

**BEULAH FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING No. 212
May 23rd, 2024**

MINUTES

The meeting of the Board was held at Fire Station #1 in Beulah, CO.

Board members present were Chair and President John Levar, Member at Large John Sartoris, Treasurer Sue Bacon via telephone, and Secretary Chandra May-Lehrer. Also in attendance was Chief Bryan Ware. Vice President Mike Smith was absent.

Chair and President John Levar called the meeting to order at 6:29p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

There were 3 additions to the agenda under old business.

Motion was made by John Sartoris to approve the agenda with corrections, seconded by Chandra May-Lehrer. Motion carried with no objections.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of April 25th, 2024 Meeting

There weren't any corrections or additions to the minutes, therefore were accepted.

Motion was made by Sue Bacon to accept minutes with corrections, seconded by John Sartoris. Motion carried with no objections.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

a. Operating accounts stand at \$20,283.17 and the Savings account stands at \$3,193.62. All accounts are in good standing. The two Senate Bills (SB238 and SB001) that got approved and passed will be funded to Beulah Fire and Protection Ambulance District in June 2024, that should amount to \$48,604. The only other financial expense that was discussed was repair and maintenance, which pertained to 3 vehicles that had maintenance issues that needed different types of repairs from shops in town, and in-house repairs done by members. There were not any other financial topics discussed and therefore the financial report was accepted.

Motion was made by Chandra May-Lehrer to accept the Financial Report, seconded by John Sartoris. Motion carried with no objections.

5. CHIEF'S REPORT, reported by Bryan Ware

a. So far this year we have had 109 calls for service with 71 that have been EMS related, with 51 patients being transported to the hospital, and the remaining 38 calls for service being fire/rescue related.

b. 462 returned from Pueblo County shops to then have the turbo boot start blowing off. AC Levar and Lt Lehrer repaired that today.

c. The Class A Burn Box that has been funded by San Isabel has arrived and will be getting completed over the next month.

d. The State Division of EMS Waiver was approved for Beulah Fire. Paramedics will now be able to complete finger thoracotomies for trauma patients.

e. Upcoming Community Events: June 21-22nd Community Garage Sale, July 4th Pancake Breakfast, July 13th Community Blood Drive.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Beulah Fire Protection and Ambulance District Policies, Procedures, and Rules of Conduct

Chief Ware handed out the edited versions of the policies and procedures that the Board went over in last month's meeting. We are going over them again and making any additional notes to approve at next month's meeting.

b. Beulah Fire Protection and Ambulance District Bylaws

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c. Beulah Fire Protection and Ambulance District Standard Operating Guidelines

Chief Ware took Secretary Chandra May-Lehrer's edits and gave the edited version back to her at this meeting. She is to look over this version, make notes and any additional questions to approve at next month's meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. CWDG Grant

The Beulah Fire Protection and Ambulance District has been awarded a grant to assist property owners in Beulah who reside within a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) with wildland mitigation needs around their homes. The award will also address creating a shaded fuel break along private properties that border Highway 78 along the "12-mile" portion of the roadway. The USDA awarded Beulah Fire \$7,010,750 to complete the project over a five-year period.

With the announcement of not only the awarding of the grant the Board also discussed the budget breakdown for this grant, and what it will entail for employment. There will be 2 full-time employees hired for this project that the District is hoping to fill in house. A job posting was created and approved by the Board to be sent out to all members to consider with the deadline being June 14th, 2024 at 1700hrs to apply. If it is not filled in house, it will go to outside agencies for fulfillment. The beginning start date is intended to be July 1st, 2024.

There are still many things to discuss as the District goes along with the grant and program, but this is extremely exciting for Beulah Fire and will positively affect the Beulah Valley for years and years to come. Congratulations Chief Ware on your very hard work to receive this grant and thank you for such a positive and safe outlook for our valley and home.

b. Resolution 2024-03 Adopting Uniformed Fire Code

Pueblo County Fire Code Adoption & Revision Commission recommended that the Beulah Fire Protection and Ambulance District adopt the uniform International Fire Code, 2021 edition and

the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code, 2021 edition. Therefore, a resolution was made for the Beulah Fire Protection and Ambulance District to adopt uniformed fire code.

Motion was made by John Sartoris to accept Resolution 2024-03, seconded by Sue Bacon. Roll call vote was completed. Motion carried with no objections.

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN: *Motion to adjourn was made by John Sartoris, seconded by Sue Bacon. Motion carried with no objections.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.

Chandra May-Lehrer
Secretary, Board of Directors
Beulah Fire Protection and Ambulance District