

**FORT LEWIS MESA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD of DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2022**

Attendance:

Directors: Debbie Lee
 Ginny DeJong
 Ted Stahl

Others: John Lee (Fire Chief) Partially
 Jeannine Glasby (District Admin.
 Asst.)
Absent: Paul Richardson (excused)
 Brent Van Den Berg (excused)

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

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approval: Ted moved that Minutes for the August 9th meeting be approved. They were approved, after Ginny's second of the motion.

Treasurer's Report:

- The August financial reports were reviewed and discussed. There was a motion to approve the reports by Debbie and seconded by Ted. Motion Passed. Checks were reviewed and signed.
- Resource Order compensation was discussed. The Board would like the overtime to be paid after the Resource Order pays. At this time, the Board authorized paying Travis his overtime on Resource Orders.

Public Comment:

- None

Office Managers Report:

- Jeannine reported on a conversation with the La Plata County Assessor, about PILT (Payment Made in Lieu of Taxes) monies. FLM Fire Protection District has 11 tax areas which would not all qualify for PILT. The Assessor assigns any areas, funds as they come in and credit them to the proper areas, if applicable. She said in this District, it would be driven mostly by Oil and Gas revenue made on Southern Ute Tribal land.
- Jeannine will call Paul for his signature to finalize the adoption of Revision 4 Board of Director Bylaws.

- Debbie asked that Jeannine send an email with the Fire Recovery fee system for billing EMS.

Debbie suspended the Chief's Report pending his arrival.

Old Business:

Action Item Review:

- Items 327, 367, & 368 marked, completed.
- Resolution 2022-0901: Resolution Declining All Employer Participation In The Colorado Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program. Ted motioned to adopt; Ginny seconded the motion. Resolution adopted.
- Debbie motioned; Ginny seconded the motion to go with Ascent Digital (after researching other options) for hosting and helping maintain ADA compliance on the district website, in accordance with the law. The cost would be \$2,250 to build the website to compliance with the monthly fee thereafter being, \$39. Ben Sorensen also said he would donate photography and video assets for the website, worth \$3500. The budget will determine whether Ascent is engaged this year or next.
- Debbie reported that it looks very likely that the county will keep the authority to continue to give licensing for ambulance service. It also looks like the Ambulance grant will move forward.
- Kerry Dixon submitted the El Pomar Grant application.
- Debbie attended and addressed the 9R School Board at their last meeting. They agreed to disclaim all interest in the Land referred to as Station 6, once Immanent Domain is filed, (which was tabled until 2023 for budget purposes.) They will accept \$3500 for the land. It will continue to be readied with water storage for emergency response, through the current lease agreement.

New Business:

- We will get our current rates for Fire Recovery for the next Board Meeting.
- Some of the pressing business in order of importance:
 - Mil Levy-The state decides what the Assessment Rate is. Debbie called Fire Districts who had DeGallagherized. Only 2 of the 8 called, have collected. The rate is figured and submitted in/with the Mil Levy. The Election Ballot Question, DeGallagherizing, stated that FLMFPD can adjust all rates (as they lower), not just the Residential Assessment Rate. The District is authorized to keep the rates at the same level as they were at the time of the Election.

Budget draft-will be brought before the Board for approval. Then, announced and made available for public review.

Inclusion- the process of Inclusion was discussed. It was recognized that either the landowner or the District can seek inclusion. Jeannine was asked to call the Assessor and get a list of any properties that are in the District but are not paying for fire/EMS services.

- It was agreed that the budget line for Legal, Accounting, and Consulting should have 20K budgeted.
- The Board approved the SWIFT (state work crew) contract, which agreed to allow the crew to camp out at Station 5 while performing fire mitigation in the Vista De Oro area. Debbie had signed and sent the contract to the county.

Pension Board Report:

- Debbie motioned; Ginny seconded; it was approved to add the Pension Board Meeting to the Agenda. Chief reported on the Pension Board Meeting. The Pension Budget was presented to the Board. The Pension Board suggested \$10,000 be budgeted for the Volunteer Pension Contribution for 2023. Ginny motioned for approval; Ted seconded it. Motion approved.
- Jeannine will be finding policy regarding the election of a Pension Board Chairman, which she will report to the Board on, next meeting.

Fire Chief Report-Out:

- Chief reported CDPHE from the state, said to expect it probably next week.
- The SCBA Grant paid.
- Wildland Grant to El Pomar, was submitted by Kerry.
- Structure gear grant was not approved.
- Chief said the School Back In Session safety supporters enjoyed the waves from the community.
- There are 29 on the roster; 20 responding in the rolling quarter; 7 on the largest call in August; 4 IV, 3 EKG certified. 1 EMT taking the National Registry in a week.
- Chief presented a Volunteer Application for Austin Schmitt, who would like to try again with the District, he will be required to go through Rural FF and CPR again. Also, an application was submitted for Antonio Lopez-Pinto (foreign exchange student, with Rusty Greer's family). The Board approved the applications.
- The offer to Williford Resources for the tanks was accepted for \$4,000 this year; \$2,000 next year. They will move the Red Mesa tank to the

Station 6 site. The tanks will be sealed for water storage in Oct/Nov timeframe.

- Thursday pm training & 9/11 FF Challenge is scheduled. The Driver's Simulator came for training on August 19-21st. Many took advantage of it. RFF is 15 Oct. Rural FF has 6 signed up.; CPR on 15 Nov.
- Christmas Party/Awards Banquet is scheduled for 3 December.
- Chief will get the current Mitigation rates from Fire Recovery as reported in New Business.

Chief will be out of town during the next Board meeting. Debbie going out of town until Oct 1.

Jeannine will be getting FPPA numbers ready on her and Luke for the October Board meeting.

Executive Session:

None

Meeting adjourned at 9:20

Respectfully submitted,

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