

**FORT LEWIS MESA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD of DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
August 9, 2022**

Attendance:

Directors: Ginny DeJong	Others: John Lee (Fire Chief)
Brent Van Den Berg	Jeannine Glasby (District Admin.
Ted Stahl	Asst.)
Paul Richardson (in part, via telephone)	Excused: Debbie Lee

Ginny called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approval:

After reviewing the minutes from the July 12th Board Meeting, they were **approved** after Brent's **motion**; Ginny's **second** of the motion.

Treasurer's Report:

- The July Treasurer's Report was reviewed, and checks were signed. Brent **motioned** for approval; Ted **seconded** the motion. The report was **accepted**.

Public Comment: None

Office Managers Report:

- Jeannine reported she is still working on the billing for Government Fire Resource Orders.

Fire Chief Report-Out:

- Chief said the FLMFPD Picnic/Probation End-Helmet Presentation to Jasmine Schmitt and Baylee Beals, was a good event.
- Chief reported awaiting the CDPHE Ambulance Grant contract, to move forward.
- The SCBA Grant will be finishing up after having received the SCBA bottles.
- A private Wildland Grant with a no cost-share is being offered a chance to apply for. Also, CDFP State Grant for structure gear will be presented for authorization to apply and is also a no cost-share grant.
- Fort Lewis Mesa FPD sent EMS support to the Southwest Library Bike Fair. The District also was ready for any response needed at the Cub Scout Day Camp, and sent a truck and responder to support the SW Library Water Party.

- Chief talked about the loss of DFRA's Captains Lloyd and Gallagher, both within a short time. The Chief offered to send EMS/Fire support.
- 28 responders on the roster; 21 responding in the rolling quarter. They had 11 on the largest call. There are 9 EMT's-4 IV cert, 3 EKG; 1 signed up for EMT class in Bayfield; 0 to re-test.
- 183 calls YTD, an increase from our past numbers. 6 calls in a 24-hr period, had consistent response from our amazing responders.
- The District Sign on the west side of the District (Blue Hill) has been replaced.
- Chief reported on a conversation with Glen Stevens, regarding the two tanks (1 @ Sta 1, the other in Red Mesa) that had been loaned to our District almost 2 decades ago, for water storage. He asked the Board about the possibility of buying them from the owner. The cost would be \$3,000/ea.
- Chief talked about the need to replace the water storage bladder at Sta 4 (which continues to lose water after much troubleshooting).
- Sta 6 water tank needs sealed to hold water.
- A Haz Mat training will be attended w/CERF team at the Old Fort Lewis; The Driver's Simulator will be at Sta 1, 19-21 Aug, for 4-hour sessions of training; Rural FF will be 15-19 Oct-4 members expected to attend; CPR class is scheduled for the 19th of Nov.
- The District is preparing to have their annual safety presence for the 1st day of school for Fort Lewis Mesa Elementary.
- The Pension Board Meeting will be held in September.
- The Christmas Party/Awards Banquet, scheduled for Dec 3rd. There was discussion about it possibly being held in Stahl's barn, again.

Old Business:

Action Item Review: #370, #371 are On-going

- The District's participation/non-participation in the FMLI benefit will be voted on at the September Board Meeting. Employees were notified in writing and given place, in case they would like to address it at the meeting.
- The terms of three company's being considered for improving ADA compliance for our website, were reviewed. The discussion will continue at the next Board meeting.
- The updated By-Laws document, was reviewed and **adopted**, following a **motion** by Brent, and a **second** from Ted.
- The Ambulance grant is waiting on the contract with terms. To be continued at the next Board meeting.
- The Board gave authorization to Chief to pursue the El Pomar grant.
- The Board unanimously (excepting Debbie who was not in attendance at the meeting) approved a raise for the Chief after discussion which included Paul via telephone. It will take effect 8/1/22. Recognized were the approximately \$700,000 dollars in grants, in 5 years, under his direction. Also, the initiative that

brought the qualifications to be able to fully respond to Government Fire Resource Orders that bring in additional funding to the District, was the Chief's.

New Business:

- The Pension Board meeting is scheduled for Sept. 6th at 2pm.
- The Budget Committee Meeting will be held after the Pension Board meeting on the 6th.
- The water tank purchase negotiation was authorized to the Chief from the Board. He was also authorized to abandon the bladder at Sta 4 if tanks could be purchased.

Executive Session: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:37.

Respectfully submitted,

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