

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
ELBERT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
September 10, 2019

The regular meeting of the Elbert Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on September 10, 2019, at Elbert Fire Station No. 1, 24310 Main Street, Elbert, Colorado, at 7:00 pm.

Attendance: Directors in Attendance:

John Wood
Scott Field
Jay Walp
Irene Brown
Sean Mulvihill

Also in Attendance:

Brandon Homer, Fire Chief
Carolyn Homer, Administrative Assistant

At 7:22 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 Field, and unanimously carried, that the agenda be approved.

Minutes: The Board considered the minutes from the regular meeting of August 13, 2019. A motion was made by Director Field, and unanimously carried, that the minutes be approved. The Board next considered the minutes from the Pension meeting of August 13, 2019. A motion was made by Director Field, and unanimously carried, that the minutes be approved.

Financials: Ms. Homer presented the Balance Sheet as of September 10, 2019. All accounts have been reconciled for August. Next Ms. Homer presented the August/September Profit and Loss which reflects CPR training income from the Boy Scout Ranch. Expenses include radio reprogramming costs and batteries for the Tait radios, the annual fee for the mail box, ambulance supplies, and the incidental costs associated to the travel of the two members for training. In addition, the statement reflects costs associated to the monthly utilities, fuel, cell phones, and fire reporting software. The 2019 year-to-date surplus is \$111,955.20.

A motion was made by Director Mulvihill, 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 17 calls in August – 1 fire alarm, 1 illegal burn, 1 well fare check, 3 brush fires, 1 canceled in route, 3 motor vehicle accidents, and 7 medicals with 2 transports and 1 air flight transport. The department will probably end the year with a 10-12% increase in calls for the year and Chief estimates the dispatch costs next year will increase to approximately \$1,100 per year. Chief Homer will be working with the attorney to discuss how to calculate the income for the 2020 budget and will present a draft budget in October. He asked the Board if they had any requests to be included in the budget, they requested an emergency phone outside of station 2 and 3 and some additional promotional materials so the community is better informed of the work the department is doing throughout the year. Chief Homer stated he would check on the phone because the last time he checked it was not possible without installing a T1 line, which is not available in either location. Chief Homer will be including the cost to at least start replacing radios in the budget for 2020 because the current radios only have 5 years of life left. ECCA is discussing the possibility of paying all but 10% for new radios for departments in Elbert County, but may require the District to purchase the brand of radio they want, not the brand the District wants to purchase. Once Chief Homer determines their rules he will discuss with the Board what is best for the District in regard to whether the District work with ECCA or purchase the radios directly. In addition, Chief Homer would like to include the addition of living quarters in station 3 in next year's budget because he has been able to determine which well permit is needed from the state and feels that it would be beneficial in regard to running calls out of that station.

ECCA is planning on increasing the 911 surcharge to \$1.80 per line per month for cell phones to continue to provide services. The billing system is being set up so that it can be linked to the current reporting system making the billing more automatic and faster, hopefully with a faster return. Chief Homer stated that the water heater at the station, which is from 1994, is rusted out and needs to be replaced. A plumber will be out on Saturday to replace the heater in the attic. Chief Homer informed the Board that if anyone is interested Rampart Helicopter will be at the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting tomorrow for review as they passed the planning commission.

Chief Homer stated that the department is hosting the community breakfast on September 22. In addition, the weekend of September 20 – 22 is the Boy Scout Camporee, also on September 21 is the Gravel Grinder Bike Race, so there will be a lot of people in town and a lot going on that weekend.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Director Mulvihill, and unanimously approved, the meeting be adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Recording Secretary to the Board

Approved:

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Reviewed:

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