

CENTRAL ORCHARD MESA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting – January 7, 2021

PENSION BOARD MEETING:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Randy Patterson. In attendance were Tim Bevan, Murray Thiessen and John Sigle. Randy Zellner and Dave Gitchell were absent with an excused absence. A quorum was established. Others in attendance were Lieutenant Dave Fetherston and Administrative Assistant Linda Weber.

Minutes of the November 2020 Board Meeting was read. **MOTION** by Tim Bevan and seconded by Randy Patterson to accept the November 2020 minutes as written. Minutes approved 4 to 0.

OLD PENSION BUSINESS:

Tim Bevan reported the pension fund received \$7717.00 from the State of Colorado for matching funds for year 2020.

NEW PENSION BUSINESS:

Tim Bevan notified the board that a mandatory actuarial study will be conducted this year. Even though we had one completed last year, we are still under obligation to have another study this year. He suggests we do not pay for any additional pay scenarios with this study. Currently the only people under the FPPA program are the current retiree's and the current members with 5 or more years on the department. New recruits and those with less than 5 years are not part of the program.

Randy Patterson asked if we could address and change this later if the district felt the need to change. Tim Bevan said yes. Murray Thiessen said they had polled the current members of the department and they felt the Pay Per Call program and the clothing allowance was more important to them.

MOTION by Tim Bevan and seconded by Murray Thiessen to not ask for any change to the actuarial study for this year. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Being no other pension board business Randy Patterson closed the meeting at 7:09 PM.

FIRE BOARD MEETING:

Meeting called to order at 7:09 PM by President Randy Patterson with board members John Sigle and Tim Bevan in attendance. Randy Zellner was absent with an excused absence. A Quorum was established. Others present were Interim Chief Murray Thiessen, Lieutenant Dave Fetherston and Administrative Assistant Linda Weber.

Minutes for November 2020 were read. **MOTION** by Tim Bevan and seconded by Randy Patterson to accept the November 2020 minutes. Motion carried 3 to 0.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Linda Weber gave the treasurers report. The Certificate of Deposit for \$202,197.78 was extended for an additional 6 months with an interest rate of .05%. Linda Weber asked permission from the board to explore other types of legal investments with a greater rate of return yet availability to use the funds. The board granted permission.

The department added approximately \$83,000 to the overall account from proceeds in 2020. Part of that increase was due to the SCBA grant monies received in 2020 but a partial payment taken out of 2019 funds. So, resulting in a \$60,000 increase in funds to the department for 2020. Bank account interest was less than projected by \$3400. Ambulance income was almost \$3000 more than projected at \$22,792.05. On the expense side, the department spent approximately \$6800 in legal fees due to the negotiations with Grand Junction Fire that didn't materialize. The department spent more than projected on recruitment/public relations due to the awards banquet held in September and under Capital Outlays the department spent \$22,000 on a partial payment for a new defibrillator and \$68,000 on a payment for new SCBA's.

MOTION by Tim Bevan and seconded by Randy Patterson to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 3 + 0.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW FIRE CHIEF:

Tim Bevan reported four candidates for fire chief. He suggested establishing a committee for interviews. This committee would report back to the board with recommendations for final approval from the board.

Randy Patterson suggested Tim Bevan, Murray Thiessen, Dave Fetherston and Linda Weber.

Linda Weber will coordinate and schedule interview times and will compile a list of questions for each candidate.

Dave Fetherston suggested possibly having Clifton Fire Chief and his assistant at the interviews but it was decided that would be a conflict of interest since one of the candidates is from the Clifton Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

NEW BOARD MEMBER:

Linda Weber had received a letter of interest for the board member position from Darrell Charlesworth. This information was forwarded to each current board member.

MOTION by Tim Bevan and seconded by John Sigle to accept Darrell Charlesworth as a new board member to replace the open position left by the passing of David Larsen. This is contingent on Darrell Charlesworth still wanted the position. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Murray Thiessen also said that possibly Gregg Martin would be a good candidate. Also, a man with the name of Silence at 31 and B ½ Road would also be interested. Those names need to be remembered for the future as board members are hard to find.

MOTION by Tim Bevan and seconded by Randy Patterson to approve Resolution 2021-001 to designate Central Orchard Mesa Fire Protection District, 3253 B ½ Road, as the board meeting

place, at 7:00 PM the 1st Thursday of each month. Also, the 24-hour notice of meeting to be posted on the website at centralorchardmesafd.org. Motion carried 3 + 0.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS: Linda Weber asked each board member present if they had any personal financial (monetary or gift) gain in dealing with the fire department. All three members present acknowledged they did not have any conflicts.

MOTION by Tim Bevan and seconded by Randy Patterson to approve the filing for an Exemption from Audit for the year 2020. Motion carried 3 + 0.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS:

New officers for 2021 are as follows:

Randy Patterson: President/Chairman
Tim Bevan: Vice President/Vice Chairman
Randy Zellner: Secretary
John Sigle: Treasurer

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Calls for December:

15 Total

EMS: 13- Aide given-1(mutual aid for Grand Junction, cancelled enroute), Aide received-5 met for ALS, Transported by another agency:2 (One was by care flight – desert call), Transported by COMFD:7 (1 call A-52 had 2 patients)

-Fire: 1 – Cancelled enroute.

-Other: 1 – Gunshot through window.

-1 EMS, Fire, and Rescue combined Training: 1 Business meeting

No mutual aid was called for due to lack of personnel.

Personnel: 10

- Have Interviewed another possible new member and accepted his application Troy Fronczek has been making calls. He has been a good asset.
- 2 in Fire I Training and one has taken Wildland Classes – Jarrett Nelson and Troy Fronczek
- 3 in EMT classes – Jarrett Nelson, Troy Fronczek (sat for exam) and Savannah McGuire

-Now texting each other at 0730 each morning to clarify who is available – Dave Fetherston and Courtney Griffith coordinating this.

-Joined East End “Band” App and reporting who is available for each agency. It gives everyone an idea of who is available and what apparatus is functioning.

Apparatus:

Ambulance 51:

New air bags have been put on, and this has taken care of 90% of the air leak.

Parts: \$460 Labor: 2 Pizzas.

Jarrett is still looking into a new air tank that would cost around \$80.

Ambulance 52:

Running well, it was used on the desert rollover call. May be the only agency in the valley that can put an ambulance in that terrain. Need to drive it once a week.

Squad 51:

Now recognized by dispatch and Image trend. Will re-decal after new Chief takes over. Has brush, EMS and rescue equipment on it and anyone can use it. Still need to get a light bar on it.

No new issues with Engine 51 or Brush 51.

E-51 now has new SCBA's in place and spare bottles in place.

Engine 52:

Spoke with Richard Rupp who has it on his list for fixing the Pump/Drive issue.

Will need to replace batteries first in order to get it started and running. Jarrett is working on pricing out replacing 4 large batteries, or putting small batteries in series.

Brush 52 and Tender 52 are both still out.

These vehicles are still at Dave Gitchell's, Jarrett has offered to weld them. The next issue is where to put them. Possibly look at a car port for B-51? Possibly put it at Eric Talley's house. He has volunteered the space as long as he is a volunteer. Linda Weber will check on insurance coverage.

Overall plan is to get A-51 fixed, then E-52, then B-52 and followed by T-51. B-51 is outside and doing OK. We start it every once in a while.

Equipment:

John has ventilation fan running, may need new carburetor for the other. Could spend as much as \$3500 for a new fan.

Tim Bevan and Randy Patterson thanked John for working on this equipment. Tim suggested we wait until the new chief comes in to spend large amounts of money for equipment. Give the chief a chance to look over his budget and decide what priorities he needs.

Gas Monitors are working but need to be able to be Bump tested/calibrated. Regulator was purchased, and CAL Gas Cylinder is on order (cost of about \$290). We have one piece of the equipment to be tested. Ordered the regulator. The dealer will get us the calibrator.

SCBA: Training completed, holders for the 45 min. bottles were found and installed on E-51 (savings of \$170). Completed this last Tuesday.

EMS:

-Continuing to follow Mesa County protocols and CDC guidelines for Covid-19. New Covid-19 policy in place and updating as needed.

-New Lifepak 15 ordered to replace the Zoll monitor. Shipped today.

-New iPads being worked on to get set up for Image Trend and report writing. Courtney Griffith tasked with doing this.

SCBA trackers and GPS program will also be on them.

Rescue Training

No new information.

Money Spent

-Air Bags for A-51: \$459.96

-Accountability Tags: \$176

-SCBA Face Piece cleaning solution: \$100

Business/Requests

-Reimbursement for Crystal Nelson for her EMT course. She was on our department when she started, and then got hired on with Palisade as an EMT. At that time, we did not allow dual membership, and she had to leave (she wanted to stay with us, but we made the decision not to keep her on). We could do all or part of it, and we could pay it out in a lump sum, or spread it out over 6 months. The cost was \$2,200.00.

-Reimbursement for Jarrett Nelson who is now in an online EMT course. We have stated in the past that we would reimburse the cost over 1 year, but would like to do this again in a lump sum or over 6 months once he passes and is on protocol in Mesa County. \$2,995

-Savanah McGuire is enrolled in the EMT program at CMU, and would be eligible for reimbursement once finished and on protocol.

-We started paying for station gear and personal gear and made a December order.

Plan: Once a member, you would get \$100/year to spend on station gear. i.e. T-shirts, Sweatshirts, hats with logo and would order them 2 times a year.

Another \$100 would be able to be spent by each member on boots, EMS pants, Belts of their choice, to be reimbursed through receipts.

-Proposal of each new member would get 2 shirts and would be eligible for the \$200/ year for gear after completing the probation check list (3-6 months).

Tim Bevan suggested the department do something for any member that was not reimbursed in previous years. Murray will see if there is anyone that would be eligible for such a reimbursement.

The following was proposed at the Nov. 2020 Chiefs Report. This was not started, but would like to put it into effect 1/1/2021.

-We decided to not do the \$30 dollars per day to someone to man the radio. Instead, the members felt the money would be better served to increase the reimbursement per call. The changes would be as proposed below:

*EMT running the call and doing the Report:	was \$15: Now \$25
*Driver	was \$10: Now \$15
*Extra in Back to assist EMT	was \$10: Now \$15
*Making the call as Manpower	\$5
* Fire Calls: State certified	was \$10: Now \$15
Untrained	was \$5: Now \$10.

MOTION Tim Bevan seconded by Randy Patterson approve the new Pay Per Call program dollar figures with the possibility it would change if a new chief has a different idea. Motion passed 3 + 0.

Dave Fetherston:

Year End Report:

177 call for the year compared to 160 the year before

131 EMS calls compared to 177 the year before

23 fire calls compared to 27 the year before.

14 brush calls compared to 8 the yar before

Transported approximately 55 people.

The board thanked both officers for their time and all they have been doing. It is much appreciated.

AJDOURMENT:

Randy Patterson adjourned the meeting at 8:49 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for February 4, 2021

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Weber: Administrative Assistant

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Attest: