

# CRAIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 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**

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

## **Approval of Minutes**

Maneotis moved to approve the August 17, 2017 minutes as presented. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

## **Approval of Bills**

Webber moved to approve the bills for September 21, 2017 as presented (Fire Department bills in the amount of \$21,760.99, Haz-Mat bills in the amount of \$318.73 and Pension bills of \$0.00) for a total of \$22,079.72. Maneotis seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

## **Purchase Orders**

None

## **Budget Review**

Chris Nichols – Revenue coming in is down to a trickle. We have received most of our budgeted revenue for the year. We are at 78.4% of our budgeted expenses in Admin, 45.3% for Operations, and 66% of our total budget for the year. We are looking good.

## **New Business**

First Reading of the Proposed Budget – The proposed budget was reviewed. Cuts were made to bring the budget in line with the \$75,000 loss in expected revenue. Nichols asked about the line item for replacement bunker gear. NFPA standard 1851 calls for gear to be replaced every five years or ten washings. Nichols thanked the budget committee for their work on the budget, and appreciated the savings. Nichols made a motion to accept the First Reading of the 2018 Budget as presented. Webber seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

## **Correspondence**

Forgay read a thank you card from Josey King  
Forgay read apology letters from Bryan and Brayden

## **Reports from the Chief –**

Troy Hampton - We had 41 calls in August, 19 EMS, 22 Fire and 0 HazMat. Wildland season has just started. The fleet will be having their annual maintenance the first week in October. MDA Fill the boot went well. We had our best year yet and collected \$7,600 in donations. Recruitment for the 2018 Rookie academy is underway. Will start advertising more. We recently completed hose testing. We lost 5 sections of hose. It was a good, long day. This years Rookies have passed all of their requirements and can no longer be kicked off of the truck.

## **Board Member Reports**

Rod Kowach – You guys have done a great job this month. It's amazing what you do. I really enjoyed the MDA, thank you for putting it on.

Chris Nichols – Great job with the MDA. You guys keep growing it every year. Good Job. The recent fire calls taxed out resources. It was only the second time in eight and a half years that you have called for help. You guys had it handled. Any time you need help, the board can help. Went to the SDA conference and attended “10 Laws You Never Knew About.” We are doing really good. It covered laws involving email monitoring, service contracts, nursing mothers, physicals, etc. Also took a class on what the fire industry is coming across since the legalization of marijuana.

Tony Maneotis — You guys have been very busy. Stay safe. Good job with the MDA. If you guys get busy and need help, call the board, we’ll help you out.

Alan Webber — It has been a busy month. Thank you, keep it up. Attended the SDA conference and one of the breakout sessions attended was “Are you ready for the big one?” The board needs to sit down with the staff and see what they can do to help in big events. How can the board help? Also attended some talks on the Gallagher Act and TABOR Act and how it affects NW Colorado.

John Forgay — SDA Conference was interesting. The demographics class was interesting. Was surprised at the total for MDA. People were so generous. You guys have been busy. We appreciate you so much.

**Audience Comments**

Kamishsa Siminoe – It was nice to have some of the retired firefighters show up for the fire.

Shane Krause – thank you to the board for giving us the tools that we need. Thank you to Nichols and Felten for coming to help with the fire. It is nice to have you as resources.

**Adjournment**

Forgay entertained a motion to adjourn. Nichols moved. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (5:0) Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

  
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President                      John Forgay

  
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Secretary/Treasurer                      Chris Nichols