

LANDS END FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting April 28, 2015

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MEETING MINUTES: MOTION by Kemitt White and seconded by Walter Rickett to approve the March 2015 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

CHIEF'S REPORT –

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

In summary:

EMT class is complete. We had four attend the class; one dropped out, two passed and one is re-taking the test.

Received the Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease grant for \$25,100. Once the paperwork is finalized we will begin upgrading some station items, heating, cooling, water heater, etc.

In the process of buying wildland equipment from our VFA grant which is a 50% match.

We were denied on the Fire Safety grant. The Chief has asked for feedback for the next grant cycle.

Looking at a new program to dispatch volunteers though cell service. It will cost about \$10 – 15 a year per cell phone. Central dispatch is looking into the program and possibly will pay the upfront costs.

Still working on purchasing a command vehicle. Looking at all options and waiting on a USDA grant for \$10,000 to help with costs. Looking at purchasing a vehicle up to the \$40,000 in the vehicle savings account to include the \$12,000 - \$15,000 in accessories. No hurry on the vehicle. Will need to wait until we hear from the USDA grant. Looking at a full size vehicle that will pull the UTV and trailer. Possibly a 4 door/4WD/gas engine with a 2500 pound payload. Purchasing a vehicle for \$25,000 will be tight and it could possibly have over 60,000 miles. A vehicle costing \$35,000 will usually come with a warranty and have lower miles.

As of the end of March we had 31 total calls for the year, last year we had 22 at this same time.

It was suggested to give Chief Lurvey permission to purchase a command vehicle if he found one before the next board meeting. MOTION by Chuck Nelson and seconded by Walter Rickett

to authorize Brian Lurvey to make an offer on a command vehicle up to \$25,000 upon board approval. Motion carried.

EMS REPORT – by Javier Padilla

Several training opportunities are coming up and Javier will be speaking with the Chief on these classes. One is a search and rescue joint training. This class will be free to us.

Changes in protocols are coming July 1st with training the end of next month.

5/18 – 5/22 is EMS Week. This is the time when we recognize responders who save the lives of cardiac patients. We have one person on the Lands End department who will be honored while he was working for Grand Junction Fire. Brian Lurvey will be honored this year and he was also honored last year.

Jared Midgley and Georgianna Hinkson are just about thru protocols. EMT-B Class people will begin protocol training as soon as they pass their tests.

All reports are up to date and we are doing well.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Kemitt White reported on the March 2015 Treasurers Report. No concerns at this time. Doing well on ambulance income. The EMT-B class was paid for by fee's charged to the other departments who attended the training.

OTHER MATTERS

Walter Rickett asked how the Explorer Post was doing. Brian Lurvey reported that they have participated in some “stand by's” for some 5K races, worked around the station and had a potluck for the families of the Explorers.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rich Phillips – Wanted to know if the department is looking for a 4WD command vehicle. Chief Lurvey said – yes because of our terrain. A minimum of ½ ton and a ¾ ton would be preferable. Rich commented that a 70 – 80,000 mile vehicle won't get a whole lot more miles at this department. Also, the newer model Ford and Dodge ½ tons pull more than the older models.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Kemitt White with a second by Walter Rickett to adjourn. Eric Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is May 26, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Weber, Board/Fire Chief Assistant

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ATTEST
