

CRESTED BUTTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORK SESSION  
Mt. Crested Butte Fire Station #2  
Tuesday, October 8, 2019  
3:00 PM  
Approved: November 12, 2019

Attendance

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

Guests: N/A

Work Session Called to Order at 3:00 PM

2020 Budget Work Session

The District Manager, Caffrey, reviewed the proposed 2020 District Budget in detail. Changes to the budget include new rental fees with the completion of the triplex, lower training fees in 2020 as the District staff will offer EMT class and Fire Academy class on alternating years, the general services line items look slightly different than in past years as operations and administration expenses were combined for several line items. The board was educated on payroll salaries and how the CBFDP compensation compares to the Colorado average and midpoint. The board seemed to be in favor of increasing salaries to the projected level for 2020. Volunteer compensation and participation was discussed and both staff and board are happy with the current levels of participation and compensation. Capital Expenditures created discussion around the need for further affordable housing in the Town of CB, the timing of implementation of the down payment assistance program, and the purchase and sale of district vehicles. The board encouraged grant applications to offset the cost of district vehicle purchases and requested that the District staff gauge the interest of employees in further affordable housing options and the down payment assistance program.

Caffrey is comfortable with an 18% reserve for the 2020 fiscal year. Concerns about a future recession were discussed. Caffrey feels that with the mil levy fees captured a year in arrears the District will have the opportunity to foresee the impact of a recession before being faced with the financial consequences.

There was board discussion about the size of the reserve the District should maintain and if the budget were to be trimmed where would Caffrey and Weisbaum feel comfortable cutting from the overall budget. Although Caffrey is comfortable recommending the 2020 Budget as is, he said that there are likely extra funds in capital expenditure for employee housing and vehicle acquisition could be reduced.

The Public Hearing for the 2020 Crested Butte Fire Protection District Budget will occur in November.

Work Session Adjourned at 4:59 PM