MESA COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2024

At 7:20 PM Wayne DeGesualdo called the meeting to order. Murray Thiessen, Chuck Nelson, Randy Zellner and Eric Brown (by phone) were present for the board.

Also present were public members Rich Phillips, Chief Charlesworth and Stacy Cox, Administrative Assistant.

Wayne DeGesualdo said an opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes

Wayne DeGesualdo asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes from last Board Meeting. Randy Zellner made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Murray Thiessen seconded the motion. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Tank Update- Tanks are filled, completed by Knowles Trucking. No leaks at the lower tank; a small leak on the shoulder at the upper tank but not enough to make a difference. Sorter Construction came and finished the dirt work.

Handbook Update- Chief said no progress has been made on the policy manual this month due to all the meetings and homework to get back on protocol. Wayne DeGesualdo asked that this be moved up on the priority list. Wayne told the Chief if he needs help, he is more than happy to meet with him and help him.

EMTS Funding Program FY 2023 – Stacy Cox has submitted the reimbursement request a second time for the power cot and power lift system and is just waiting for reimbursement.

EMTS Funding Program FY 2024 –Stacy Cox has submitted the reimbursement request a second time for the Ambulance waiting on the reimbursement.

COM FEMA Grant for Tender- Stacy Cox advised spoke with John today and we are 19th in line to go on the assembly line and is hoping that the production on our tender will start by the end of the year.

SDA Conference - Wayne DeGesualdo attended the SDA conference, and advised received a lot of good information. Has provided a list of classes he believes the board and chief would benefit from and advised they can be accessed on line. Talked about how important it is to have accurate information and records. Also talked about how important it is to make sure that the public is kept informed and in the loop about what is happening with the fire departments in their districts as we depend on their support.

Skyped in on the SDA meeting in reference to tax assessments today and nobody really knows how this is going to impact us but says that the government will back fill any impact on Fire Departments. Senior exemption of the fist 200K and a reduction of 55K on all residential properties. Also has that 2026 may have a homestead which could affect us.

Drew got his IV class done though his Phlebotomy Class and we are putting his paperwork together to send to Chris.

Did not get the grant for the bunker gear.

FEMA Grant for the Radios still has not had a decision announced.

Image Trend Call Reports

Stacy Cox went overt the 4 normal Image Trend Reports which included Mutal Aid (given and received), Time of Arrival, Area of Call, and Category of Call. Stacy also presented a report to show who responded to calls, but it only pulled two people responding to two different calls so not sure if the information is not entered correctly or Image Trend is not reading the data correctly.

Other Matters before the Board:

Chuck Nelson said that the truck that was sold to Murray's wife was sold at $1000. The agreed price by the board was $2,000 if not working and $4000 if working. Advised it was agreed upon that price as an exchange for work done but when that did not happen that truck should have been listed and offered to the public. The board discussed that issue and decided if Murray would provide an "invoice" for the work that was done to the truck including cost for parts and labor then the sale would stand at the price of $1000 but going forward all equipment sold must be listed and offered to the public at the price agreed upon by the board. All advised that if the vehicle was purchased on a grant that there may be other guidelines we have to meet.

Chuck Nelson also said that ANB bank has $13,890 dollars in interest, Alpine is about 10k and Vectra is around 14K making it approximately 38k in interest brought into the station since the conception of the CDs (THIS IS NOT YEAR TO DATE).

Randy Zellner advised that he is resigning from the Board of Mesa County Fire Authority as they are moving out of state and selling the property in the district. Stacy Cox advised that she will need a letter of resignation from the position. The board thanked Randy for his service to the Authority and wished him well. Murray advised that Eric Talley said he would step into Randy's position on the Mesa County Fire Authority board.

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment of meeting

Randy Zellner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Murray Theissen seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned