

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

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 approve the minutes of the March 13, 2018 Regular Meeting.
Unanimous approval.

District Manager Miller reviewed his written report.

Director Dietrich reported on his meeting with Engineer Norman Whitehead to review the soils report, engineering study, and proposal to reconstruct the Station 2 apron. (A hole also needs to be dug exposing the footers on west side of the building foundation to determine whether a French drain is present or not.) Dietrich estimated a cost of approximately \$3,000 for Whitehead to update the design specifications into a biddable format.

Moved by Lodovico, seconded by Tunkey, to approve the expenditure of up to \$3,000 for Norman Whitehead to prepare an updated engineering specification in a biddable format for the reconstruction of the Station 2 apron.
Unanimous approval.

Kent Cowherd submitted a proposal to produce an interior finish/trim schedule costing between \$800-\$1200 for the proposed affordable housing 3-plex. The Board requested that the schedule also address separate utility metering for the 3 units, the type of heating system, and the specifications for the firewall separating the 3 units.

Moved by Lodovico, seconded by McCann, to expend up to \$1200 for Kent Cowherd to prepare a finish/trim schedule with the aforementioned additional inclusions. Unanimous approval.

Fire Chief Ric Ems reviewed his written report. He and Crested Butte Marshall Mike Reily reported that the needs assessment grant had been denied by DOLA. DOLA actually preferred a different format which included a bid from an architectural firm. Reily said contacts had been made with architectural firms with experience with fire stations. Upon a decision being made on the preferred firm, the DOLA grant will be resubmitted.

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

Ems reported that some firefighters were interested in joining a wildfire strike team to get hands-on experience. Noting that the number of volunteer firefighters is at an all-time low, Director Tunkey questioned how the Fire District could justify sending firefighters to other jurisdictions. Ems said that mutual aid was a time-honored tradition in the fire service. He will gather further information and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

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 BLS driver. Weisbaum requested that the District hire 2 additional EMT/Firefighters to cover the 3rd slots. He noted that volunteers would only be counted on to cover 1 slot during M-F night shifts. He also noted that the EMS Division would then be only 1 person shy of full coverage of providing 3 salaried medics 24/7/365. At that point volunteers would only be filling an auxiliary 4th slot position on the call board. Director Tunkey requested that the Board have a short executive session after the meeting to discuss the request.

Fire Officer Mike Reily read from a prepared statement requesting that the Board engage a consultant to advise the Board on developing a master plan before hiring a new District Manager. He also requested that the District hire an independent auditor to evaluate the District's financial and payroll practices. Directors Dietrich and Tunkey stated that the Board had spent a lot of time evaluating the salaries paid in other fire districts and felt the District employees were fairly compensated. Director Lodovico pointed out that the generous health insurance policy was worth \$9,000 - \$21,000 to employees depending upon whether they were single or had a family. Chairman Hird said the District was required by state statute to conduct a yearly audit and saw no need for a second audit. Director McCann suggested the District engage a consultant if in fact the services were free. Hird voiced support for the consultant but wanted the Board to continue with the hiring process. McCann suggested that Chiefs Ems and Weisbaum should locate a consultant and report to the Board at the May meeting.

Moved by Dietrich, seconded by Lodovico, to approve all bills paid since March 13, 2018 as presented.
Unanimous approval.

Moved by Tunkey, seconded by Dietrich, to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:05.
Unanimous approval.

The Board re-entered regular session at 7:30. No actions were taken.

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