

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
ELBERT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
May 14, 2019

The regular meeting of the Elbert Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on May 14, 2019, at Elbert Fire Station No. 1, 24310 Main Street, Elbert, Colorado, at 7:00 pm.

Attendance: Directors in Attendance:

John Wood
Irene Brown
Scott Field
Sean Mulvihill
Jay Walp

Also in Attendance:

Brandon Homer, Fire Chief
Carolyn Homer, Administrative Assistant

At 7:13 pm, the regular meeting of the Elbert Fire Board was called to order.

Agenda: The Board considered the proposed agenda. A motion was made by Director Walp, and unanimously carried, that the agenda be approved.

Minutes: The Board considered the minutes from the regular meeting of April 9, 2019. A motion was made by Director Mulvihill, and unanimously carried, that the minutes be approved.

Financials: Ms. Homer presented the Balance Sheet as of May 14, 2019. All accounts have been reconciled for April. Next Ms. Homer presented the April/May Profit and Loss which reflects the Elbert County SOT payment from December – February. In addition both Elbert and El Paso county property tax income is for March and April. Expenses include the cost for station supplies, legal fees for three months, the quarterly dispatch, ambulance supplies, and pump repairs on E233 and batteries for B233. The statement reflects the lease purchase payments for both the buildings and the tender. Also included are the monthly utilities, fuel, and fire reporting software. The 2019 year-to-date surplus is \$59,351.66.

A motion was made by Director Field, and unanimously carried, that the financial reports and the bills be approved.

Public Comment: None.

Correspondence: None.

Chief's Report: Chief Homer stated that the department ran 13 calls in April – 3 fire alarms, 2 lockouts, 2 grass fires (1 mutual aid to Franktown), 2 motor vehicle accidents (1

mutual aid to Franktown), 1 lift assist, 1 illegal burn, and 2 medicals with 2 transports.

The District completed the last hearing for the EMS grant for the ambulance and will hear in June if received the grant. The Chief feels that chances are good that will receive the grant. As such, the Chief is working with the bank to get financing information finalized since will need to finance about \$40,000 for the match and the necessary equipment. Chief stated that the new ambulance will be an additional ambulance, not used to replace the current ambulance.

A new member joined who is interested in the medical side. Ms. Papi will be taking a class in Colorado Springs so that she can teach EMT classes. The billing addition on the current reporting software will make it so that billing is automatic. The Chief signed a contract and will probably take about a month to set up for use. Mr. Marchese is completing truck checks at all the stations. The brush truck at station 3 had the battery replaced and did an oil change on the engine.

Over the last month Chief Homer has been getting feedback from members around the SOP and SOG's. Station one's driveway will be completed this week and Chief has requested an additional gravel load for each station to fill the holes. Director Field inquired about a punch list on the buildings and Chief Homer stated that the concrete is supposed to be completed by the first week of June. Finally, Chief Homer asked if the Board was ok with paying extra principal on the building lease purchase, which will reduce the interest and allow it to be paid off early. The Board agreed. The tentative date for the Airpark fly in is June 29th.

Medical Billing Rates: Chief Homer reached out to Franktown, Elizabeth, and Kiowa to check their current medical billing rates, because in the discussions with the state they feel we are about \$100 to \$150 lower than other Districts around. Chief Homer suggests that we increase the rate by \$125. The Board wants to see what other local districts rates are to assure that our rates stay in line. This discussion was tabled until the information is received from other Districts.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Director Field, and unanimously approved, the meeting be adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Recording Secretary to the Board

Approved:

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Reviewed:

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