

# LANDS END FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## Board Meeting

March 27, 2018

Chairman Jeff Prinster called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with Kemitt White, Chuck Nelson and Eric Brown in attendance. Walter Rickett was absent with an excused absence.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Jeff Prinster welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### MEETING MINUTES:

Linda Weber read the minutes from the February 27, 2018 meeting. Being no objections, the minutes were approved as read.

### OLD BUSINESS:

None

### NEW BUSINESS:

**MOTION** by Eric Brown and seconded by Chuck Nelson to adjourn and enter Executive Session pursuant to 24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S., for discussion of a personnel matter involving the hiring of a Administrative Assistant. The candidates were previously informed of this meeting. Motion carried.

General meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM

General meeting resumed at 7:56 PM

### CHIEF'S REPORT – by Brian Lurvey

Personnel – 1 new volunteer from Whitewater Area – now in probationary status and from in-district.

Vehicles –Squad 111 going in for service tomorrow for alignment issues and just its yearly maintenance.

New Ambulance – We were informed by Braun Northwest that the Dodge Chassis is on backorder and now potentially will not be delivered until the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. The box of the ambulance is on the assembly line and still being built. Hopefully we will not have any issues with the State Grant. Scheduled for delivery now for June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Grants – Finalized a VFA state grant from 2016 on some wildland equipment. We submitted a grant with the Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District for 2 new laptops and \$4000 to help with the striping of the new ambulance once it arrives. Staci Midgley gave the presentation for the grant.

Mesa County Building Lease – 1 year lease. Wanting boards input.

*Additional discussion from the board members and public commenced on this subject. The contract was just received on this date and nobody had time to completely read and review the document. Hopefully each board member and the Chief can review the document and discuss at the next board meeting.*

Controlled Burn Cost Recovery – How to recovering costs for controlled burns that have gotten out of control and require Fire Department’s assistance. The Chief asked the board for their input on how to deal with these types of burns. In particular, the last out-of-control burn used a large amount of resources, not only from our district but surrounding departments. This particular property/burn area has had out-of-control burn issues more than once. The attitude of the party involved is defensive and obstructive. Grand Valley Power will probably bill the owner for the down power line and damaged pole. He may be cited for the offense even though he had a burn permit. The Fire Marshall, Rich Acree is looking into it. Grand Junction Fire is looking into billing in 2019 for out-of-control fires, those even with permits.

The lady at Mesa County suggested re-wording the burn permit and would change the wording to anything the Fire Chief’s suggest. Chief Lurvey will be taking it to the Mesa County Fire Chief’s next meeting for their input.

Chief also reported that our Service Plan doesn’t exactly state we can bill for fire. It states we can bill for EMS calls and transports but doesn’t specifically state fire. The Board needs to look at possibly updating the Service Plan.

Linda Weber was instructed to put the Service Plan in an electronic form and send it to both the Board members and the Fire Chief.

EMS – Still working on Image Trend.

Calls – February – 16 calls up from 9 in 2017. Total to date is was 37 calls; up from 24 in 2017. A 54% increase.

Chuck Nelson asked who the current EMS Coordinator was and the Chief said Staci Midgley is back on the department as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of March and resuming those duties.

#### TREASURER’S REPORT - Kemitt White

March 2018 Treasurers Report – Kemitt White reported he is cautiously optimistic – right now things look good.

Kemitt White also asked the board to approve the new ambulance rates for 2018 suggested by the Mesa County Resolution and the CPI formula. **MOTION** by Kemitt White and seconded by Jeff Prinster to adopt the new ambulance rates as approved by the Mesa County CPI formula. Motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Rich Phillips is concerned about going forward on the County Shop plan. Chief Lurvey said at least it is a stop gap/start for additional space. Rich wanted to know what vehicle would be put

there and the Chief said the brush truck for the current brush fire season. Rich asked Eric Brown if he thought they would be cleaning up the grounds around the building. Eric doesn't foresee the county moving everything from the area.

More discussion continued on how entry would be made with the fenced gate, what is being stored there right now and would it continue to be, who would be liable for the things there and how could we guarantee security.

Many questions need to be answered and the board will need to address this contract at the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Chuck Nelson and seconded by Eric Brown to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM. Next scheduled meeting April 24th at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Weber

Board/Fire Chief Assistant

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