

CRAIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 21, 2024

Call the Meeting to Order

K.C. Hume called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All members present.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Rod Kowach moved to approve the October 17, 2024 minutes as presented. Mark Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (5:0).

Approval of Bills

Nichols moved to approve the bills for November 21, 2024 as presented (Fire Department bills in the amount of \$18,343.07 Haz-Mat bills in the amount of \$0.00 and Pension bills of \$0.00 for a total of \$18,343.07. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Purchase Orders

2024-002 – Captain Olsen – This is a budgeted item for level A and B suits. They are at the end of their life span. The purchase requires a PO because it is over \$10,000. Shopped around and presenting two quotes. FarrWest was a better quote and easy to work with. Nichols made a motion to approve PO 2024-002. JB Chapman seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Budget Review

Nichols – Have received 98% of budgeted revenue. There will still be a few small checks trickling in. Admin 89%. Operations 70.3%. Capital 88.9%. Total Expenditure 86.2% of the budget. Balances: Capital account \$4,520,000. Operating account \$264,872. Pension account \$4,665,078. We're in decent shape.

New Business

Draft Budgets – The Pension Budget we have updated revenues and expenses for year to date. We have a firefighter retiring in March. The Haz Mat Budget is unchanged from last month. There will be an update on expenditures based on capital purchases. The Fire Budget updated year to date, not much change. Took out Lexipol and added line item 6540 back in for internet at the tower. Line item 7300 includes an additional hose roller and cart. There is no updated information on the sauna request. The quote came in for station bay lighting. Those numbers have been updated accordingly. Hume – from the board's perspective, with respect to the sauna, there may be opportunity to gain support from community, instead of adding as a budget item, need some scientific data to support the health benefits. The board agreed, open to future

conversations. Anticipated revenue \$1,011,790. Anticipated Expenditures \$739,628.63. Net revenue over expense 272,161.37. Hume – meeting December 12th at 7:00 pm.

Luminate Quote – Hume – To give some background, we moved forward with the cameras, they have a tentative installation date of the first week in December. The installation needs internet reactivated at the bays. Previously we had High Rapids, we explored vendors available. The bays were the same price with either vendor. At the station, we are paying Charter for phone, fax, tv and internet. Looking to see if there was a better way. The Chief met with sales and techs, discussed some of the struggles with the current set up. Looked at a new system, estimate came in higher than anticipated. About \$80 a month more. There were no cost savings. Looking at the estimate, there could be some pieces eliminated. We do need better connection throughout the building. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

Correspondence

None

Reports from the Chief –

Chief Mercer – We had 19 calls in October. 16 Fire, 3 EMS, and 0 HazMat. We have one probationary still testing, and two that have passed. Rookie academy interviews were last night. Three were interviewed. Physical agility is scheduled for December 2nd. Academy is starting January 4th. Budget purchases are wrapping up/ PR this month included Fire inspections, Halloween and the First Responder Dinner. E3 parts did not fit. Waiting on arrival of new parts. T2 Lights are being tracked down. MRH is looking at a training program and facility. They are looking for a letter of support for grants. The MC Reserve Ambulance has been previously stored at CNCC, we have been asked by the Emergency Manager to store it in the bays for the winter. Hume – It has most recently been stored at the safety center for the summer. But it needs to be inside. The goal this spring is to create a space behind the safety center, and then the county will be looking at a “rapid response” vehicle and then offload the reserve ambulance. Nichols asked if there was space. Conversation followed. Board ok’s temporary storage of reserve ambulance.

Board Member Reports

Rod Kowach – Appreciate Tonya and everyone for their work. Watch out for deer and ice on the highway. Be safe. Thank you for being there for the community.

Chris Nichols – Thanks Chief for your response when we received a call from an irate community member. We’re lean at times, but thanks for responses.

J.B. Chapman — Grateful for the efforts of recruiting. It’s a lot of work. It’s noticed and appreciated. Thank you for your work.

Mark Bangs – Thanks Tonya, for everything that you do. Snow is coming. Was asked to look into our ADA compliance with our website. Using an access scan, we are showing compliant. Still need to do a little more digging. May need to add to picture descriptions, everything else looks very compliant. Keep digging just in case.

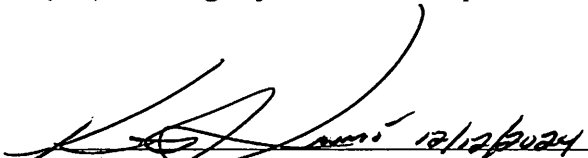
KC Hume — Looking forward to Christmas. Look forward to board conversations for continual movement and growth. Conversations about response. There have been a couple of times when it has only been the Chief responding. What about if it is a structure fire, and no one but the Chief? Keep that as a topic of discussion in the future. Running to failure is a plan, but not the preferred one. The ability to leave work is not as plentiful as it once was. Change is inevitable.

Audience Comments

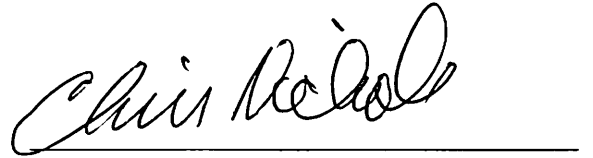
None.

Adjournment

Hume entertained a motion to adjourn. Chapman moved. Kowach seconded. Motion passed.
(5:0) Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



President KC Hume



Secretary/Treasurer Chris Nichols