

CRESTED BUTTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
Mt. Crested Butte Fire Station #2  
Tuesday, June 9, 2020  
Approved: July 14, 2020

Attendance

Board Members Present: Jack Dietrich, Tina Kempin, Ken Lodovico, Chris McCann, Eric Tunkey (via Zoom)

Guests: Todd Goulding (via Zoom)

Regular Meeting called to order by Chairman Dietrich at 5:02 PM.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of minutes May 19<sup>th</sup> regular meeting
2. Approval of minutes May 29<sup>th</sup> special meeting
3. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports and Expenses Paid

Board member Kempin requested some clarification of the financial statements. Caffrey clarified. Motion to approve the consent agenda by Lodovico, seconded by McCann. Motion passes unanimously.

Old Business

CEO Caffrey reports that he spoke to Troy Russ, Town of CB Community Development Director, and Dara MacDonald, CB Town Manager, on June 3<sup>rd</sup> regarding the land transfer for Station 1. The CBFPD board can expect an IGA around the end of June which will be similar to the IGA from 2019. Caffrey plans on presenting the IGA at the regular July meeting. Caffrey also reports that Molly Minneman, Town of CB Design Review Coordinator, has offered to sit in during the upcoming architect interviews. The board is in favor of inviting Molly to participate.

Todd Goulding reports that after the site visits he had about 33 clarification questions sent to him. He has issued Addendum #1 to 11 of the firms who replied to the RFP, 2 of the original firms have declined proposal submission. June 19<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for proposal submission at which point Todd will conduct any follow up, create a summary spreadsheet for tracking, and then make recommendations to the board for interviews on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Goulding, Caffrey, Weisbaum and Duke will be part of the interview committee along with any interested board members. Dietrich, Kempin and McCann would like to be part of the interview team with Tunkey and Lodovico expressing interest but were unable to make a commitment at this time.

The 2-bedroom unit at 10 Ninth street closed on June 1<sup>st</sup> and the tri-plex should be completed by the end of next week. Employees Chris Davis and Melvin Seyfried will be moving into the tri-plex 3 bedroom and 1 bedroom units respectively. At this time there is no full-time staff interested in a 2-bedroom unit and Caffrey would like to open up the 2-bedroom unit in the tri-plex to part-time and volunteer staff. Caffrey further recommends minimally furnishing the 2-bedroom unit at 10 Ninth Street to be utilized as short-term housing for new employees. There is still about \$20,000 in the tri-plex furniture, fixtures and equipment budget and Caffrey suggests utilizing about half of this to furnish 10 Ninth Street. Caffrey suggests a 6 month subsidized rental rate at this unit that would then increase to full market value. This recommendation was written into the CBFPD Policy Manual Section 1705 regarding employee housing. The board discussed various possibilities of short-term use including traveling instructor housing.

Motion to approve the new Employee Housing Policy by McCann, seconded by Dietrich. Motion passes

unanimously.

Regarding existing facilities, Duke reports that he received a rough estimate for boiler replacement at Station 3 from RML Mechanical for about \$30,000 parts and labor. Timberline has not responded with a quote. Duke will seek further estimates for boiler replacement before contracting with a plumber.

Meanwhile, Station 2 now has a furnished day room for staff use.

Following up from the May board request, Fire Marshal Ems provided an update on wildfire mitigation at Trappers Crossing. Ems reports that after the Trapper's HOA meeting in August 2019 there has been interest but little action from homeowners. To date, secondary access to the subdivision is still tied up with lawyers, previous defensible space is not being maintained and mutual aid will not come with one-way access. McCann asks if there could be an addendum attached to property deeds so that CBFPD would not be held accountable if there is loss of life due to a major fire. Caffrey will explore solutions with the District's attorney to determine if an indemnification letter will cover the boards concerns. Ems reports that Red Mountain Ranch, East River Estates and Meridian Lake are all subdivisions of concern as well. McCann requests a tour with Ems to visualize the problems at Trappers.

### New Business & Chief Executive Officer Report

Caffrey brings the board up to speed on the Gallagher Amendment Repeal Referendum which has bipartisan support in the state legislature and will be an issue on the November 2020 ballot. On a state wide level, the budget is facing a \$3 billion short fall and an expected decrease in residential property assessment rates of 18%, and a drop in commercial property values, due to COVID-19. With these concerns and no anticipated supplemental state funding, Caffrey recommends that the board support the Gallagher Repeal. Board discussion followed regarding public education on the repeal effort. Chief Weisbaum reports that CBFPD is considering a weekly district Q&A in the CB News and this could be a great way to provide public education. The board was in support of this effort.

Plans for 11 Paradise Road were included in the board packet and Caffrey provided samples of the exterior materials.

Motion to approve plans for 11 Paradise Road by Lodovico, seconded by McCann. Motion passes unanimously.

### EMS & Fire Chief Report

Chief Weisbaum reports the call volume has begun to increase as visitors and second homeowners return to the valley. We have had no COVID patients in 4-5 weeks but testing has increased, the 10<sup>th</sup> amended Public Health order has been released and is intended to last through December 31, 2020. The underlying themes of the Order are 6' distancing, wearing masks indoors, if unwell do not go out, and the launch of a "Corona-meter" tool which will signify the risk level in Gunnison County. In operations, dry hydrant testing is almost complete and shift-crew fire inspection is underway under the guidance of Ric Ems and Chris Davis. Weisbaum still has the EMS Training Lieutenant/Paramedic position open but at this point, this position will be split as it is most important to find a paramedic. In the interim Weisbaum will conduct training. The ISO pre-survey work has been turned in and Weisbaum is waiting to set up a time for evaluation. Finally, grants continue to be pursued and work continues on developing the wildland program.

### Unscheduled Business and Public Comments

No comments from the public

### Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 242-6-402(4)a, for discussion concerning the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest by Dietrich, seconded by McCann, Motion passes unanimously.

Board entered executive session at 6:17 pm

Motion to exit executive session by Lodovico, seconded by Dietrich. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to adjourn at 7:00 PM by Lodovico, Seconded by McCann. Motion passes unanimously.