



**DEER MOUNTAIN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**6181 COUNTY ROAD 28, COTOPAXI, CO 81223**  
**March 17, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Bill Mohr at 6:00 PM.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Chairman, Bill Mohr - Vice-chairman, Sharon Zuidema - Treasurer, Sherry Hastings - Communications Director, Joe Watts - Insurance Director, Carl Jones

**PRAYER:** Led by JR Niblett

**PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Bill Mohr

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** - None

**MINUTES:** Sharon Zuidema

- Motion by Sharon Zuidema to approve the February 17, 2021 regular board meeting minutes.  
Second by Bill Mohr  
Discussion: None  
Vote: Unanimous - motion carried

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sherry Hastings (*see attachments*)

- Treasurer's report

Checking account balance as of February 1, 2021	\$ 476,986.51
Month of February deposits	\$ 36,545.36
Income plus beginning balance	\$ 513,531.87
Expenses to date	\$ 15,804.58
Total checking account funds	\$ 497,727.29
Emergency Reserves	\$ 50,429.82
Capital Improvements	\$ 19,839.27
Engine Debit Account	\$ 4,013.34
Total funds available (2/28/2021)	\$ 572,009.72
- March 2021 Bills Report

Checking account balance as of March 1, 2021	\$ 489,160.60
Income thus far in March	\$ 1,478.44
Total income plus beginning balance	\$ 490,639.04
Total expenses to date	\$ 13,537.99
Current checkbook balance (2/16/2021)	\$ 477,101.05

Motion by Sherry Hastings to approve the February 2021 treasurer's report

Second by Sharon Zuidema

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous - motion carried

Motion by Sherry Hastings to accept the March 17, 2021 bill's report

Second by Bill Mohr

Discussion: An audit is upcoming. Providing cable/tv service in the future is yet to be decided.

Vote: Unanimous - motion carried

- Unemployment claims - Submitted claims are false.
- Motion by Sherry Hastings to hold a budget workshop on March 22, 2021 at 10:00 AM in the community room.  
Second by Bill Mohr  
Discussion: The public is welcome and the information will be posted on the website.  
Vote: Unanimous - motion carried

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Ginger Delker signed up (*see attachment*) to provide input.

1. Inquired about the budget to maintain the inside of the building. Floors need to be refinished.
  2. Filter under the kitchen sink needs professional repair. Odor is excessive.
  3. Speaker in the community room needs to be turned off or down. A potential HIPAA violation.
- FRECOM director, Bill Diggan was not available due to an emergency.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Chairman, Bill Mohr

- One new wildland and structure firefighter application from Anthony Hooper.
- State of the board - Bill Mohr offered an apology for the February board meeting and reported that all is well.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Sharon Zuidema

- The February board meeting audio recording went up on the website within three days with positive feedback.
- Motion by Sharon Zuidema to provide paper copies of the minutes in the community room to assist with those that do not use the internet. Sharon Zuidema will make five copies. Requests DMFPD to purchase an ink cartridge for her home printer at a cost not to exceed \$27.  
Second by Bill Mohr  
Discussion: None  
Vote: Unanimous - motion carried
- Various grants have been looked at but did not provide benefits to DMFPD, I will continue to research. Legislation at the federal level (21st Century Conservation Corps Act and SB 4625) have parts that are very beneficial to rural communities in Colorado and we encourage people to review them.
- EMS study group (see attachment) to meet again on March 22 following the budget meeting.
- The mill levy decision for 2021 has not yet been determined. Clarification that the next mill levy would request funding for EMS. Motion by Sharon Zuidema to allocate funds to advertise for EMS staff at \$15/hr and if the budget will allow, the hourly wage could be amended.  
Second by Sherry Hastings  
Discussion: Mutual aid from AMR is available and their starting wage is \$13/hr. Clarification that both EMT and Paramedics will be offered the \$15/hr. Working hours for EMS are yet to be determined.  
Vote: Unanimous - motion carried

**COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:** Joe Watts - Cannot get lithium batteries. Regular batteries can be purchased at \$68 each. Will continue looking at options. \$1000 in budget for equipment.

**INSURANCE REPORT:** Carl Jones - No report

**STATION REPORTS: FIRE & EMS:** JR Niblett

- EMS training hours & runs: 10 runs with 61 hours of training - Every run is a training opportunity. JR Niblett is assisting in any and all ways to provide patient services.
- Fire training hours & runs: 81 hours of fire training and 7 fire runs - Note that only six frequencies are used for communications. When calling in mutual aid, moving to another frequency is suggested.
- Wildland money payment for trucks - (see attachment)
- Separation of a wildland fire income bank account from the main district tax income bank account for 2021. Motion by Sherry Hastings that starting with the 2021 wildland fire session, to place all wildland fire income into a separate bank account.  
Second by Sharon Zuidema  
Discussion: Per DOLA the wildland money should not be included in with the tax money. Sherry Hastings reviewed that district tax income is \$257,770. The total income of \$532,765 stated on the P/L statement includes wildland income. Combining the two income streams should not continue. Note that DMFPD owns and ensures all trucks (including wildland trucks) and will oversee the allocation of all income and division of expenses. Please note this has been a budget practice of combining the two separate streams of income since Wildland started. The current board is correcting this practice by separating the accounts to clarify the income streams between the taxpayer monies and what the wildland firefighters & trucks bring into the district. Wildland funds have historically helped support EMS services which is not a good practice if a fire season does not produce any income.  
Vote: Unanimous - motion carried
- Rescue truck #441 was sold for \$4000. Rescue truck #442 is also available for sale.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Wildland truck lease/purchase - (see attachment)

Motion by Bill Mohr to move forward with the purchase of a new wildland fire truck.

Second by Carl Jones

Discussion: Sharon Zuidema requests a separate document for website publication to explain the truck purchase to minimize confusion. **\*ACTION ITEM for Joe Watts and Bill Mohr** to provide the document. **\*ACTION ITEM for Joe Watts** to provide Rachel Vinson requested truck information of what types, number of hours in operation and where located. Truck cost is \$163,554 + options. **\*ACTION ITEM for Joe Watts** to provide clarification on options. Down payment needed to begin the lease process and construction of the vehicle. Lease payments are estimated at \$2500/month. Truck E12 will remain on Deer Mountain. Joe Watts will be the board point of contact with Weis. (Note that if payments are received early, then a discount is provided.) JR Niblett will be the point of contact with the leasing company.

Vote: Unanimous - motion carried

*continued ...* **STATION REPORTS:** JR Niblett

- Maintenance person and cleaning person needed (see attachment) - scope of work to be defined and reviewed at the upcoming budget meeting.
- Firefighting staff - three engine bosses and six firefighters (two from within Deer Mountain Fire District)

#### **OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Auxiliary - Ginger Delker reports
  - Easter Egg Hunt scheduled on Saturday, April 3 from 12 noon to 2:00 PM. Bring your own basket!
  - The last Saturday of the month yard sales will resume in June, July, August and September. Community events are encouraged.
  - Auxiliary members are always needed and welcomed.
- Bingo - At the last event, there were 27 players! Next bingo night is April 16. Jackpot is \$310.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next meeting was noted as April 14, 2021. However, this was misreported and will be held on the normal meeting schedule of the third Wednesday of the month, April 21, 2021.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Bill Mohr

Second by Sherry Hastings

Vote: Unanimous - motion carried

Meeting adjourned a 7:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Gregg, secretary

*(Supporting documentation to these minutes available upon request.)*

\*Action Item means pending this action is completed