

CRESTED BUTTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Mt. Crested Butte Fire Station #2
Tuesday, March 13, 2018
Approved: April 10, 2018

Regular Meeting called to order by Chairman Hird at 5:00 PM.

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

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

The Board re-entered regular session at 6:00 pm.

Lodovico observed that he wasn't present at the last meeting and didn't make the motion to approve the minutes. Tunkey observed that 2009 should have been 2019.

Moved by Dietrich, seconded by McCann, to approve the corrected minutes of the February 13, 2018 Regular Meeting. Unanimous approval.

District Manager Miller reviewed his written report. He briefly reviewed the unaudited final 2017 financial statements. The news was very good; revenues were greater than budgeted, and expenses were less than budgeted. Therefore, the operating deficit was significantly less than had been forecast.

Since there were not more candidates than director positions to be filled, the May 8, 2018 election was cancelled and Directors McCann and Lodovico were declared elected to 4-year terms and Director Dietrich was declared elected to a 2-year term. They will be sworn to their oaths of office after the state-wide May election.

Fire Chief Ric Ems reviewed his written report. He reported that he and Director McCann had attended a meeting at Crested Butte Town Hall where uses for the property the Town was receiving through an annexation agreement were discussed. The Town is willing to deed property to the Fire District for construction of a fire station. However, Town Planner Michael Yermin stated that the deed would likely have a "reverter clause" wherein if the Fire District ever discontinued using the building as a fire station, the property would revert back to the Town of Crested Butte. Yermin stated that a needs assessment was necessary to decide whether the site was adequate for a fire station. He requested that the Fire District contribute \$7,500 matching funds to a 50/50 state grant for a needs assessment. The Town would also contribute \$7,500 and the State \$15,000. Hird asked whether there would be a deadline for the Fire District to move forward and construct the station. Yermin stated that nothing is currently on the table until the needs assessment is completed and then it would up to the Council.

Moved by Lodovico, seconded by Tunkey, to match the Town of Crested Butte by contributing \$7,500 toward a matching fund State grant for a fire station needs assessment with the understanding that the Fire District is not obligated to move forward with the building project. Unanimous approval.

Ems reported that he was moving forward with getting approval from the Crested Butte South Property Owners Association to construct sleeping quarters for EMTs and Firefighters upstairs at the CB South Station #3.

EMS Chief Robert Weisbaum reviewed his written report. Despite hiring 2 additional paramedic/firefighters which allows staffing 2 paramedics 24/7, there are numerous day shifts—particularly weekends—where there is not a 3rd slot driver. With the dwindling number of volunteers, he also reported that only an average of 6-8 volunteers typically attend Thursday night trainings.

Chairman Hird reported that the Board had conducted meetings discussing the replacement of the retiring District Manager. He said they had received letters and comments and took the input into consideration. Hird said they decided to replace the District Manager position and make some modifications to the job description. After all the Board members review and approve the job description changes, the position will be posted and advertised.

Director McCann said the Board wanted to encourage additional interaction between the 2 divisions. He suggested that Paramedic/Firefighters be trained as engineers and there be a core curriculum for all employees. Ems noted that the Firefighters on staff had to become EMT certified within 2 years and were trained to drive ambulances when necessary. The paramedics are required to complete Firefighter 1 certification within 2 years and were also required to gain Fire Inspector 1 certification to assist with routine fire inspections. The pilot program for Paramedics to shadow fire inspectors will commence after the ski area closes and EMS call volume slows down.

Moved by Lodovico, seconded by Tunkey, to approve all bills paid since February 12, 2018 as presented. Unanimous approval.

Moved by Lodovico, seconded by McCann, to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Unanimous approval.