

Emery County Fire Protection District Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 15th, 2024

Location: 75 East Main Street, Castle Dale, Utah

Box Conference Room

In Attendance: Ben Lehnhoff, (Chairman), Stoney Jensen (Elmo), N/A (Cleveland), Chase Majors (Huntington), Nosh Arrien (Castle Dale), N/A (Orangeville), Randy (Ferron), Kyla (Emery), Jeramy (State Lands), Cody (BLM), Commissioner Jordan Leonard and Natalie Olsen. Scott Nelson, Brandon Morgan

1. Approval of the March 18th, 2024 meeting:

Chase made a motion to approve the minutes with a correction of a typo with a second from Randy. Motion was unanimous.

2. Discuss UFRA Comments and Business: (Raley)

Jason Earl is the new program manager.

Russ Young is an assistant director. He will be over the EADS Program CTC program,, the new ARF program and also over fundamentals.

Raley is working on county props for training.

There is a regional school coming up on April 26th & 27th. There are only 6 signed up for the training. We are hoping that more will sign up before then.

3. Discuss Forestry, Fire, State Lands Comments and Business:

Jeramy: Not present but they do have a training scheduled May 11th and then they moved it to May 18th. It needs to be adjusted again because of scheduling conflicts with all of the departments. Training will be in Huntington pending the date.

4. Discuss/Approve/Deny BLM Comments and Business:

No one present.

5. Discuss/Approve/Deny Monthly Vehicle Inspections:

Chase sent out an email, he also handed out a copy of the monthly vehicle inspection.

Last month it was discussed that we need to have a county wide monthly inspection so we are all having the same inspection checklist every month. We don't need to vote on it yet, he is just wanting everyone to look it over and get feedback.

Maybe have a more in-depth checklist twice a year. Once a year they need to have a full service.

It was suggested to go with hours and not miles. Everyone was in agreement with that.

Chase also had a service log that he passed out for everyone to look over.

Chase made a motion to table the monthly vehicle inspections until next month and give everyone an opportunity to look the checklist over with a second from Stoney. Voting was unanimous.

6. Discuss/Approve/Deny Fire Truck Replacement Project. Phase 3 Update:

We signed the paper for the changes on the trucks. Ben took off the top coffin box on each fender which was around \$5,000 a piece. The paper is signed and sent in. We probably won't hear anything until fall.

Commissioner Leonard will ask about where the District can go to sell their trucks and have that information at the next meeting.

Chase said why we are on the topic of trucks, can he use the becker that is parked at his station as a water tending unit? If the board is ok with using it he wants to use it as an extra water source for the north end of the county. Everyone thought it would be ok for him to use it.

7. Discuss/Approve/Deny MOU:

It was discussed in the last meeting to work through the MOU in sections. So we will start with section 1:

*Section 1 #4: update: To assist w/ maintenance costs on apparatus.

4a. Update: All invoices over \$1000 the district will pay 75% with a maximum payout of \$3,000 for each town.

4c. Update: Damages caused by gross negligence will not be covered; as discussed by the board.

Chase made a motion to amend section one with the adjustments that were created in this meeting to be voted on at the next meeting with a second from Stoney. Voting was unanimous.

Section2:

#7 update: Paperwork is due at the **November meeting each year.**

#8 update: To provide a monthly maintenance **and inspection** log on all apparatuses **May and October** meetings each year.

Chase made a motion to vote in Section 2 of the MOU with the change of #7 and #8 with a second from Stoney. Voting was unanimous.

8. Discuss/Approve/Deny County Training Committee: (Kyla)

Kyla talked to Raley about getting some props reserved. The date will be June 22nd.

Chase said to put him down as the Training committee member for Huntington.

Randy said to put him down as the Training committee member for Ferron.

9. Discuss/Approve/Deny New Radios: (Preston)

Chase made a motion to table this item because Preston is not here to present with a second from Randy. Voting was unanimous.

10. Discuss update on Bike Ride: (Preston)

Travis Robinson with the WB bike ride wanted to express that the WB bike family is looking forward to this bike ride and are grateful for the support.

Mike Jenkins would like to have someone at each station if possible to have the doors open for bathrooms and for the riders to look at the fire trucks and such if possible. If not, that's fine.

They wanted to make sure the money that is donated goes specifically to help the firefighters, but want to get the district's thoughts.

11. Discuss/Approve/Deny Ratification vote on Fraud Assessment form for State:

Stoney made a motion to approve the ratification for the Fraud Assessment form with a second from Kyla. Voting was unanimous.

12. Discuss/Approve/Deny Motion to pay the Bills:

Stoney made a motion to pay the bills with a second from Chase. Voting was unanimous.

13. Discuss Chiefs Round Table:

Nosh: He is back. He was wondering if we are still responding on local channels, channel 4 Emery Fire? Stoney said yes. Nosh asked if everyone is doing their own PC agreement? Ben said yes and gave a list of what the requirements are.

Chase: They did a burn on Saturday so he will get that turned in. Also get on UFRA website and get firefighters signed up, they only have 6 signed up right now for April's training. It will be in Huntington. Get your firefighters registered.

Chase is working on getting a hands on Fireworks training class.

Stoney: He was talking to a new firefighter and realized all communication stinks between departments. Stoney wants to figure out a way to make communication easier. If we all do it relatively the same it should cut down the confusion. It was suggested to work off of truck tasks and location. Also drill into the firefighters to check in with IC very first thing when they get on scene. Nosh recommended county training on communication between departments.

Randy: He wants to get the board's opinion on running lights on your personal vehicle? They are not illegal and are allowed by state law. It has to be approved by the mayor, fire chief and the district. If you want to do it in the county you have to have the Sheriff's approval along with the board. Randy was wondering for just I-70, which they thought he would have to go through the Highway Patrol for approval since it is an interstate. They thought it would be a good idea to see the actual law on paper. After discussion everyone thought it wouldn't be a good idea to make this a district approval, but it's Randy's call for his jurisdiction.

14. Citizens Concern:

Nothing

15. Adjourn:

Stoney made a motion to adjourn with a second from Chase. Voting was unanimous.