

SANPETE COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT #2  
(FIRE DISTRICT)

Minutes

5/13/24

Present: Nick Lyon, Sterling; Jeff Hermansen, Ephraim; Zack Jensen, Mayfield; Elliot Anderson, Manti; Shad Hardy, Spring City; Jed Hansen, Centerfield; Rex Christensen, Moroni; Todd Robinson, Fountain Green; Kallen Cox, Fairview; Kelbey Nay, Gunnison; Mark Hightower, Mount Pleasant; Shawn Robison, Wales; Sam Draper, Mount Pleasant; Jay Bartholomew, Fayette; Scott Bartholomew, County Commission

Others: Stacey Lyon, Treasurer; Jordon Allsop, FFSL; Chance Christensen, FFSL; Ashlyn Sunderland, Secretary; Patrick Vietti, LN Curtis; James Weber, Bullard; Thomas Larsen, LN Curtis

Zack welcomes everyone out to the district meeting tonight, asks everyone to go over the minutes from last month's meeting. Motion to accept minutes made by Jed Hansen, seconded by Sam Draper, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Aye; Nick Lyon, Jeff Hermansen, Zack Jensen, Elliot Anderson, Shad Hardy, Jed Hansen, Rex Christensen, Todd Robinson, Kallen Cox, Kelbey Nay, Mark Hightower, Shawn Robison, Sam Draper, Jay Bartholomew, Scott Bartholomew

Finances are presented by Stacey Lyon as follows:

Checking: \$69,455.55

PTIF: \$2,303,831.99

The only bill is for Rocky Mountain Power for \$625. Motion to accept finances made by Scott Bartholomew, seconded by Shawn Robison, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Aye; Nick Lyon, Jeff Hermansen, Zack Jensen, Elliot Anderson, Shad Hardy, Jed Hansen, Rex Christensen, Todd Robinson, Kallen Cox, Kelbey Nay, Mark Hightower, Shawn Robison, Sam Draper, Jay Bartholomew, Scott Bartholomew

Zack asks what is left owing for Sam's truck, Sam says we just have the last payment, will have to look and see what the amount is, have paid for the cab and chassis already. Stacey looked and it is \$392,000 that is left owing.

UFRA: Raleigh is not present, sent out an email that was forwarded to everyone, if you didn't get it let Ashlyn or Zack know and will get that to you.

Fire Warden: Jordon is present. We have the engine academy coming up, Jordon has sent a text out to each of the chiefs about that, reach out to Jordon if you have anyone coming. Ended up if you have anyone coming just text Jordon not doing a registration. We have received a lot of the safety and inventory, really appreciate that. Scott asks when the close burn starts, Jordon says it will be June 1st, by the time we get to the next meeting we will be in fire season. Shad asks what time the fire academy is starting. The check in will be like on a normal type three fire from noon to 4, it's not hard pressed, because we know a lot have work until 5. Jordon can send a pin if you need to know where it's at, and will also be on the radio. Elliot asks what the states view on this upcoming fire season, not sure yet until it happens, but Jordon says they're calling

for a lot of low land fires, not higher elevation..

Mark brings up the North Sanpete Ambulance Association and the mental health resources that were talked about in March's meeting. They were not able to make it tonight but they did talk to Mark, North Sanpete is not spending \$60,000, they are just gonna do the peer support, if any city wants to jump in will write them into the grant. They would like to get numbers of people that want to do it so they can get it into the July grant. Those that have law enforcement like Ephraim, Gunnison, Mount Pleasant, and Fairview are already covered under law enforcement. Elliot has been just using the state's resources that they have, and that has been working well. Just let Mark, or someone from North Sanpete ambulance know if you want to join. Mark has the number for Harmony Matthews from the North Sanpete ambulance if anyone wants to talk to her about it more. The class to get certified for the peer support certification is two to three days, one and done.

Misc.: Zack introduces Patrick, James, and Tom from LN Curtis, discussion got brought up about getting TICs for these new trucks at a previous meeting. Shortly after that conversation at district meeting Patrick contacted Zack, he asked them to come and bring some of their TICs, and also have Jed get a bid as well on some from Fire Apparatus, so we can make a decision on where to go with this. Patrick will have James introduce the models they brought, they have a couple options, James Weber is with Bullard he is the manufacturing rep. For the area, there is an NFPA version, a middle version, and more of a budget line or entry level basic one, all have their pros and cons. James has passed around the thermal imagers, will give you a run down on them, the QXT Pro, QXT, and NXT meet the NFPA comes with 640 by 480 resolution. Industry standard right now is the 640 by 480 resolution. They come with different features, the QXT Pro and the QXT both carry the same feature packs, we provide thermal throttle, Gunnison just got a QXT. Have updated the thermal throttle, that makes it so when you turn it on you get a temperature threshold, so you can set what temperature you want to see. It also works now you go into a fire situation with it, you can turn the thermal throttle on and if more than 5% of what it detects is over 500 degrees it kicks you out into the standard red hot colorization model, so you can get to firefight mode right away without having to read through it. Do both video and snapshot on them now, those are great on the imagers now, so you can see something in a building show command to see what's going on, they are downloadable on the computer as well. Also has zoom as a new option, and does much better than the previous models, it does two times a four times. With the QXT with the upper resolution it really looks good. QXT has a web interface now, where you can manage whatever imagers you have, and can customize the start up screen. If you order one without the features it will look exactly like the TXS that has been passed around. If you want some features offer different feature packs, have basic feature pack, you get thermal throttle, and zoom. If you go with the advanced you also get the video recording extras. The colorization on all the imagers is standard so at 500 degrees surface temperature you see yellow. The DXT and QXT pro also offer the option to colorize at 300 degrees if you are used to that, we can match that, we don't personally recommend doing it, prefer staying with our own thing. If you decide to buy one or two will come and train you on them and help you set it up, do all that stuff. The imager has a five year warranty, that includes the battery. DXT is going to run about eight and half hours on a charge, QXT and NXT pros are going to run about six and half hours. As long as your battery, if after four years and you notice the battery isn't lasting as long, as long as it's still under warranty we will take it and get you a new battery. With the new software now you can go and put an automatic shut off for them after so long, you can do two, three or four hours so you don't have to worry about it if you forget it. With the TXS you don't have options, have lithium ion batteries, should get two batteries around six hours each, come with a truck charger, get colorization, get temp reading, very durable, built to last. The reasons you would want something like this over the TICs on your MSAs, just higher

resolution, better picture, brighter, and very clear, not new tech just better, especially with the QXT pro. Makes it very clear what is behind the fire now. James has a TXS if anyone wants to demo it, can bring these back and let everyone use them for a while. Jed asks what limit is for heat on them by when it saturates, about 1200, have some that even go up to 1300 degrees, that even goes for the older ones. James has a brochure that he will pass out, has a QR code that will send you to their website to see some videos. If you have any old ones not over 8 years old, can save you up to \$1200 on the new ones, they still have to be fully functional.

Tom with LN Curtis has brought some gas monitors to pass around. MSA has a four year warranty on their sensors, MSA makes their own sensor, if you look at the back of the instrument there is a manufacture date and serial number, MSA warranty coverage is awesome, you can call Tom or MSA to fix it. MSA monitors are very durable, withstand drop tests and are functional. The exotic gasses are under a different category and won't have the same warranty, and are a lot pricer, harder to maintain, but the basic four are covered very well. Almost everyone in the county has one right now. Always make sure you calibrate your instrument once a month, it will be better, and work better. You are supposed to functionality test your machine before you use it. If you are making sure you are calibrating and taking care of them you will feel more confident in it and it will be better. These are the latest gas monitors from MSA, built to military specifications, which just means it's durable. This instrument will connect to the cloud, every time you turn it on it will record session logs and save them, with the lease program you would have access to that data. Ten years from now you will be able to look back at the data, and track it. Can also update and manage them from your computer, when you turn your instrument on it will say it has been updated. You can buy it outright, but don't have access to all the reporting, or you can lease and have access to all the recording data. There is a lot of information being captured by those instruments, getting very sophisticated. If you lose one they will replace them up to two times. If it just disappears you can get on the computer and you can also track the last GPS location on them. That goes for sensors or malfunctioning of the unit. Because of the LTE connection we can pinpoint where they are at now, ray systems can set up a perimeter, these are not designed specifically like the area ray, but will accomplish the same thing. Everybody knows that the LEO sensor in a basic four gas like this has a window that it works in , the lower level and the upper level, so when you guys go and can smell a gas but its not picking anything up its because your nose is really sensitive, so you need to understand there is a blind spot for these, so the solution to this is to get a combustible gas indicator, they are pretty inexpensive, this compliments the other monitor, Sam and Jeff both have one, it has helped both of them. Tom would like to thank us for letting them come in and talk tonight. If you want to test any of this, he would be more than happy to set that up. Can lease these for three or five years, lease program is great let James or Tom know if you want to look into that. Will get basic pricing for everything and send that to Zack by the end of the week. We as a district need to discuss what levels we want first and better know what options we want, and need to decide how many we plan on doing.

Was brought up that it wasn't set up for this district to get standard equipment for anything on an apparatus, they should be NFPA standards, don't think the gas monitors or TIC count under it right now. Thinks this should be talked about going under what we should have required. would be good to have numbers to see what else we might need. The district needs to figure out what type of equipment is allowed on a type one before we figure how many we get. Wales and Mt. Pleasant do not have a separate TIC. Jed says there are a few departments that don't have a TIC that's not tied to a pack, which in Jeds opinion is not a useful TIC for the department because who is gonna pack it around to use it. Are we just buying TICs for these five trucks being purchased? or are we going back and buying TICs for every department that doesn't have a functioning TIC in their department. Now we are buying equipment for a department, not an

apparatus if we are doing that. Sam says for his department it all comes down to priority, and he has had his city pay, he pitches it to the city and the mayor, and he has never been turned down so far. Jed agrees with Elliot that they are important, he would have had a fire start back up again if it hadn't been for one, a TIC is one of the most important pieces of equipment, but we can't say it's a piece of apparatus to argue the district should pay for them, not opposed to it if that's the way the whole district wants to go but we need to put that into writing somehow, in are bylaws. It is a tool for firefighters not something for an apparatus. Mark brings up you can't always just rely on the TIC, we can't become dependent on them. Sam says it is a tool but not an actual skill. Elliot says it will become something that we will need, we have to move forward with technology, we will see a lot of changes. Jed says he is all for them but we need to make this decision as a district. It was brought up at a previous meeting, but no decisions were made, Nick brings up that as far as the bylaws go, definitely don't stop the district from getting them for the trucks, but as far as coming up with an equipment list for what district purchases, have always done NFPA for sure, which doesn't include these for sure, agrees with Jed it is something the board needs to make a decision on, we could argue what's right and wrong for each department all night. For some departments it is harder to come up with the money for them, but they have managed to do it, Sterling has been able to do it. Absolutely think we need to draw a line somewhere, this definitely goes past what we have previously paid for as the district. Sam brings up that if we pay this money for one department then another department could come in asking for something else worth the same amount of money, so how would we ever be able to decide where to stop, it would get really gray. Jay says that's why we stuck with the NFPA for the lists, so it would be easier to decide, thinks if it does go on the NFPA than start looking at it then. Rex says each department will think something is more important than another, and have different needs. Scott has told everyone before but CIB has no money left, so you will have to depend more and more on funds that you are collecting to get your basic needs. Jed suggests for everyone, other states have it, a public safety grant for volunteer fire departments, there needs to be one, need to start pushing for it. Jed is talking to several senators about this, and pushing it hard, but it needs to come from more people to really get it moving. Zack says we all struggle in our own ways, there are grants out there that is how Gunnison got their TIC through a grant, agrees with Scott this board's main focus is trucks, if we go too far out of that window could make it harder for the next guy to get a truck. You could say it's only 10,000 but that might throw us off for the next truck. But if we can find ways to get the money, there is money out there, it's just work to get it. Should we vote on this next meeting? What are thoughts on this? Elliot thinks we need more time to talk. Jed would also like to throw out, if you want to go the route of the TIC, Jed thinks every department should handle gas monitors themselves, but with TICs thinks maybe we should start putting away x amount of dollars and start getting them for departments that need the demand, and start rotating to replace older ones. Sam asks are there any departments that don't have 4 gas? Wales is the only one not with 4 gas, doesn't feel they have as much of a demand for it, much different need in Wales, haven't had any problems so far. Sam does have an extra old one that works fine, if Wales would like it. Shawn appreciates it but right now really doesn't feel they have a huge need for it. Elliot says it is nice on the other side for your medical to help your ambulance association with that gas meter, that is what Elliot uses it for a lot. Sam will give Shawn his number if he wants to talk more about his older one. Jed thinks we should put this on the next meeting agenda on how to go forward with this.

Zack asks Nick about an update for the Rocky Mountain Power billing issue. Nick says if the landfill doesn't go with it won't be affordable for us, last Nick knew they were supposed to have a vote on it in their last meeting, it wasn't talked about at the landfills last meeting though apparently. So now it is not looking like it will start on July 1st anymore. Jed asks what's holding landfill back. Scott was not there and doesn't know why it wasn't brought up. The way it's

currently billed right now they pay half we pay half. If we go through with the Rocky Mountain Power thing and landfill didn't, instead of paying half the money we would pay all of it, and that would defeat the purpose, they pay \$625 every month and it was almost three grand. Nick has been unable to get any answers. Scott got ahold of Reed Hatch and he said it wasn't even brought up at the meeting, it may have been brought up at the mayor meeting, but it still has to go through the official landfill meeting to be approved. If everyone wants Scott can make sure it's on the next meeting in June for landfill, not on that board but can make sure it's on. Nick thinks realistically we will have to push towards December or the first of the year to get the cities prepared for the change. Fountain Green and Sterling residents have already been sent letters about it, but they will just have to resend those out. Exemptions will have to be brought up to the board, on how that process works, as simple or as complicated as we want it. Landfill will have to come up with exemptions as well. Zack brings up that the board discussed somebody within their department going and verifying what they are asking to be exempt, and having their full name and meter number, and picture, but don't know if a picture will do, could be taking pictures of someone else's pivot. Maybe make up a simple document with name and meter number, and then have the chief bring the form before the board to approve. We need to have a vote and make a decision on that. Not saying the people asking for the exemption have to come before the board but have the form with the explanation of what it is, and have the local department sign off on it, then have final vote at the board meeting with that. The only reason we were going to do July 1st was that it was the beginning of their budget year for cities, as long as they have some sort of time to plan it should be fine. Let's make this decision in July after we see what the landfill does, then we can set a date from there and get everything in line. If the landfill doesn't want to we are back to square one. The last Scott heard, it sounded like this made sense to them to do this, but who knows now. The last time Nick talked to them they wanted information we just couldn't get for them, the only way we could get numbers would be to hire an auditing company to audit the entire county. Zack says we will table it until after we hear from the landfill. Nick would like to make a motion to get an exemption form pertaining to the information that was talked about at least, want a name, meter number and spot for local fire department representative to sign, seconded by Sam Draper, all in favor, to get started with the form at least. Will add approval of the form at next month's meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Todd Robinson, seconded by Sam Draper, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Aye; Nick Lyon, Jeff Hermansen, Zack Jensen, Elliot Anderson, Shad Hardy, Jed Hansen, Rex Christensen, Todd Robinson, Kallen Cox, Kelbey Nay, Mark Hightower, Shawn Robison, Sam Draper, Jay Bartholomew, Scott Bartholomew