

**FORT LEWIS MESA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD of DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
October 8, 2024**

Attendance:

Directors:

Ginny DeJong
Ted Stahl
Debbie Lee

Others: John Lee (Fire Chief)

Jeannine Glasby (District Off. Mgr.)

Excused: Paul Richardson

Brent Van Den Berg

Ginny Called the meeting to order at 6:30

Minutes Approval: The Minutes of September 10, 2024 & July 9, 2024 Board meetings were made available for review by the Board members. Ginny **motioned** to approve; Ted **seconded**. They were **approved** with the correction to July 9th meeting clarifying those items Debbie had asked previously and prior to the meeting, in the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

- The September financial reports were reviewed by the Board members
- Checks were signed. A donation letter will be sent to Van Den Berg Construction & Asphalt, LLC for services donated to FLMFPD.

Public Comment:

- Debbie informed the FLMFPD Board Members of correspondence between Marsha Porte-Norton and herself, regarding an MOU for ambulance transport in La Plata County, that the BOCC had wanted to be signed by all transport agencies. FLMFPD was not aware of it until the deadline came. Debbie responded & set up a meeting with County Commissioner Matt Salka. Due to what is felt, is the inadequacy of the MOU and the potential to put FLMFPD in a precarious position, the Board did not sign the MOU, pending changes Debbie had addressed with CC Norton.

Office Managers Report:

- Jeannine brought up the HB24-1302 for discussion with the Board in preparation for the Mill Levy certification.

Chief's Report:

- The chief reported on training which included 3 Rural FF trainees will be attending in Ignacio, which training will then be followed up with FLMFPD specific, RFF training.
Chief also reported on other areas of training that are being provided, including the IV trainees looking for additional "pokes" to complete their course.

- The chief said there would be 3 volunteers turning in gear. He went over the resignation letter Baylee Beals had written to the Board. She expressed appreciation for what she has gained by being a volunteer with the district.
- Two new membership packets were presented for the Board to review. Toby Sutton's packet was **accepted** after a **motion** was made by Debbie and **seconded** by Ted; Matthew Silverman's packet was **accepted** after a **motion** by Ginny and **seconded** by Debbie.
- The Board approved Chief's request to apply for the Firehouse Subs Grant which will be used for 2-Bullard Thermal Imaging Cameras. The cost of the cameras is \$16,800.20. In connection with the Firehouse Subs grant:
 - **Resolution 2024-1001** To Apply for Grant was **adopted** with Ted's **motion** and Ginny's **second**. It was signed by Debbie.
- The Chief updated the Board on the Ambulance Grant ambulance being scheduled for FLMFPD to receive in July 2025.

Unfinished Business:

Action Item Review:

Action Item #364 was marked complete.

- The Board approved the 2025 budget and Jeannine will have it Noticed for public review, in the Durango Herald.

New Business:

- The Mill Levy was adjusted at the September meeting and is waiting on the final valuation document from La Plata County Assessor, for final adjustment, if needed.
- The Board authorized the Chief to apply for the Provider Grant 90/10 cost share, for an ambulance, Lucas devices, and Stair Chair.
- Chief reported Bruce Evans with Upper Pine FPD recommended Erin Samsa-Grant Writer to help with a grant that would fund staffing. The Board approved.

Executive Session: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:45

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannine Glasby

Secretary to the Board

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