

**FORT LEWIS MESA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD of DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES  
November 10, 2020**

**Attendance:**

Directors: Debbie Lee	Others: John Lee (Fire Chief)
Ginny DeJong	Jeannine Glasby (District Admin. Asst.)
Brent Van Den Berg	Absent: Paul Richardson (excused)
Ted Stahl	

Debbie Lee called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

**Minutes:** Minutes for October 13, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Minor changes to be made: Old Business section- ...firehouse exterior to be red with grey trim, adding "& grey roof ", also, JustClick for "design is \$352; calendars @ \$7.50/each". Ginny *moved* to accept the minutes; Ted *seconded the motion*; Also reviewed and accepted was the last page of minutes from September. *Motion passed.*

**Treasurer's Report and Financial Matters:** October's financial reports were reviewed and discussed by the Board. It was **motioned** by Ted for acceptance and **seconded** by Brent; **motion passed.**

**Public Comment/Correspondence:** The Chief spoke to the correspondence regarding the organization of a Wildfire Advisory Board (WAB). The Chief said that they were looking for a representative and the La Plata Chief's Association had found someone from Upper Pine to fill that role who, the Chief felt, would represent them well.

**Office Managers Report:**

- Jeannine presented the LPEA Grant Substantiation Letter w/supporting documents, later in the Grants portion of the meeting which Debbie signed, to be mailed.
- Government fire billing for Cameron Peak is moving along in the billing process.

**Chief Report-Out:** highlights are below:

- RFF is going well. There are 5 in the class. 4 sessions down; 2 to go.
- 32 responders on the roster; 21 on calls in the rolling quarter; 12 on the largest call. 179 calls as of the end of October.
- Pay Per Call number: 1252 w/paid personnel, 852 of which are eligible for Pay Per Call Reimbursement. The Board approved and signed the checks. The consensus was that this is a good program and that it should not cost the volunteers to volunteer.
- The Chief reported on the repair of Medic 71. \$1000 for a computer & EGR sensor. There was discussion about the 6.0 motor and studying the yearly cost of each apparatus.

- The Chief asked about starting the process for a medic grant in 2021 to finish up in 2022.
- Class A (car fire) and engineer training were had simultaneously. It was also expressed appreciation for the family-friendly department that had a son of a responder able to learn from the "cold zone". The Chief said they have good scene protocol.
- There are 10 EMT's in the District- 4 IV certified; 3 EKG and 1 paramedic. There is 1 to test and 1 to re-test with the National Registry.
- Jeremy Meyer has expressed interest in the EMT course.
- Rod Lewin was approved by the Board to be reinstated.
- The apparatus has been shuffled during the expansion on Station 1 and repairs being made.
- The Chief asked if he could get a quote on carpet for Station 3. Brent suggested talking to Ray Godfrey, who runs a flooring business and has been involved with Durango Fire.
- The snowplow is ready.
- CPR equipment ordered to handle COVID situation for training. There were 15 that attended the CPR refresher.
- Thursday evening classes have been going. Dr. Oury called to recommend zoom meeting when possible. Some training is necessary to be hands on. He is trying to balance w/COVID concerns. Debbie said utilizing masks-distancing-sanitizing should help with that balance. The Board agreed.
- There are 6 volunteers in various levels of EVOC training.
- Travis is planning on attending the CO Firefighting Instructor I Academy.
- 4 responders are planning on attending the Winter Wildland Academy in CO Springs.

#### Upcoming:

- Basic FF Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 21
- Awards Banquet/Christmas Party- Dec 5<sup>th</sup>- Stahl Barn -badge pinning, annual Hall of Fame induction, Auxiliary Service Recognition.

#### Old Business:

##### Action Item Review:

Items were reviewed.

- **Station 1 Expansion:** Ongoing, Debbie **motioned**; Brent **seconded** and was **approved** to pay the invoice from Young Builders. Ginny suggested using the west side of the expansion for signage. Colors for siding and roof were discussed and chosen from possibilities of two companies, Delta and Pro Steel. Rustic Red/Red and Pewter Grey/Charcoal. The bid for electrical at \$10,755 was accepted from Durango Electrical Services.
- **Grants/Funds:** DOLA Grant is still ongoing. Walmart Foundation Grant was approved for \$4000 for SCBA tanks.

- Ginny reported on the calendars. It was decided to order 150 of them. She is expecting the proof next week. Members were to choose picture preferences.
- **2021 Budget:** No changes except for payroll adjustment.

**New Business:**

- Debbie raised discussion on revisiting Impact Fee possibilities. She will check on the timeline and cost for the study. Brent suggested that the timing wasn't right but might be a good revenue for the future.
- Rod Lewin was nominated for reinstatement. It was unanimous in acceptance.
- LPWWA tap reserves paperwork was reviewed. Jeannine will find total amount paid on Station 1 tap. Consideration of sell off of other taps at January Board Meeting.

**Executive Session:** Employee review was tabled until December. Bragg Sheets requested.

**Adjourned meeting** at 8:54.



Respectfully submitted,

Jeannine Glasby  
Secretary to the Board  
Fort Lewis Mesa Fire Protection District