

**MESA COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

March 19, 2025

At 7:01 PM Wayne DeGesualdo called the meeting to order. Murray Thiessen, Chuck Nelson, Wayne DeGesualdo and Eric Talley were present for the board. Eric Brown had an excused absents.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wayne DeGesualdo said an opening prayer.

Meet and Greet with Gateway Fire Board and Chief

Lisa, Michael, Avery all from the board of directors of Gateway, Emily Operations Manager, and Chief Doherty along with Lt. Griffith and Member Rodriguez and Administrative Assistant Stacy of Mesa County Fire where present.

Gateway Fire has been in talks with Mesa County Commissioners trying to get some of the federal funds that are collected for School Districts and Fire Departments since they has so much federal land in their district. While in a meeting with the commissioners they mentioned that Mesa County Fire Authority is looking at joining forces with Palisade and said Gateway should look into joining forces with Mesa County Fire Authority.

Wayne explained what Mesa County fire Authority is looking to do with Palisade and how that would work along with some of the challenges MCFA faces.

Michael advised that they would be happy to help MCFA if there is something that they can do to help if it would benefit both fire districts- Gateway and Mesa County Fire Authority.

Talked about possible joint trainings, joint purchasing of supplies and mutual aid when needed.

Neither entity is interested in joining forces as a whole as this time.

Adjournment of meeting

Eric Talley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Murray Thiessen seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Next Board Meeting is March 25, 2025 following LEFPD Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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