

CRAIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 15, 2024

Call the Meeting to Order

K.C. Hume called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Nichols absent. (excused) Chapman absent.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Approval of Agenda

Rod Kowach made a motion to approve the Agenda. Mark Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (3:0)

Approval of Minutes

Kowach moved to approve the January 5, 2024 minutes as presented. Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (3:0).

Approval of Bills

Of note, there is a check for firefighter reimbursement on a credit card purchase, and there are expenses for the FDIC in tonight's bills. Kowach moved to approve the bills for February 15, 2024 as presented (Fire Department bills in the amount of \$23,130.91, Haz-Mat bills in the amount of \$120.61 and Pension bills of \$0.00 for a total of \$23,251.52 Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (3:0)

Purchase Orders

None

Budget Review

Hume –2023 is close to close out. Revenue 110.3% primarily extra revenue from Specific Ownership Tax, Operations 78.3%, 85.9% expenses of total budget. Not a lot going on yet for 2024. Received 2.7% of projected revenue.

New Business

Roof Repair – Hume – KC – Two weeks ago had a conversation with Tonya about water on the bay floors, Chief had shared with crew that was here, reached out to Justin, found a significant space that will generate condensation. Justin suggested adding a fan and an inspection hatch, that has been completed. Moving forward, wanting to repair some plaster on the wall by the bathroom. It's getting close. In talking with insurance, we were successful to get the provider to accept the claim. The engineer determined that 3 of the 4 trusses were damaged from snow load. This will offset the cost of repair.

Chapman arrived at 7:17 pm

Audit – Eric Miller, new auditor, would like to update our audit format, and bring it current. A sample of the new format was shown, and compared to our current format. The board agreed that the new format was acceptable, and showed the same information.

Correspondence

None.

Reports from the Chief –

Chief Mercer – We had 18 calls in December. 15 Fire, 3 EMS, and 0 HazMat. Rookie academy has started HazMat . PR has been busy with fire inspections and sendoffs. Fleet is in pretty good shape. Rosenbauer has sent a quote to replace the hoses on L1, for \$3,742.00 The hoses are dry rotted, and original to the truck in 2008.

Would like to have Rosenbauer take care of it. Hume asked if there was value in coordinating that repair with their annual inspection in effort to save a trip. Chief Mercer will reach out to Rosenbauer. DNT finished lighting and outlets in the gym expansion. Corey Electric and Jennison looking at lighting for bays. Lighting is in stock at CED, should we purchase these, or is it better for Jennison to? Hume will reach out to Jennison. In the wildland bay, concern about pillar protection. Perhaps metal sheathing to protect? Hume mentioned corner protectors, Chapman mentioned folded tin. Hume will add this to the list to discuss with Jennison. Also discussed water drop, and where to put it. Hume advised that the firefighters and officers could decide what would work best and take ideas to Jennison. The state has changed testing standards for HazMat. This will not affect current rookies, but will affect Pr. Strecker, Will be giving some leeway on the three-test rule. Chief Mercer introduced the 2024 Rookie class. Last thing, approached by BLM, they will be rebuilding one of their buildings, and will have no storage for a handful of their trucks, wanted to know if we had space over the winter. Measured space at bays, and can fit up to 3 of them after our construction is done. Would like Boards input. Hume – Feels it is valuable to assist partners, but that it would also be prudent to craft an IGA for the terms. Chapman asked if the favor would be reciprocated if the tables were turned. Hume – Happy to have conversation with them regarding details and work out a plan. Chief Mercer said we had a great working relationship with the BLM here and would like to assist. Bangs suggested that in the off had we have to move a truck, it would be prudent to have a person or two trained to do so.

Board Member Reports

Rod Kowach – Thank you to the Rookies have a great year, and thank you for stepping up. Calls are down, but trucks are going out the doors. Thank you, keep being safe. Attended a CURA meeting last night, Bad Alibi is still coming along. It should help out the downtown community over time.

Chris Nichols –

J.B. Chapman — Rookies, keep your nose to the grindstone. The leaders here have all been through what you are going through right now. Appreciate you as a team.

Mark Bangs – Doesn't have much. Would like contact numbers for board, please.

KC Hume — Please keep Forgay's family in your thoughts. Sounds like there will be a celebration of life in the Spring at the Grainery. He will be missed. To the rookies, I know at least three of you, and not the rest, but the cool thing about the fire service is, no matter who it is, they all started right where you are. I still remember my interview, and 22 years later, in a different seat, but started in that one. Make it everything that you choose it to be. It's like nothing else you can experience. It is a huge family that you are now part of. Lean in on them and they will lean on you. Hope to celebrate you at the end of the year. Best of luck.

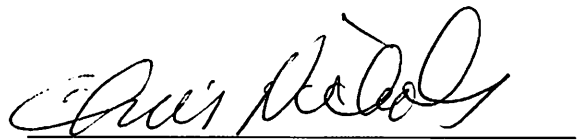
Audience Comments

Doug Slaight – Came to watch the Rookies on Saturday. They are bound and determined to pass. They were teaching HazMat. Very impressed.

Adjournment

Hume entertained a motion to adjourn. Chapman moved. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (4:0) Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.


President KC Hume


Secretary/Treasurer Chris Nichols