

CRAIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 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

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

Approval of Minutes

Alan Webber moved to approve the April 16, 2020 minutes as presented. Rod Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Approval of Bills

Maneotis moved to approve the bills for May 21, 2020 as presented (Fire Department bills in the amount of \$28,960.30, Haz-Mat bills in the amount of \$78.93 and Pension bills of \$8,500.00) for a total of \$37,539.23. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Purchase Orders

None

Budget Review

Nichols – We have received 48% of revenue. Administrative expenses are at 32.2%, Operations 30%, Capital at 79%, for a total expenditure at 48%. We have taken delivery of Engine 6.

New Business

Audit – The audit came in; everything is in good shape. We had to do a remote audit due to COVID-19, But we were able to work through it. Nichols made a motion to accept the Audit. Webber seconded. Motion passed (5:0)

Memorial Regional Health Support Request – MRH is asking for help to set up a campaign for an EMS District. The Medicaid reimbursement is too low to sustain the ambulance service. Currently MRH is only collecting 29% of the EMS billing. Ten years ago, the ambulance was running at a \$300,000 per year loss, and now they are running at a \$750,000 per year loss. Chief Hume said the community is going to have to look at what they want, what they need, and what they can afford. Providing pre-hospital care with our budget is not feasible, and 4 mils will not generate the same tax revenue 5 years from now. Discussion followed. Webber made a motion to NOT offer the \$17,500 request from MRH. Maneotis seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Correspondence

None

Reports from the Chief –

Chief Hume – We had 33 calls in April. 15 EMS, 18 Fire and 0 HazMat. We had 1 resignation; a rookie resigned due to personal commitments. Saturday was the HazMat refresher and rookie academy HazMat practical. Academy refreshed the week before, and they are scheduling their written exams. Training was a good time. We had 2 Steamboat Springs firefighters join us, great interaction with them. PR has been ongoing, COVID landscape has created many birthday parades. The fleet is in pretty good shape. Outstanding Rosenbauer issues have been addressed, except the bolt on the ladder, making progress. We took delivery of Engine 6, amazing apparatus. Thank you to the board, it will prolong the lifespan of E2 and E3. 4th of July is a go. With so many events cancelled due to COVID, it doesn't make sense to cancel the fireworks. The fire department was a part of the graduation parade, we set up the aerial with a banner over Finley Lane. Firefighter Perez has returned from her leave of absence. Squad 1 is going in for service, possibly a turbo has gone out in it.

Board Member Reports

Rod Kowach – Thanks, you do great. New truck is great. Be safe. You do a wonderful job.

Chris Nichols – Pass along to E6 work group that they did a good job. It is a nice truck. Glad we have the resources to provide that. We are able to provide equipment because of volunteers. Not paying for full time employment. Commend the PR, parades require ime. Glad to hear about fireworks. Thank you all.

Tony Maneotis — Nice truck, I got to see it when it came in. Well put together. Graduation help was great.

Alan Webber — Have nothing.

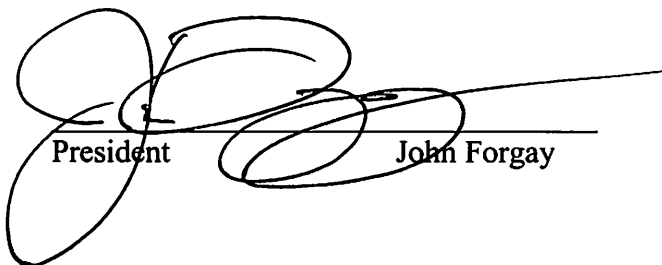
John Forgay — E6 is really nice. As usual, we try to do what we can for you because of who you are and what you do. You are truly remarkable people.

Audience Comments

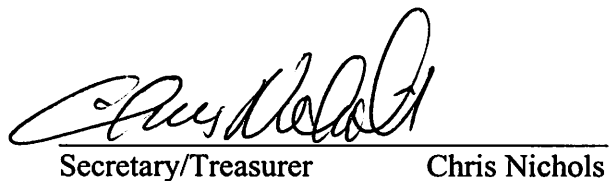
None

Adjournment

Forgay entertained a motion to adjourn. Nichols moved. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (5:0) Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



President John Forgay



Secretary/Treasurer Chris Nichols