
John Forgay — About the same. Keep continuing what you do. Always something good to hear. Thanks. Appreciate people in the back being here.

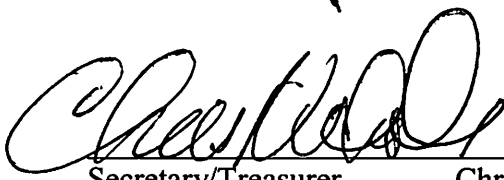
**Audience Comments**

None.

**Adjournment**

Forgay entertained a motion to adjourn. Nichols moved. Webber seconded. Motion passed. (5:0) Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

  
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President John Forgay

  
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Secretary/Treasurer Chris Nichols