

MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 09, 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
Audio Recording Available

I. Call to Order: 1908 hours. Virtual Meeting using Zoom.com

Present: Jim Wells (Pres.), Josh Walton (VP), Perri Gipner (Board Member), John Bockrath (Dist. Chief), David Blunt (Asst. Chief), Mark Garcia (Wildland Coord.), Sonny Lopez (Dist. Secretary), John Metzger (Dept. PIO)

Online:

Absent: Eric Brantingham (Board Member),

Others in Attendance: Nancy Wells (NFPD member), Doug Avery (NFPD member),

II. Minutes from August 2020 Regular Meeting

A. Josh motioned to approve the August 2020 Regular Meeting minutes, Perri 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed

III. Treasurer's Report

A. Presentation and Approval of Disbursement

a. Perri motioned to pay the bills as presented, Josh 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed.

- i. AT&T bill for \$3693.02 occurred because AT&T had wrong contact info for Dept. and bill kept accruing.
- ii. Hostek.com is host website \$91.95
- iii. Possible double charge on debit card "SOS Registration" and Google Suite
- iv. July and August statements presented
- v. Department is going to transition from Debit Cards to Credit Cards

B. Monthly Budget Approval

IV. Public Walk-in/Comments (Online Zoom) – no one online or walk-ins

V. Old Business

A. Pension Board Updates

- a. John spoke with Pam with Special Districts regarding actuary
- b. Pam said she could do actuary assessment for about \$300-400

B. Nucla-Naturita Mutual Aid

- a. Still no response from them
- b. Chester has been sent the addendum and boundary map with no response
- c. John requested Jim and Paula to sign the mutual aid tonight.

C. District Chief Medical Leave

- a. John has medical issue with his knee that will possibly require surgery
- b. Unknown nature of knee status-more tests pending

D. Secondary Full-time Paramedic

- a. John handed out a summary of "Guaranteed Income" for September 9<sup>th</sup> – December 31, 2020 (see attached)
  - i. Doug Avery worked on the figures seen on the form
  - ii. Income after costs shows \$87,671.27
    1. After Grant Funds are removed from calculations to pay for dedicated items (\$113,502.53) and removing the ambulance/cot cost as it is was a budget expense, the remaining income amount would be \$56,815.03
- b. Matt Moog, a friend of John's son Eric, is only person who has shown interest.
  - i. Critical Care medic
  - ii. Firefighter 2
  - iii. No wildland experience
- c. Budget reviewed - \$70,000 tax income is not reflected
- d. Extend job offer to Matt. Josh motioned to extend job. Perri 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed.
  - i. \$50,000 /year salary. Oct 15- Dec 2020 he would get paid approximately \$8,648.74
- e. SAFER Grant will be applied for which will pay out over three years to help pay for paramedic position
- f. Wederquist would discontinue his services with the department once Matt started.

VI. New Business

A. Budget work session planning

- a. Budget needs preliminary approval in October with final approval in December
  - i. John and Sonny will begin to work on the budget
- b. Board retreat to be planned for sometime during winter
- c. Budget meeting to be held October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

B. Wildland Program: Tabled until work session

C. Direct Deposit payment frequency adjustment

- a. Josh requests to pay salary staff twice a month (bi-monthly)
- b. Josh requests to pay volunteer staff every month.
- c. John requests that staff, excluding volunteers, start to use timesheets.
- d. Josh moves to pay salary employees bi-monthly and volunteers monthly. Perri 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed.

VII. District Chief's Report

A. Calls to Service

- a. Numbers not presented.

B. Membership:

a. Fire Academy

- i. Going well. Live burn training postponed due to state fire restrictions
- ii. State live burn trailer in Ridgway October 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> should still be able to be done.

b. EMT Class

- i. Will be put on Pueblo Community College
- ii. 3 instructors: John and two others.
- iii. Cost \$2,400 per student and will be done through FASA
- iv. 5 month long January-May
- v. 16 students so far

C. Events:

- a. Recognition Dinner: Tentatively planned for October 24<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Pioneer Day: October 26<sup>th</sup>

D. Other Items

a. Radios

- i. Need 20 800 radios as the current ones are horribly outdated and can no longer be re-programmed
- ii. John is working on getting a \$40,000 communications grant

VIII. Announcements- None provided due to a Call to Service page.

IX. Adjourn 2027 hours

Paula motioned to adjourn, Perri 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.