

CRAIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2021

Call the Meeting to Order

John Forgay called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. (Nichols attended via Zoom)

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 December 9, 2020 minutes as presented. Tony Maneotis seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Approval of Bills

Maneotis moved to approve the bills for January 21, 2021 as presented (Fire Department bills in the amount of \$324,365.41, Haz-Mat bills in the amount of \$38,620.00 and Pension bills of \$125.50) for a total of \$363,110.91. Webber seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Purchase Orders

None

Budget Review

Nichols – Revenue 103.5%, Administrative expenses are at 91.7%, Operations 81.8.8%, Capital at 90.4%, for a total expenditure at 89.8%. It looks like we will come in about \$46,300.00 under budget for the year. Good Job maintaining the budget for last year.

New Business

Forgay read the Resolution Designating Public Place for Posting Notice and the Resolution Designating Official Newspaper for Publishing. Nichols made a motion to approve both resolutions. Webber seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Correspondence

None

Reports from the Chief –

Chief Hume – We had 44 calls in December. 19 EMS, 25 Fire and 0 HazMat. The fleet is in good shape, there is a seal leak on a steering box on tender that is being worked on. Rookie academy for this year will have a February start date due to COVID. Oak Creek Fire may not be able to join us.

The 2020 academy has 3 rookies to promote in February, and some that will be extended. Division of Fire Prevention and Control stopped testing at the end of last year, and we are working through that. Josh Beaulieu resigned and moved out of state. We wish him the best. The annual wildland fire meeting is scheduled for February 24th, KC will be attending that. COVID vaccines have been made available to the fire department through public health. Many of our members have received one, and should be about ready for their second one.

The board has previously approved a cover over the North door at the bays. The contractor took delivery of the materials, and found them to be damaged, so we are awaiting a replacement shipment. In regards to the SCBA replacement, ROI came in the first week of January. Everyone was fit tested, and packs were placed into service all in one day. It took a real team effort to get that done. Thank you to the board for the safety piece of that. All

the packs are in service, and training last week was SCBA dodgeball. There was an email in the last few weeks regarding MC Medical Director Jeff Womble. In order to be an EMT in Colorado, you have to be attached to both an entity and a provider. Years ago, each entity had its own physician advisor. But then the County had a master contract with a provider and each entity then had a secondary contract that referred to the main contract. It has come to Dr Wombles attention that as a Moffat County Advisor he had no insurance coverage. The County now has a new contract, that pays Dr. Womble \$2,000 per year to provide his insurance. The issue has been addressed, but we may need to update our secondary contract. We will be having a department meeting on February 4th. We have not met in a couple of months. We are going to have Officer promotions, as well as Rookie promotions fire department business as well as the end of year video. To provide extra room, the meeting will be held at the bays. Everyone is invited. At the December meeting we discussed the need for a new boiler at the station. Since then, the circulating pump failed. Masterworks brought in a temporary part knowing we were looking at replacing the boiler. Vic met with KC, gave some options but felt that the system ultimately needs replaced. KC concurs, it needs replaced, and it makes sense to plan for it. – Nichols recommended that we order a new one, the board agreed.

Board Member Reports

Rod Kowach – It's been busy. Sorry that was gone last month. Stay healthy, appreciate what you do. Hopefully fire season is not bad. Be safe, stay healthy.

Chris Nichols – Thank you Chief for setting up Zoom for tonight's meeting. Great job on budget. Future of EMS update; they are meeting weekly with attorneys and consultants and working on boundaries. It appears that if they include Artesia they will need 2.5 mils to make up for their current \$880,000 shortfall. They will still be charging for their service. Urban Renewal Authority update; the City Manager and an attorney would like to have a meeting to explain the Urban Renewal Authority. The special districts have to agree to it. Essentially, it forgives an increase in taxes to spur development. The City would like to set up a special meeting with the Fire Board to present.

Tony Maneotis — Offered to come help plow at the bays, since our plow person will be unavailable. Chief, Thank you for the blanket and the iPad. Be safe.

Alan Webber — Chief, thank you for the blanket. Tonya, thank you for everything that you do. Good job on the budget. It will be interesting to see how the U.R.A. meeting works. It's just going to get ugly; it will be a different world here in the next 6-8 years.

John Forgay — Same stuff. Good work on the budget. Good idea for the department meeting, hope it will be well attended. It's a different year, hopefully it will be better for everyone. Keep up the good work, we 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