

# CRAIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2023

## **Call the Meeting to Order**

John Forgay called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

## **Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence**

## **Approval of Agenda**

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

## **Approval of Minutes**

Kowach moved to approve the May 18, 2023 minutes as presented. JB Chapman seconded. Motion passed. (4:0). (Hume abstained from vote due to absence)

## **Approval of Bills**

Nichols moved to approve the bills for June 15, 2023 as presented (Fire Department bills in the amount of \$28,027.35, Haz-Mat bills in the amount of \$0.00 and Pension bills of \$0.00 for a total of \$28,027.35 Nichols seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

## **Purchase Orders**

None

## **Budget Review**

Nichols – Revenue 69.3%, Administrative expenses are at 36.9%, Operations 25.3%, Capital at 9.5%, for a total expenditure at 30.8%. We have not funded Pension yet.

## **New Business**

ADM-42 – Working with some staffing issues, looking into bringing some people on board through a support rookie program. Provide them with some training and then roll them into the academy at the first of the year. Present a policy that outlines the support rookie program. Hume – could use some formatting, maybe add some definitions. Willing to help. Nichols had questions regarding the participation piece. Perhaps we should table it while we get some changes in place. Hume suggests we work on it and bring it back next month. Nichols made a motion to table ADM-42. Chapman seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Audit – Nichols reviewed the audit. Pension has dropped from 115% funded to 98% from the hit we took last year. There was no instances of non-compliance or fraud. It was a clean audit. Hume made a motion to accept the audit. Nichols seconded. Motion passed. (5:0) Tonya told the Board that Greg, the Auditor was retiring, and that we would need to begin the search for a new Auditor.

## **Correspondence**

None

## **Reports from the Chief –**

Chief Mercer – We had 22 calls in May. 14 Fire, 8 EMS, and 0 HazMat. Fire 1 practical and live fire practical are done. 1 rookie is out with an upcoming back surgery. Will be working on his classes through zoom, and try to get through the written tests. PR has been busy with school safety days, tours, and luau. Fleet – E1 & R1 parts ordered through Ikon. E7 pump is repaired. The twins are having some charging problems. Wildland season is starting soon. Door locks are here, programed and being installed. The roof repair is in the queue for

the engineer. Reaching back out. Luau had \$3040 in sales. Hose testing is Saturday at 7:00 am. 4<sup>th</sup> of July invites are out. Checking to be sure it's ok to start with larger capital purchases. Nichols – approved budgeted items are ok. Chief Mercer read Firefighter Bohrer's letter of retirement to draw Pension, and continue to serve. Hume made a motion to accept Bohrer's retirement and reinstatement per board resolution and Colorado State statute. Chapman seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

### **Board Member Reports**

Rod Kowach – Thanks. It's been a busy year. Nice luau, attendance was low. Thank you for help with Dad. Be safe. Have a calm wildland year.

Chris Nichols – With the rain we just will have more fuels once it dries. Luau looked nice. It's good to give out scholarships.

J.B. Chapman — Believe will fully see the depth of striking while the iron is hot. Kudos for the extra work for the support rookie program. Have faith that it will be worth it. You'll see it come back.

KC Hume — Glad to be here. Sorry, that missed last month. Had a conversation with the Chief, shared with him that there is no intention to try to be Chief from this seat. Please allow grace and call me out. Want to be a part of the organization in the future and a part of sustainability. There is opportunity to make some positive change. Looking to a healthy, productive, vibrant fire department for the future.

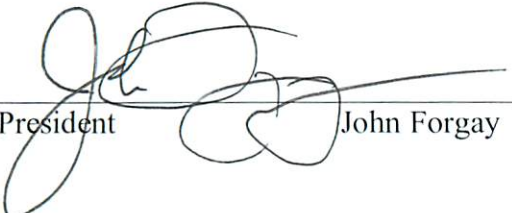
John Forgay — Sustainability is a good take away, it's a different generation. Nothing that can't be overcome. Appreciate you all.

### **Audience Comments**

Doug Slaight – Welcome, KC. Congrats Jimmy!

### **Adjournment**

Forgay entertained a motion to adjourn. Hume moved. Nichols seconded. Motion passed. (5:0) Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

  
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President John Forgay

  
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Secretary/Treasurer Chris Nichols