

**BEULAH FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS EMERGENCY MEETING No. 116  
October 4, 2016**

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Board was held at the Pueblo County Mobile Command Center located at the Grandview Baptist Church at the top of Beulah Hill in Beulah, CO.

Board members present were: Chair and President Steve Douglas, Vice President Stephen McLaughlin, Treasurer Joni Smith, Secretary Kim Toman, and Fundraising Coordinator Bob Thompson. Also stepping in for a moment was Chief Bryan Ware.

**Chair and President Steve Douglas called the meeting to order at 4:49 p.m.**

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Since this is an emergency meeting, there is no agenda created before today. The topics to be discussed this afternoon are the status of the Beulah Hill Fire and determine if a Disaster Declaration needs to be signed by the President of the District.

**3. STATUS OF BEULAH HILL FIRE**

The official name of the wild fire that started on October 3, 2016 on Beulah Hill in Beulah is the Beulah Hill Fire. As of this moment, the fire still is not under control. Structures are still being lost although not as drastically as yesterday. 15 structures in all have been lost so far, 9 of these are homes. Of the 9 homes lost, 7 are primary residences and 2 are secondary residences. All of the homes lost are completely destroyed. Not yet quantified are the effected fences, vehicles, personal property, accesses, grazing land or the watershed in general. There is no official word yet on how this fire was started.

Due to the amount of destruction already known and given the amount of effort that must be put forth to extinguish this fire, plus anticipating the amount of work that will need to be done once the fire is out, it is Steve's recommendation that the District formally sign a Disaster Declaration.

If a Disaster Declaration is signed it will be forwarded to the County of Pueblo for the record. Pueblo County has already issued a Disaster Declaration for Beulah and the State of Colorado will also declare Beulah either a Disaster or Emergency. Signing a Disaster Declaration may allow Federal and State funds to be available to the District to help the financial burden of fighting this fire and recovering from its effects. One of Bryan's tasks is to keep good records of personnel and equipment use/breakage/maintenance for possible reimbursement.

**4. DISASTER DECLARATION**

After discussion of the status of the Beulah Hill Fire, it was determined by the Board of Directors that the Beulah Fire Protection and Ambulance District, a special district of the

state of Colorado, has encountered an imminent threat that the District will suffer from wide spread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from the Beulah Hill Fire. Further, the magnitude of responding to and recovering from the impact of the Beulah Hill Fire is far in excess of the District's available resources. Therefore, it is important that the Board issue a Disaster Declaration.

After review of the proposed Disaster Declaration, the District Board agreed to have the President, Steve, sign this Declaration. After signing, Steve will forward it to the appropriate agencies as required.

*Motion was made by Kim Toman to authorize Steve Douglas to sign the Disaster Declaration, seconded by Bob Thompson. Motion carried with no objections.*

**4. MOTION TO ADJOURN:** *Motion to adjourn was made by Joni Smith, seconded by Kim Toman. Motion carried with no objections.*

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm.

Kim Toman  
Secretary, Board of Directors  
Final

Attachments

-Copy of signed Disaster Declaration