

**MESA COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING MINTUES
January 7, 2022**

At 7:03PM Wayne DeGesualdo called the meeting to order. Wayne DeGesualdo, Eric Brown, Chuck Nelson, and Randy Zellner were present for the board. Tim Bevan had an excused absents.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers

Chuck made a Motion to elect the following officers: Wayne DeGesuald as Chairman, Tim Bevan as Vice Chairman, Chuck Nelson as Treasurer, Randy Zellner as Member at Large, and Eric Brown as Secretary. Randy Zellner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest on the Board

Chairman Wayne DeGesualdo asked “Does anyone of the board have a conflict of interest regarding the fire department or have a personal financial (monetary or gift) gain in dealing with the fire department?” All four member presents said no. Tim Bevan was absent and will need to be asked.

Appointing of Legal Firm for Authority

Eric Brown made a motion to approve Evan Ela of the legal firm Cockrel Ela Glesne Greher & Ruhland, P.C. as legal representation for the Authority. Chuck Nelson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution to designate date, time and location of all meetings for 2022

Randy Zellner made a motion to approve Resolution to designate MCFA board meetings to be at 7 PM the 4th Tuesday each month starting January 2022 at 34980 Pronghorn Drive, Whitewater, CO unless otherwise cancelled. Also the “24-hour notice of meeting” to be posted at the Whitewater Post Office and on the website at mesacountyfireauthority.com. Check Nelson seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

Banking- Money Market Account

ANB Bank has opened a operational checking account and money market account for the authority. Just need to finish signing papers so the accounts will be ready to use.

Budget for 2022

Chuck Nelson presented the proposed budget to the board and explained some of the line items. He explained both budgets for the two special districts were reviewed and this budget was created from those numbers. Also explained as this is a new authority the numbers may not be where they need to be. We tried to break out PPE and Fire equipment. We also created line items for Long Distance Transports so it will be easier to track as that gets going. Talked about that there are two different insurance options for the authority and how both are expensive. We think the workers comp might be to lite with the amount of volunteer benefits so we may need to bump that up. Wayne talked about how it will good to track the Long Distance Transports separately from normal authority business. Randy Zellner made a motion to approve the budget for 2022 as presented. Eric Brown seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Chiefs Report

Grants: LEFPD applied for two grants, one for a type one tactical tender and another for SCBA's to match COMs SCBA's. COM applied for two grants, one for a 4,000 gallon tender and excretion equipment.

SOP Committee: Chief asked if anyone on the board would be interested in helping create the SOPs along with some members. Wayne DeGesualdo agreed that was great idea and volunteered to help with SOP committee.

Would like to see the SOP committee start working by the end of the month but until we have our own SOPs we probably need to adopt one of the existing SOPs. A motion was made by Chuck to adopt COM's SOPs on a temporary bases while the Authorities are being created. Randy Zellner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Vehicles: Chief Cox explained that Ambulance 52 needs the fuel gage repaired. The board directed him to take it to the shop to get it fixed. Chief also explained that Ambulance 53 has no heat to the back bus and caused a problem on a transport. Chief gave a run down on vehicles: 2 Engines, 4 Ambulances, 2 Squads, 2 Tenders, 4 Brush Trucks, An ATV and trailer. Said does not trust Engine 52, would like to get rid of 1985 Ambulance, and the Kodiak. Wayne DeGesualdo said that he would like to see the apparatuses be numbered by the station they are located at.

Station 52 Formally 112: Propane ran out and a waterline broke inside station 52 but nothing broke froze and broke on trucks. Getting propane delivered today.

EMS Concern: Chris Rowland advised that we need to be calling for ALS on all ALS calls as there is a history of not doing so. Ambulance 53 (112) heater in back was out causing problems for an ALS transport. Meet with Chris had an investigation the next morning on all there ambulances that we had in service. Chris explained now is the time

to make changes as the Authority is a fresh start and needs to set higher standards. Talked to him about possibly doing a auto aid on certain ALS calls. Chris is creating an action plan for us to help us moving forward. Also talked about how hard it was to get ALS on a call- and how that could affect patient care- and Chris is looking into how to improve that.

Website: have one Bid for \$2500.00 to build the website and will take 1 month. Wayne would like to see us get two or three bids. Stacy advised that Adam with 2 River Design will be getting us a bid next week.

Motion for Executive Session

Randy Zellner made a motion that we enter Executive Session pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S, for discussion of a personnel matter involving the evaluation of Sam Craven, who was previously informed of the meeting Eric Brown seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Executive session was entered at 8:22.

Returned from executive session at 9:06PM. Wayne DeGesualdo said that we need to do our due diligence and investigate and while that is being done, he is not entitled to his keys, radio, access to any facilities or show up with bunker gear or anything to any calls.

Randy Zellner said that it needs be part of our new SOPs that if anyone is suspended that this applies.

It was explained it is part of our current adopted SOPs

It was suggested that the investigation should be done by a board member and the chief. Chuck Nelson volunteered to by the board member to help with the investigation. .

Public Comment:

Rick Weber asked the Chief if he had educated forecast estimate on cost verse funds brought in by long distant transports. Chief advised cost is labor, fuel, wear and tear on vehicles and meals. Explained we are paid \$19 per loaded mile plus set fee- for example \$3200 for Denver and we spend about \$600 in labor, \$170 in fuel, and \$20.00 in wear and tear- cost is \$790.00 while \$19 for about 280 is \$5320 plus the \$3200 flat fee brings in a total of \$8,520 so we would net about \$7,730. Rick also said he agrees with the numbering of the apparatus. He also voiced that he thinks the propane issue should be on automatic delivery and make sure they have a code to the gate lock.

Rick Weber also asked for clarification on calling for ALS. Chief explained the history with ALS calls and the city. Lastly, he said with personal issues he believes it is

important for the authority not to have a ragtag operation and to make sure it gets off on the right foot. If it is part of the SOPs you follow the SOPs. Wayne thanked Rick for his input.

Wayne went on to thank everyone for their enthusiasm to make this new organization something our citizens can be proud of.

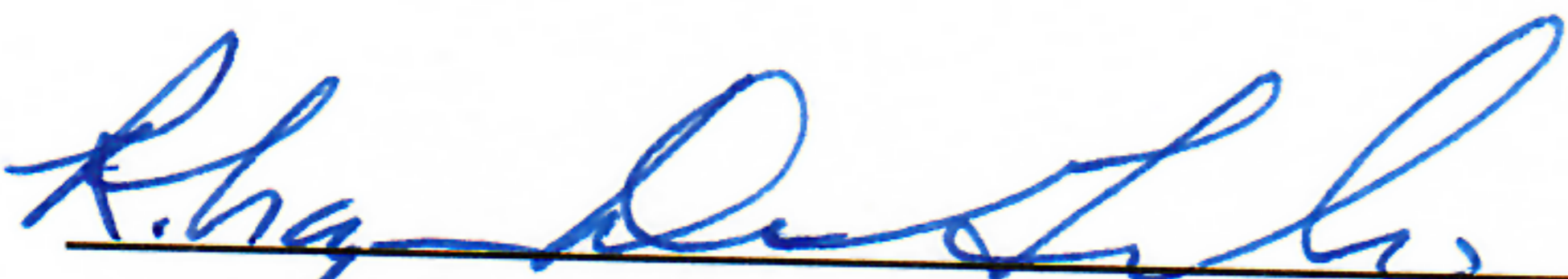
Adjournment of meeting

Wayne DeGesualdo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Nelson seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM. Next Board Meeting is January 25, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Cox, Board/Fire Chief Assistant

Mesa County Fire Authority



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