

DEER MOUNTAIN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 27, 2019 @ 1:00 PM
6181 COUNTY RD. 28, COTOPAXI, CO 81223

CALL TO ORDER - by Chairman Mike Kevilus at 1:00 pm. Board members present: Chairman Mike Kevilus, Vice Chairman Elaine Foster, Treasurer Sherry Hastings, Insurance Kala Fritsche.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE – Yes.

BUDGET HEARING — Since there were no objections or requested changes from the public or the board members to the Proposed 2019 Budget Amendment, as posted and published, Treasurer Sherry Hastings motioned to pass Resolution 20191218-01 to adopt the amended 2019 budget. No discussion. Motion passed.

CHANGES TO AGENDA - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - Chairman Mike motioned to appoint Kala to be the District's new HR (Human Resources) representative. Elaine seconded. No discussion. Kala abstained. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – Capt. Tom Adams reported that radios and batteries are wearing out. Many batteries no longer hold a 24-hour charge. Members of the department are looking into replacement costs. Discussion determined that Fremont County, although they own the 800 Mhz radios, they do not repair the radios or replace the old batteries.

INSURANCE AND CORA REPORTS – Kala reported that the insurance company informed her that personal/private vehicles parked on District property for whatever reason will be covered for only up to \$1,000 of the owner's deductible if there is any damage done to a personal vehicle. Kala agreed to contact the insurance company to see if the policy could be changed to provide more coverage for parked personal vehicles. District vehicles, however, are fully covered by insurance.

- Update on Engine-14 repairs – Elaine reported that the truck repairs are almost complete. The truck had to be returned to Doonans Repair Shop (Witchia, KS) because a repair they did interfered with Weis Repair Shop (Salina, KS) installing the bumpers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Mill levy ballot wording - Elaine read line by line through the ballot wording that was approved at the June 2019 board meeting. The people present worked together to modify words and phrases to be appropriate for the May 2020 independent mail out ballot. There were questions about the average increase per property with a 3.5 mill increase and the cost of the mailouts. This information will be reported at a future meeting. A mill levy informational meeting will be held on February 1, 2020 where an information Q&A handout with pros and cons will be available. Kala asked to have as much info as possible about this issue on the website. Elaine motioned to pass the modified mill levy ballot wording. Sherry seconded. No more discussion. Motion passed.

STATION REPORTS: FIRE & EMS - Elaine made motion to spend up to \$1,500 to maintain the cascade system in January 2020. Sherry seconded. Motion passed. Elaine motioned to spend up to \$2,200 to put new tires on the tender and an ambulance and (modified motion) add the cost of an alignment. Kala seconded. Motion passed.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Letter to Indian Springs – Elaine will call the person in Indian Springs about this.

- Disciplinary Policies and Discrimination DVD updates - Board members still do not have access to the DVDs. Kala has asked for a digital copy of the policies several times but has not received them. Kala will see if the insurance company has training pamphlets and testing materials to accompany the Discrimination DVDs.
- Board needs an updated roster.
- Jerry St. John has asked for information on the P Path project.

NEW BUSINESS - Executive Session – Legal matters C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4) (b). Closed. Regarding ongoing legal complaints. In attendance: Mike Kevilus, Kala Fritsche and Sherry Hastings.

- Back in open session: Motion by Mike Kevilus to have Kala contact the insurance company lawyer to say that the board accepts their advice to attempt to mediate the civil rights and harassment complaints. Kala seconded. No discussion. Elaine abstained. Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next regular board meeting – January 15, 2020 at 6:00 PM

VOTE TO ADJOURN – Motion to adjourn by chairman at 2:47 pm. Passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Elaine Foster