

CRAIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2024

Call the Meeting to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Please keep the Doolin and Maneotis family in your thoughts.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Chris Nichols moved to approve the August 15, 2024 minutes as presented. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (5:0).

Approval of Bills

Of note, the September bills include fleet maintenance, L1 service from Rosenbauer and several large ticket items. Nichols moved to approve the bills for September 19, 2024 as presented (Fire Department bills in the amount of \$40,954.38 Haz-Mat bills in the amount of \$0.00 and Pension bills of \$0.00 for a total of \$40,954.38. Chapman seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Purchase Orders

2024-001 – The ventilation fan that we had budgeted has gone up since we had received the quote. There are anticipated offsets to cover the difference. Nichols made a motion to approve PO # 2024-001. Mark Bangs and Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Budget Review

Nichols – Admin 61% We have funded pension. Operations 65.5%. Capital 78.5%. Total Expenditure 67.8% of the budget.

New Business

Draft Budgets – Nichols: we have to present draft budget by October 15, and the October board meeting is after that. We have some good numbers to look at. Chief: Starting with Pension, based numbers off of last year, anticipate one to two additional draws possible. Included \$4,000 for actuarial and \$1,000 for administrative costs. HazMat, Requested \$7,500 each from City & County for a total revenue of \$15,000. Lowered some expenses, no requests for extra spending. Fire, Anticipated revenues: Operations \$521,430 Capital \$391,660. Did not budget for backfill. Nichols: Special Legislative session passed several measures that will take effect this year for property tax reduction. There is an SDA webinar on the 24th. It will have an impact on us for next year. Still working on figuring it out. Chief: on the administrative side, health insurance has gone up 16%. Dues and registrations, QuickBooks and Streamline all went up. Insurance went up about 32%, foam dropped down this year. Capital was reduced, no longer needing roof repair.

Added a request for a sauna, garage door overhaul and security cameras. Added funds for bunker gear replacement to replace three pairs that are ageing out. Lowered wildland gear. Anticipated Revenues 1,011,790, Expenses 725,428. Net Revenue over Expense \$286,361. Discussion was held. Questions on sauna and potential for detox after a fire and if helpful in cancer prevention. Board suggested more research for data to support.

Correspondence

Hume read a thank you card from the Wild Horse Refuge.

Reports from the Chief –

Chief Mercer – We had 29 calls in August. 26 Fire, 3 EMS, and 0 HazMat. PR has been full with fire inspections, and the Yahoo ball drop. Fleet is in pretty good shape. DEF tank for E1 is the wrong tank. Sending the correct one and a call tag today. Received pricing for wheel liner and SCBA tube. R1 needs a heater control module. L1 had its annual, the new hose is here. The rest of the fleet is pretty good. Just completed annuals. Pager updates, they have been active just over a month. Continuing to work through troubleshooting. Active 911 migration is completed. Working on some settings. Saturday is the annual hose testing. 9,000 feet of hose to test. It is manpower intensive, please come help. The walk-in door has been installed at the tower. We had an injury at the Stearns fire.

Board Member Reports

Rod Kowach – Thank you very much for everything. Fire looked like a doozy. Active911 has been handy. Be safe, watch for animals. Watch out for the dips North of town. Thank you, Tonya, for what you do.

Chris Nichols – Chief, appreciate work on the budget. The crew from yesterday, be sure they have a stress debrief if they need it. Keep track of them. Keep getting trucks out the door.

J.B. Chapman — Saw response on fire. Glad all was good.

Mark Bangs – What Rod said. Will work with the Chief on hose replacement.

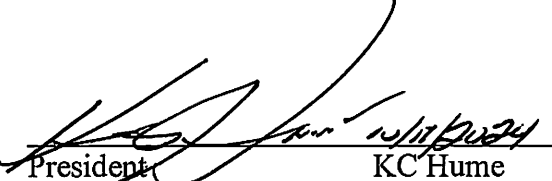
KC Hume — As the Sheriff, Thank you for the Cedar Mountain response. Appreciate the crews out all day. Lots of Kudo's and I echo that. Firefighters deal with other human's worst day, and it's worse when it's our family. Take care of our own. We have a tight knit first responder community.

Audience Comments


Doug Slaight – Doing a history talk next Saturday. Found some interesting information. On November 1st, 1950 there was an article on the possibility of setting up the district to have two full time firefighters. In 1952 found an advertisement for full time firefighters. Don't know what ever happened with that.

Adjournment

Hume entertained a motion to adjourn. Nichols moved. Kowach seconded. Motion passed.
(5:0) Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



President KC Hume



Secretary/Treasurer Chris Nichols