

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE  
ELBERT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
October 13, 2015

The regular meeting of the Elbert Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on October 13 2015, at Elbert Fire Station No. 1, 24310 Main Street, Elbert, Colorado, at 7:00 pm.

Attendance: Directors in attendance were:

Lee Sherman  
Ric Poston  
Sean Mulvihill  
John Wood  
Irene Brown

Also in Attendance:

Brandon Homer, Fire Chief  
Carolyn Homer, Administrative Assistant  
Mike Harrower, Department Member  
Kim Homer, Department Member  
Joe Marchese, Department Member  
Ryan Knox, Department Member  
Wanda Randall, Community Member

At 7:07pm, the regular meeting of the Elbert Fire Board was called to order.

Agenda: The Board considered the proposed agenda. A motion was made by Director Mulvihill, and unanimously carried, that the agenda be approved.

Minutes: The Board next considered the minutes from the regular meeting of September 8. Chairman Sherman asked for clarification on the number of calls, it was determined the minutes should reflect that there were two calls outside of the District. A motion was made by Director Poston, and unanimously carried, the minutes be approved with the changes. The Board next considered the minutes from the pension meeting of September 8. A motion was made by Director Wood, and unanimously carried, the minutes be approved.

Financials: Ms. Homer presented the financial statements. Ms. Homer presented a Balance Sheet that reflects reconciled bank balances for all accounts and pointed out that the accounts receivable is for an outstanding invoice to Elbert School for ambulance service during the football games. Ms. Homer presented the Profit and Loss for October, indicating that November should show a significant increase in medical billing income. The training supplies and expenses is associated to the cost of the instructor for the five members that the Department has taking the EMT class. The election expenses are associated to

attorney fees. Ms. Homer pointed out that the member expenses are associated to the agreed upon amount the Department contributed to Cody Tweedy's fundraiser. Additionally, she stated that the reimbursable expenses are associated to the cost of the instructor for the EMT class that will be reimbursed by other departments who have people taking the class. Ms. Homer stated that the year to date surplus is \$21,485.33 through the end of October.

A motion was made by Director Mulvihill, and unanimously carried, that the financial reports be accepted and the bills be approved.

Public Comment: None.

Correspondence: Chief Homer stated that he received an email from the attorney with clarification about the pension fund and why the District was not contributing for the last few years and he explained that the District was not required to since they are more than 100% vested. The attorney also stated that the District needed to keep in mind that if in the future a separate pension would be set up that need to keep in mind that if contribute more than 20% it would make the volunteers employees.

Chief's Report: Chief Homer announced that there were 14 calls; 8 medical, 1 stand by, and 1 smoke investigation. Chief Homer stated that the District was given a small piece of land by the Fuchs' in Fondas as long as the District pays to have it surveyed. He has a surveyor scheduled to survey that land and the land the District owns in Academy East, which will cost no more than \$2,000 and be completed within the next two weeks. Chief Homer asked the Board to approve to have two heaters installed in the bays before it gets too cold and he believes the cost will be around \$20,000. A motion was made by Director Poston, and unanimously carried, to purchase two heaters and install the necessary plumbing, electrical and gas for up to \$20,000.

In addition, Chief Homer has determined that to get a 30X40X15 pole barn to put on the land donated at Fondas would cost approximately \$15,000 plus an additional \$15,000 for electrical and heating. He stated that if the mill levy passes he would like to have that approved and completed as soon as possible. It has been brought to Chief Homer's attention that there is a lot for sale in the Ben Kelly Air Park which the District could get at a reduced price, if the mill levy passes. Director Mulvihill stated that he would be willing to donate a couple of acres, as appropriate, to the District. Director Poston pointed out that if the mill levy passes by building the buildings it would be an instant way for people to see a benefit to the increased mill levy. Finally, Chief Homer stated that if the mill levy passes he would like to take the second ambulance off the market.

ECCA Report: Lieutenant Marchese stated that ECCA's proposed budget will be approved at the December meeting. The number of calls for the District for the 2016 call charge is increasing by four calls. ECCA is having some issues with some of the

towers. Finally, they are trying to determine the cost to have all the radios in the county upgraded because certain models are being phased out.

Unfinished Business: Chairman Sherman asked for an election status and Chief Homer stated that everything had been completed that was necessary, including the postings which are in the window. He also stated that the ballots should be mailed by October 15.

New Business:

- a. Action Item Review: good status.
- b. Proposed 2016 Budget: Chief Homer presented the draft budget for the Directors review, stating that the budget will stay status quo unless the mill levy passes.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Chairman Sherman, and unanimously approved, the meeting be adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Recording Secretary to the Board

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