

LANDS END FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting February 24, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Jeff Prinster with Walter Rickett, Kemitt White, Chuck Nelson and Eric Brown in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MEETING MINUTES: MOTION by Jeff Prinster and seconded Kemitt White to approve the January 2015 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Explorer Post Update

Thanks to donations from members of the department, the auxiliary and the community we are in good shape reported Jared Midgley. A special thanks to the anonymous donors also.

NEW BUSINESS:

CHIEF'S REPORT –

Brian Lurvey gave the Chief's Report. See detailed report.

In summary:

Jason Wood has resigned as a volunteer. All vehicles have been serviced. Looking into purchasing a command/EMS first response vehicle to purchase.

Currently have three grants pending for various equipment. Applying to the Mesa County Federal Lease grant to upgrade the station.

EMT-B class going well. Trying to do some fire training while the EMT class is going on. There is currently some opportunity for wildland training we are looking into.

EMS REPORT –

Javier Padilla gave the EMS Report. We've only had a couple of calls. Good volunteer response to those calls. All members have been assigned new medical bags to have on scene before the ambulance arrives.

Georgianna Hinkson and Jared Midgley are in the final stages to be on protocols.

Nothing new to report from the QA meeting. Some changes on tools and things to stock in the ambulance and the to-go kits.

In mid-April there is a leadership conference that Dr. Hall wants the EMS Coordinator to attend. It would definitely benefit the command staff. The price is \$75 for 2 days, \$100 for the hotel.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Kemitt White reported on the January 2015 Treasurers Report. Nothing of notable interest to report.

Rich Phillips asked if the \$40,000 in the Vehicle Fund is accrued money. Kemitt explained that it is a requirement by resolution to add \$10,000 per year to the fund toward the purchase of a vehicle. Also, the Chief is looking into purchasing a command type vehicle and may be using grant monies or this vehicle replacement fund. Currently looking at all options.

RESOLUTION

Linda Weber read Resolution 2015-002 –. Resolution Supporting the Grant Application to the Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District and Support of the Upgrade and Repair Project

MOTION by Walter Rickett and seconded by Eric Brown to approve Resolution #2015-002 adopting the Resolution Supporting the Grant Application to the Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District and Support of the Upgrade and Repair Project. Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

The public had a question of how often the City of Grand Junction responds to our district for calls. Chuck Nelson said he can't remember the last time we couldn't answer a call. Maybe 2 in the last 5 years. He also explained that when we need an ALS provider, we call Grand Junction for assistance.

Chuck Nelson and Kemitt White discussed the matter of the Board/Fire Chief Assistant Linda Weber working more hours than her required contract. They are looking at remedying the situation with some type of compensation. This matter is being taken under study with a future outcome to be discussed.

BLM Update: Chief Lurvey talked with Katie Steen, head of the Fire Ranges for our district. Currently there are no changes to the 2009 wilderness study. There are right-of-way and exemptions for emergency and search and rescue vehicles. They would like to be contacted if we can but it is not a requirement. They did request we try and access with as little damage as possible. For example, at the Old Spanish Trailhead, cut the wire fence instead of the logs. A good contact for discussions with the BLM would be Bob Janowski. He is a spokesman for the civilians in the Whitewater area.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rich Phillips – In reference to the Grand Junction Fire in the Whitewater district, he is very wary of the City of Grand Junction aspirations of moving south. See's them going by Hwy 50 quite often. He has a problem with them getting their claws into us. He would rather see a larger tax base than have Grand Junction take over.

Chuck Nelson commented that last time our tax base wasn't enough for them to take over. Chief Lurvey commented that a Central Operational Command will probably be taking over first and several departments don't want that. Probably won't happen for quite a while. Javier Padilla said the traffic could be from Grand Junction responding to Gateway calls as Gateway didn't have any responders for the last several weeks.

Jeff Prinster wanted to congratulate James Wood on raising his son to become a Marine and the values he has instilled in him for his volunteer work. He also wanted James to pass along our congratulations to Jason on volunteering into the Marine Corp. The department would like to see him after his graduation to recognize his achievements. James said he is to graduate May 29, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Kemitt White with a second by Chuck Nelson to adjourn. Jeff Prinster adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is March 24, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Weber, Board/Fire Chief Assistant

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ATTEST
