

CRAIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 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

Kowach moved to approve the June 20, 2024 minutes as presented. Mark Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (5:0).

Approval of Bills

Nichols moved to approve the bills for July 18, 2024 as presented (Fire Department bills in the amount of \$7,376.91, Haz-Mat bills in the amount of \$346.69 and Pension bills of \$0.00 for a total of \$7,723.30. Kowach and JB Chapman seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Purchase Orders

None

Budget Review

Nichols –Have received 95.9% of Operating Revenue and 96.3% of Capital Revenue. Admin 53.1% We have not funded pension yet. Operations 31.8%, Capital 45.24%. Total expenditures 45.28% of total budget.

New Business

None

Correspondence

K.C. Hume read a thank you card from Joslyn Bacon.

Reports from the Chief –

Chief Mercer – We had 27 calls in June. 20 Fire, 7 EMS, and 0 HazMat. Academy – the rookies have finished their final class. Testing next Saturday. Fire 1 practical is scheduled for the 3rd and live burn coming up on the 10th. We brought the support program on board Monday. Completed orientation, have gear. First aid & CPR will be tomorrow. Chief Mercer introduced the new Support members. (Welcomed by Board). PR has been busy with fire inspections, 4th of July Fireworks, parade, and lots more upcoming. Fleet – DEF sensor is bad in E1. The part came in different; we are working through it. E3 had some damage after the tire incident. Tore out wheel well, will need a new tube for SCBA, will get parts coming. E5 batteries were dead. Not sure if it was Kussmaul related. It is working now. R2 Kussmaul is dead, we have a charger on it. 800 MHZ Paging System – pagers are coming in Monday, work out bugs, live by the end of the month. County is moving to Active 911 from E-Dispatch. Evaluate for us to change.

Board Member Reports

Rod Kowach – 4th was great. Parade and BBQ were great. Fireworks too. Thank you everybody. Be safe, it's been busy. Appreciate what you do. CURA meeting looked at reimbursement of funds for Bad Alibi water lines.

Chris Nichols – Budgets start in August. Preliminary stuff. Hopeful for a normal process this year. Good time and good food at the BBQ. Good job on fireworks. Keep it up. Send budget requests to Mindy Elliot. SB194 Emergency Responders Impact Fees, the SDA has little information. Called for a quote from an attorney. Will bring back to the Board. Moving down the road, the City project is tax exempt, would be nice to have the option to collect from the affordable housing. Need a revenue source.

J.B. Chapman — Sat up at hospital and watched fireworks. Thanks for all you do, proud of and grateful for you.

Mark Bangs – Thank you for volunteering (to the support members) Thanks Chief.


KC Hume — All of the firework's shells have a fall out radius, highly unlikely to be ours. We will bill the Wilderness Ranch property owner for the fire there. Recently in Grand Junction for Fire Commission meeting, Initiatives to reduce tax burden. 50 & 108. 108 is a valuation assessment reduction, 50 caps property tax. Welcomed support members. Last Saturday Tonya and folks went to celebration of Life for John Forgay.

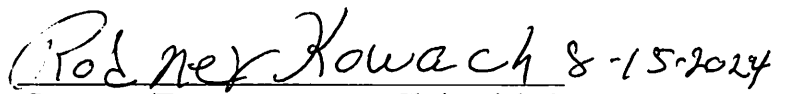
Audience Comments

Doug Slaight – approached by Preserving the Last Frontier, would like the Board's blessing to do a presentation on the history of the fire department. (agreed)

Adjournment

Hume entertained a motion to adjourn. Chapman moved. Nichols seconded. Motion passed. (5:0) Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.


President 8/15/2024
KC Hume


Secretary/Treasurer 8-15-2024
Director Chris Nichols
Rod Kowach