

CRESTED BUTTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
Mt. Crested Butte Fire Station #2  
Tuesday, February 13, 2018  
Approved: March 13, 2018

Regular Meeting called to order by Chairman Hird at 4:56 PM.

Board Members Present: Paul Hird, Chris McCann, Jack Dietrich, Eric Tunkey  
Board Member(s) Absent: Ken Lodovico

Tunkey observed that he had not seconded the motion to adjourn the January 9 meeting as he wasn't present.

Moved by Dietrich, seconded by Hird, to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2018 Regular Meeting as amended. Unanimous approval.

Ben Eaton and Kristy Kong outlined a fire mitigation plan for their proposed expanded blacksmithing building at 21293 Highway 135. In Eaton's opinion, \$100,000 for a sprinkler system was a cost prohibitive deal breaker for his project. He proposed 2-hour fire walls, 5/8 drywall, a 3,000-gallon cistern, a robust commercial grade hood vent, and a monitored fire alarm system in a commercial building with no living space would provide an acceptable solution. Chairman Hird explained to Eaton that the District was reluctant to grant waivers which set a precedent. Chief Ems noted that Red Mountain Logworks was the last preexisting commercial building inherited by the District when it expanded in 1994. Any proposed new buildings would not be eligible for a waiver and would need to install a fire sprinkler system.

Director Dietrich stated that he didn't feel the proposed building and waiver was a big deal and moved to grant a waiver from a fire sprinkler system on the project, motion seconded by Director McCann. Unanimous approval.

District Manager Miller reviewed his written report. He noted that the Town of Crested Butte was having a meeting regarding land use requests for the Cyprus property being annexed into the Town. Hird was adamant that he wanted the proposed fire station site to be deeded to the Fire District. All of the Board members were in agreement with Hird's position.

Fire Chief Ric Ems reviewed his written report. He reported that the Fire Division was going to begin routine inspections of restaurants in the Town of Crested Butte. Upon completion, the project would be expanded to Mt. Crested Butte and CB South. He reported that EMS Chief Weisbaum had set a deadline for the Paramedic/Firefighters to attain their inspector certifications. Ems and Fire Inspector Davis were developing a shadowing program to train the inspectors.

Ems proposed that the latest crop of rookie firefighters be allowed to take a new 4<sup>th</sup> position on the duty crew and be compensated with the same stipend as the firefighter 3<sup>rd</sup> position. Director Tunkey wanted assurance that the new position was limited to rookie firefighters.

Moved by McCann, seconded by Tunkey, to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> position on the duty crew for rookie firefighters. Compensation identical to the 3<sup>rd</sup> position firefighters. Unanimous approval.

Ems reported that nearly everyone was in agreement that 23 duty shifts and/or emergent call fire responses was not a sufficient amount of effort to achieve active status and pension benefits. In discussions with EMS Chief Weisbaum and staff, the consensus supported 50 duty shifts and/or emergent fire call responses to attain active status. Additionally, the same standard would apply to the EMS Division.

Moved by Dietrich, seconded by McCann, to require 50 duty shifts and/or responses to emergent calls to attain active status, 40 to attain cross-active status, and 25 to attain reserve status. Unanimous approval.

EMS Chief Weisbaum was out of town. Miller noted that while the new 48/96 schedule with 6 Paramedic/Firefighters was fully covering the 2 ALS spots on the call board, the EMS Division had difficulty scheduling ambulance drivers during the days shifts. This was particularly distressing on weekends when ideally there would be 2 drivers scheduled. He forewarned the Board that the need for salaried ambulance drives was likely in the near future.

Gunnison County Sheriff Rick Besecker has spoken to Miller and Ems inquiring whether the Crested Butte South Station might have office space for an on-duty Sheriff's Deputy. With plans to construct dormitory-like sleeping rooms upstairs for on-duty personnel, the only possible space was the office near the station entry. Chief Ems said he needed the office. Sheriff Besecker will be informed that the District's didn't have space in any of its 3 stations for his use.

Ems reported that malfunctions in the 911 radio frequency—CB incident channel—had meant there was not radio communication in CB South. He expressed frustration

Staff was instructed to get the engineering plans for the Station 2 apron reconstruction bid ready. Director Dietrich suggest that engineer Norman Whitehead be contacted to review the specifications.

Staff also instructed to get the tri-plex plans bid ready. The construction project is scheduled for the summer of 2019, but local contractors are often scheduled a year in advance.

Moved by Dietrich, seconded by Tunkey, to approve all bills paid since January 9, 2018 as presented. Unanimous approval.

Moved by Dietrich, seconded by Tunkey, to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Unanimous approval.

The Board returned to regular session. They will have a special meeting on Monday, February 26 at 2:00.

Moved by Dietrich, seconded by Tunkey, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM. Unanimous approval.