



**DEER MOUNTAIN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
6181 COUNTY ROAD 28, COTOPAXI, CO 81223
April 21, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Bill Mohr at 6:01 PM.

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

DIRECTOR ABSENT: Communications Director, Joe Watts

PRAYER: Led by JR Niblett

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE: Led by Bill Mohr

2021 Spring Budget Resolution #20210421-01

- Sherry Hastings apologized for distributing an incorrect budget version to the board. The corrected information was shared on March 30. Posted for public review since March 30, 2021. The hearing notice was published in the Canon City Record on April 5, 2021. No comments have been received. - *see attachment*
Motion by Sherry Hastings to pass Resolution #20210421-01 to adopt the 2021 budget amendment.
Second by: Sharon Zuidema
Discussion: The accurate posting of the special meeting agenda held March 30, 2021 was questioned. Three board members were in attendance. Questions on the budget have not been addressed: accounting budget is not sufficient for the annual audit; timing of the national fire payments; line 28 meaning of next year; line 40 for EMS payroll; election expenses and legal expenses.
Sherry Hastings withdrew the motion until further budget review.

MINUTES: Sharon Zuidema

- Motion by Sharon Zuidema to approve the March 17, 2021 regular board meeting minutes.
Second by Bill Mohr
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous - motion carried.
- Motion by Sharon Zuidema to approve the March 30, 2021 special meeting minutes.
Second by Sherry Hastings
Discussion: The board laptop was available and not used to record the meeting.
Vote: Bill Mohr - No Sharon Zuidema - Yes Sherry Hastings - Yes Carl Jones - Yes / Motion carried.

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

- Treasurer's report

Checking account balance as of March 1, 2021	\$ 497,727.29
Month of March deposits	\$ 71,360.33
Income plus beginning balance	\$ 569,087.62
Expenses to date	\$ 21,834.21
Total checking account funds	\$ 547,253.41
Emergency Reserves	\$ 50,429.82
Capital Improvements	\$ 19,839.27
Engine Debit Account	\$ 4,013.34
Total funds available (3/31/2021)	\$ 621,535.84
- April 2021 Bills Report

Checking account balance as of April 1, 2021	\$ 541,376.40
Income thus far in April	\$ 27,595.64
Total income plus beginning balance	\$ 568,972.04
Total expenses to date	\$ 20,982.65
Current checkbook balance (3/16/2021)	\$ 547,989.39

Motion by Sherry Hastings to approve the March 2021 treasurer's report - *see attachment*

Second by Sharon Zuidema

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous - motion carried

Motion by Sherry Hastings to accept the April 21, 2021 bill's report - *see attachment*

Second by Bill Mohr

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous - motion carried

PUBLIC INPUT: Karen McGee signed up (*see attachment*) to provide input.

1. An executive meeting session is on this agenda. Colorado Revised Statutes not properly cited. Additionally, board members' responsibilities and issues do not qualify for an executive session and must be done in public.

Motion by Carl Jones to schedule a special meeting for only an executive session at another time.

Second by Sharon Zuidema

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous - motion carried

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman, Bill Mohr

- New volunteer/EMS applications - Kristi Degarmo and Donald Cullivan have applied and passed a background check.

VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Sharon Zuidema

- Audio recording difficulty on March 30. Minutes compiled from notes and approved.
- Website - Webform used to email board members has been down. Issues to be resolved by April 23.
- Grant update - The El Pomar Foundation has been contacted to see if DMFPD is eligible.
- EMS Service Status - A work in process.

Motion by Sharon Zuidema to write, with the assistance of JR Niblett and the DMFPD attorney, an explanation to be published on the website to inform the public on the status of ambulance service and response to 911 calls. The written information will only be published following board approval.

Second by Sherry Hastings

Discussion: Clarification of board approval prior to publication.

Vote: Unanimous - motion carried

Next week the Fremont County Commissioners will meet on April 27 at 9:30 AM. The Deer Mountain ambulance license will be discussed.

Motion by Sharon Zuidema to attend that meeting with JR Niblett and Dan Slater, in an official capacity.

Second by Sherry Hastings

Discussion: If he is available, Dan Slater will be paid for his attendance.

Vote: Unanimous - motion carried

- Medical Director - Drugs onboard the ambulance have not been checked and are now expired. Dr Nubsum has not given permission for new supplies.

Motion by Sharon Zuidema to search for a new medical director and add to any contract language that includes the termination of any EMT for failure to perform duties, specifically the removal of expired medications.

Second by Sherry Hastings

Discussion: EMT duties already include the review of medications

Revised motion by Sharon Zuidema to search for a new medical director.

Second by Sherry Hastings

Discussion: JR Niblett provided information that there are two or three doctors that could take on Deer Mountain. A decision on changing Medical Directors would not occur until JR Niblett has had an opportunity to talk with Dr. Nubsum.

Vote: Unanimous - motion carried

Note: Continued payments to Dr. Nubsum will be held.

- Mill Levy 2021 - An increase of 6 mils is recommended. This would cover projections for five years to provide ambulance service for 10 hours/day for 7 days/week. Bill Mohr has checked with commissioners and verified that licensed EMTs could volunteer on an ambulance. JR Niblett verified that no EMT has

come forward to volunteer. Sharon Zuidema suggests that volunteers are not feasible because: take on too much risk; are not always available; do not live in the community and are retired. Discussion continued surrounding the last mill levy election results. A mill levy increase decision needs to be made in July.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Joe Watts was not in attendance. Information was provided by JR Niblett. Batteries can be found for \$90 each. JR Niblett is researching an opportunity to purchase batteries for \$39 in Fort Worth, TX.

INSURANCE REPORT: Carl Jones - Air-Med Care information provided - *see attachment*. Flight for Life is non-profit. Reach is a for-profit business. Both services available only for life or limb emergencies. Medicaid does not cover. Reach will proceed to collect funds from the individual who used the services if insurance does not pay, while Air Med does not. Information will be posted on the website - **Action item for Carl Jones to provide the information to Sharon Zuidema for publication.**

STATION REPORTS: FIRE & EMS: JR Niblett

- Fire: 5 calls with a total of 91 hours
- Medical: 15 calls with a total of 96.5 hours
- 56 hours of schooling
- The pack test goes under training. A pack of 45 lbs is carried for 6 and 12 miles.
- Wildland truck - No word yet from the leasing company.
Motion by Sherry Hastings to pass resolution 2021042121-02: the sale of a 1998 truck to John Decker in the amount of \$4000 - *see attachment*.
Second Sharon Zuidema
Discussion: none
Vote: Unanimous - motion carried.
- EMS Service - Two applicants - one is a long-time EMT starting May 1 and the other will finish school in 45 days.
- Ambulance Update - The department was notified by the county that the ambulance license will not be renewed. With no EMTs, the license cannot be reissued. To assist the department temporarily, AVA will provide the EMT and Deer Mountain will provide the driver and ambulance. If there is no licence, the State of Colorado will repossess the two ambulances and issue them to another department. Deer Mountain has a 90 day extension. For a six month period, AMR can run using DM ambulance and supplies at a cost of \$130,000. Sharon Zuidema noted that as soon as circumstances change with respect to staffing and a new medical director, the license can be renewed by Fremont County. The ambulance is under a state grant and would need to be returned. Public comment was made on the importance of ambulance services.
- EMT contract - New contract needed for new hire and new contract for Howard Dixon. The tuition for the new hire is \$1350.
- Ambulance update - Assistance from other agencies and current staff is working as much as possible.
- Mutual Aid - AMR is helping.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Auxiliary - A good start. Great turnout at the recent events, Easter Egg Hunt and Bingo.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Audio Recording - Some confusion on the audio. Board comments, made on the side, can be heard on the recording. A reminder to the board that people are listening.
- Go Daddy account has been officially discontinued.
- Sherry Hasting offered a statement - *see attachment*
- Bill Mohr offered his resignation from the board and returned two voided checks. Additionally, Bill Mohr offered the resignation of Joe Watts from his position on the board. - *see attachments*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next meeting is May 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Bill Mohr Second by Sherry Hastings

Vote: Unanimous - motion carried Meeting adjourned a 7:34 PM

Respectfully submitted, Anita Gregg, secretary

(Supporting documentation to these minutes available upon request.)