

**CRAIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2020**

Call the Meeting to Order

John Forgay called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. (Webber absent – excused)

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Approval of Agenda

Tony Maneotis made a motion to approve the Agenda. Chris Nichols seconded. Motion passed. (4:0)

Approval of Minutes

Rod Kowach moved to approve the September 17, 2020 minutes as presented. Maneotis seconded. Motion passed. (4:0)

Approval of Bills

Kowach moved to approve the bills for September 17, 2020 as presented (Fire Department bills in the amount of \$17,477.13, Haz-Mat bills in the amount of \$0.00 and Pension bills of \$0.00) for a total of \$17,477.13. Maneotis seconded. Motion passed. (4:0)

Purchase Orders

None

Budget Review

Nichols – We have received 99.5% of revenue. Administrative expenses are at 78.6%, Operations 53.2%, Capital at 82.4%, for a total expenditure at 76.2%. Still have one quarter left. We're right on budget. There are some DOLA grants available for volunteer/combo departments, specifically for COVID related expenses. Maybe we could look into that.

New Business

Draft Budget – Nichols – Draft budget has been presented to the Board. Significant expenses include SCBA replacement, radio replacement, lobby lights replacement, a fit test machine. Please look over budget for questions and discussion.

EMS Program Update – Amy Peck - Thank you again for the support. Quick update, Stayton met with Maybell and Artesia and they are interested. Met with attorney Paul Wiser, he is helping work through the survey and the mil levy. Through the Special District Association, we are in contact with a company called Catalyst that does campaigns. They have come back with a proposal that is way out of budget. Meeting tomorrow with Health Care Colorado, they are willing to help. If interested in joining the meeting, please let Amy know. Keeping everyone updated, public education will be key.

Correspondence

None

Reports from the Chief –

Chief Hume – We had 46 calls in August. 18 EMS, 28 Fire and 0 HazMat. Rookies are finishing their written tests now. Two have successfully passed all exams, more are taking exams on Saturday. The website is still ongoing, working on updating it. PR requests are still coming in. Golf ball drops, Horizons parade for clients, several good comments. Fleet have a few things, nothing serious. Ladder 1 got new tires yesterday. Invoice will be in next months bills. Stage two fire restrictions are still in effect. Possibly changing to stage one next week. We had a group cover for West Routt for a funeral last weekend. We are in the process of replacing Chief Lingo. He retired after 18 years. There are four applicants, hoping to fill vacancy in the next few weeks. There is some stucco damage on the building. Trying to get bids on repairs before winter. Having a tough time finding stucco contractors in town. Mike Charchalis has been contacted to bid a cover for the door at the storage bays. Can discuss Russ Hill's bid with him if we want him to come talk about it. The Ladder bolt issue has been repaired. Rosenbauer picked up the bill.

Board Member Reports

Rod Kowach – You guys do a wonderful job, great PR. Sorry about the tragic calls. Take care of each other. Be careful. Thank you very much. Glad that we are able to get things done now, we may not be able to in the future.

Chris Nichols – Mentioned to you guys, I don't want the fire department to be blamed for the EMS issue. I Joined the committee to be involved, and they are losing more per year than our entire operating fund. The Fire District was never chartered for EMS. Make sure we're checking with each other, and checking in. Budget times; everyone is working on them right now. The projected impact of the closure Unit 1 is approximately 20% of our budget. Will have to consider needs versus wants. We are going to lose our capital. Thank you for responding and all that you do.

Tony Maneotis — Been busy, a lot of calls, a lot of deaths. Saw that a couple of our guys participated in the stair climb in Steamboat. Be safe, thanks for everything that everybody is doing. It's still dry out, be safe.

Alan Webber —

John Forgay — There is a great resource in Meghan Francone for any issues concerning the prevention of, and suicide awareness. It is frustrating with this many suicides in such a short time. You guys are all appreciated.

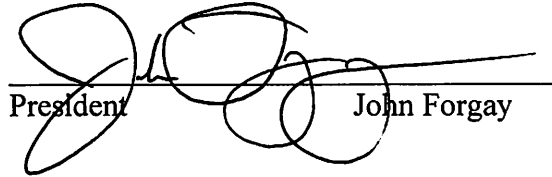
Audience Comments

Kamisha Siminoe voiced concerns on EMS situation regarding education, looked up current DOLA grants; which are closed, and talked about suicide prevention.

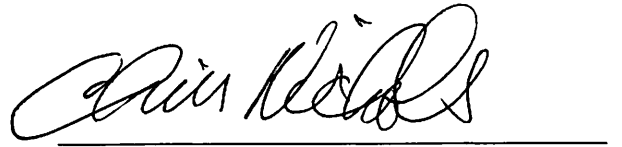
Doug Slaight questioned how EMS could be losing so much money. Chris Nichols explained that it is a combination of staffing model and Medicaid reimbursement. They are not sustainable in their current model. Doug Slaight said that they needed to take a good, hard look at their spending.

Adjournment

Forgay entertained a motion to adjourn. Nichols moved. Kowach seconded. Motion passed.
(4:0) Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



President John Forgay



Secretary/Treasurer Chris Nichols