

CRAIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 2022

Call the Meeting to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Approval of Agenda

J.B. Chapman made a motion to approve the Agenda. Alan Webber seconded. Motion passed. (4:0)

Approval of Minutes

Chapman moved to approve the May 19, 2022 minutes with striking the carryover. Rod Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (4:0).

Approval of Bills

Kowach moved to approve the bills for June 16, 2022 as presented (Fire Department bills in the amount of \$7,353.17, Haz-Mat bills in the amount of \$0.00 and Pension bills of \$0.00) for a total of \$7,353.17. Chapman seconded. Motion passed. (4:0)

Purchase Orders

None

Budget Review

Tonya – As of June 16th: Revenue 69.9%, Administrative expenses are at 61.7%, Operations 28.6%, Capital at 21.5%, for a total expenditure at 49.4%. We are halfway through the year, and Pension has been funded.

New Business

Website – Tonya gave a presentation on the need to update the website. Discussion included reasons behind the need, options for doing so and price ranges for the options. Chapman made a motion to enter into an agreement with Streamline and to empower Tonya to be the Admin with a regular report. Webber seconded. Motion passed (4:0)

Forgay made a motion to enter into executive session per C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4) (f) to discuss personnel matters. Webber seconded. Motion passed. (4:0) 7:20 p.m.

Executive Session

Webber moved to come out of executive session and re-enter the regular meeting. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (4:0) 7:55 p.m.

Nichols has joined the meeting. Nichols made a motion to increase the Administrative Assistant pay rate from current rate to \$24.10 per hour with annual reviews and key performance for growth. Kowach seconded. Motion passed (5:0) Webber – We see your value, feel like you were warranted in asking for increase.

Correspondence

None.

Reports from the Chief –

Chief Mercer – We had 31 calls in May. 15 EMS, 16 Fire and 0 HazMat. Academy has a couple of classes left, and then Fire 1 and Live Fire Practicals. Our proctor for live fire will be coming from Grand Junction. The fleet is in pretty good shape. Kussmaul on R1 has been giving us troubles, we thought the breaker was the issue, but the Kussmaul itself is not working. It also has its original batteries, we replaced one right before the 100-year celebration, concerned on how many of the others are still good. L1 parts are still at Max Fire. They are finishing a big job, and we are waiting on confirmation for scheduling. Door combo locks said they were commercial and heavy duty, but they are not working, so we are sending back. ESO implementation, Tonya and Chief completed train the trainer end user training last week. It flows better. Employees are entered. Need to set up permissions and start pushing out. Looking into how to make the payroll piece work for now. Shooting for go live in August or September. Foam is here. The 4th of July is on schedule. S.O. and B.L.M. crews are on board to help with fireworks and have been invited to the picnic. Fire Tower, during vent training noticed that the South side, which has not been used had water damage. The OSB has a rotted hole in it. Chief Hampton looked at it, it will need repair this year or early next year. Probably some shingles and a couple of boards. Will get some numbers. R1 speed governor - When it was spec'd out it was governed to 65 based on NFPA guidelines. Friday, we had a page for a semi versus a suburban with 7 people in it that had rolled over. Craig Fire, Maybell Fire 4 ambulances, 3 helicopters and a whole host of people went to the scene. We sent 2 trucks R-1 runs first on a call like that. It had a 7-minute lead ahead of our second truck. R2 and the command vehicle caught it in Lay. The truck does not go faster than the speed limit. Would like to discuss bumping up the governor 10-15 mph. Discussion followed. Concerns were brought up about safety and liability. Chief Mercer was asked to see if there were any stipulations for rural areas in the NFPA guidelines.

Board Member Reports

Rod Kowach – Thank you, Tonya for all of your work. Busy month. Listened to that page for Maybell, you cover a big area, appreciate you being safe. Parade was nice, 4th is coming up. Tell everyone thanks for what you do.

Chris Nichols – Looked in the paper to see if there was coverage for the Maybell wreck. No coverage here. Lots of coverage on the call East of town. It was handled professionally, good job. Continue that and keep safe. Budget coming up.

J.B. Chapman — Still wet behind the ears, thanks for what you do, appreciate it all.

Alan Webber — Apologize for not being here the last couple of months. Thank you to Captain Hampton and Firefighter Shelley for the 4H send off. Appreciate that. Been busy. Welcome J.B.

John Forgay — Ditto, stay safe. Thanks Tonya.

Audience Comments

None.

Adjournment

Forgay entertained a motion to adjourn. Webber moved. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (5:0) Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

President

John Forgay

Secretary/Treasurer

Chris Nichols