

**BEULAH FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING No. 178  
June 24th, 2021**

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Board was held at Fire Station #1 in Beulah, CO.

Board members present were: Chair and President John Levar, Vice President Larry Walter, Fundraising Coordinator Bob Thompson, Treasurer Sue Bacon, and Secretary Chandra May-Lehrer. Also in attendance was Chief Bryan Ware.

**Chair and President John Levar called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.**

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

There were no additions or corrections to the Agenda.

*Motion was made by Larry Walter to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Sue Bacon. Motion carried with no objections.*

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of May 27th, 2021 Meeting**

There weren't any corrections or additions to the minutes, therefore were accepted.

*Motion was made by Larry Walter to accept minutes with corrections, seconded by Bob Thompson. Motion carried with no objections.*

**4. FINANCIAL REPORT**

**a.** Chief Bryan Ware and Treasurer Sue Bacon presented the Financial Report for June 2021. The District is in good standing in all accounts. We are seeing money coming in from our EMS billing from outstanding bills, although we are still a little low on receiving the funds for the total of \$25,000. Our current operating account is at \$54,138.98. In our savings account is \$3,031.62. Our net revenue over expenses is \$20,289, which is great to see.

*Motion was made by Bob Thompson to accept the Financial Report, seconded by Chandra May-Lehrer. Motion carried with no objections*

**5. CHIEF'S REPORT, reported by Bryan Ware**

**a.** As of today, we are at 110 responses for the year, of those 47 are fire rescue related. Of the 63 EMS responses we have transported 42 to local hospitals.

**b.** We are moving forward with turning 481 into a Type 6 wildland truck and then we will be purchasing a small trailer to hold the specialized rescue equipment. We plan to list the old Type 6 (463) for \$ 25-30K based on market research.

**c.** The Auxiliary made around \$ 5,600 in the annual garage sale. They plan to pay off the vehicle loans a year early.

d. We have brought on 3 new members over the past month, Sara Vallejos who was one of our cadets who has graduated high school and plans to follow a degree in paramedicine, Nick Martin who recently moved here and works for AMR fulltime and is enrolled in Paramedic school currently and Tim Noonan who moved to Beulah about a year ago. This brings our current number of volunteers to 25.

e. We ran into a small issue with the State DFPC regarding a wildland equipment grant that we had submitted in that they disqualified us stating we had a population over 10K. We submitted official populations counts based on Pueblo County GIS data and requested a review. We were notified today that we were awarded the grant which is a 50% match grant for a total of \$ 7,021.73 in grant funds. This grant will allow us to purchase another 4000 gallon dump tank for Tender 492, 2 additional BK radios, 3 sets of Wildland PPE, a hose deployment kit, and 24 chest harnesses for shelter deployments.

f. Our ISO renewal has been completed and within the next 30 days we shall receive the final numbers via email. From there it will take 90 days till the new ratings take effect. This should be sometime in September.

g. Upcoming events, July 4th Department Pancake Breakfast.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

a. No old business to go over at this time.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. House Bill SB21-293**

This bill was brought to all special district fire chiefs in Colorado, and Chief Bryan Ware contacted Representative Daneya Esgar for this initiative of lowering property taxes. For those who live in the city, it is a great idea; however, with special districts it would hinder our community. There are 6 different categories it was broken into including Agriculture, instead of the 55/45 split as there has been in the past. This bill was already passed in November on the ballot, and with that it is a 1.2% decrease for 2 years. It may not seem like much, but with the rising values around the area it is unsure at this time dollar amount that will effect the area of special districts, such as ours.

### **b. Fire Station #3**

With the conclusion of a meeting with the HOA of Signal Mountain, there was a positive outcome to the suggestion of a Fire Station #3 on 3R Road for the residents that live in that area. A 20x40 structure is what the idea is for a one truck station, with an approximate price of \$70,000. With this building, there was suggestion of pledges of residents this will impact. The pledge is hoping that with ISO numbers possibly changing and bigger savings to the residents, a one time pledge/donation would help in the building this station and having it to give back to all the residents and their safety in that area. There would be a letter sent out with more details to all the residents this will impact. There are still ideas in play for construction, utilizing other resources (such as grants) on this project to help with the amount of money needed.

**8. MOTION TO ADJOURN:** *Motion to adjourn was made by Chandra May-Lehrer, seconded by Larry Walter. Motion carried with no objections.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:09pm.

Chandra May-Lehrer  
Secretary, Board of Directors  
Beulah Fire Protection and Ambulance District