

# CENTRAL ORCHARD MESA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting – October 4, 2023

**PENSION BOARD MEETING** The meeting was called to order 6:49 PM by Murray Thiessen. In attendance were John Sigle, Murray Thiessen, Darrell Charlesworth, and Dave Gitchell. Randy Zellner was absent with an excused absence. A quorum was established. Also in attendance was Administrative Assistant Stacy Cox, member Kris Hubbs and John Chutka.

## **OLD PENSION BUSINESS:**

**MOTION** by Dave Gitchell and seconded by John Sigle to approve the previous board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

## **NEW PENSION BUSINESS:**

Stacy Cox provided second quarter reports. Advised payment to pension board has been made.

Being there was no other pension board business, Dave Gitchell made a motion to close the board meeting and John Sigle seconded the motion. Murray Thiessen the meeting at 7:00 PM.

## **FIRE BOARD MEETING:**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Murray Thiessen. In attendance were John Sigle and Murray Thiessen. Randy Zellner had an excused absence. A quorum was not established. Others in attendance were Administrative Assistant Stacy Cox, Chief Darrell Charlesworth, member Kris Hubbs, John Chutka and Dave Gitchell.

**Minutes were not approved.**

## **TREASURERS REPORT:**

Stacy Cox gave the treasurers report. She went over all the deposits and expenses since July's meeting. Income so far has been \$221,568.61.

Property Tax Revenue so far for the year has been \$144,824.95.

We have spent \$219,966.24 in funds so far this year. A motion was not made to approve minutes as quorum was not established.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Preliminary Budget:** Call was placed to Randy Zellner, quorum was established. Reviewed the preliminary budget for 2024, and talked about the possibility of proposition HH affecting the budget for 2024. Randy Zellner made a **MOTION** to approve the preliminary budget as presented, Murray Thiessen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried. Budget will posted at station 51 and on the website along with a notice in The Daily Sentinel.

**Introduction of Possible New Board Member:** John Chutka lives in district on C 1/2 road and works in construction. After watching the proceedings is interested in becoming a board member.



**Replacement of MCFA Board Member:** Eric Talley may want it but if not then Murray Thiessen will take the place of Darrell Charlesworth on the board of directions for Mesa County Fire Authority.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

First week:

Got passwords and got set up on Image Trend for report writing. did some driveway inspections. Went by all of the stations, got ideas for cleaning and sorting equipment, did some weed abatement this is an ongoing project, and got cleared to run supervised calls

Week two:

Ran first call, all went well and the report was accepted by Rolland. Did more driveway inspections, had a meeting with county planning on subdivision of water requirement for commercial development.

We had a significant fire behind the valley vista subdivision, all members performed well, we called east orchard mesa for a water tender and we were able to get some of the new members some experience in a safe environment.

Week three:

Started to clean up at station 51, 52 and 53, lots to do, started working on the Daily, weekly and monthly truck check sheets. Ambulance sheets will be turned in to Chris Rolland for inspection. Class B uniforms taken to Buds signs for the new logo to be embroidered on the shoulder. New badges were ordered, total cost of \$2200.00 and some change; we will get back \$132.00 when they process our tax exempt number. Had a water leak at station 51, Chris and I replaced the wax ring on the toilet. Shawn is making progress on rescue 51 and should have the tank out and getting repaired soon.

Week four:

On vacation I will get report from Shawn

Rescue 51 tank has been removed and went to the shop to weld all the seams back together, Will be ready to pick up on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup>. Brush Truck went to Helsinki's. While the tank was out the rescue went in for a leaking rear differential. Checked on water tanks, no work has been completed. Drag strip was rained out Friday Night, Had a new EMT from GJ cover the drag stripe for most of the weekend.

Grants:

FEMA AFG COM- Prebuild is done-, waiting on VIN, tank is being built

CDPHE 2023 EMTS Funding Program Prebuild is done, approved final changes which increased cost slightly, waiting VIN

FEMA AFG – applied for a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) \$500,000 and is a 5% match. Round one was award on June 9<sup>th</sup> awards are expected to continue for the next 8-10 weeks. Turndown letters for those applications that did not go to peer-panel review are expected to go out soon.



CDPHE 2024 EMTS Funding Program RFA #41271- Awarded half the cost of the gurney and power lift. Just signed and returned the award letter.

**Other Matters before the Board:**

Stacy Cox brought up that Colorado House Bill 21-1110 that says COM website and all websites must be complaint by July 1, 2024. Presented and compliance report on the website ran by Mainstream and it shows the website is only 94% complaint. Stacy explained their program and cost and provided information to the board that they provided. It was suggested that we do away with the website all together, combine the website with Mesa County Fire Authorities and other possibility. The board will review the information for next meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**AJDOURMENT:**

Murray Theissen adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM.  
Next meeting scheduled for November 1, 2023 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Stacy Cox: Administrative Assistant

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Attest:

