

# Emery County Fire Protection District Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, May 20th, 2024

Location: 75 East Main Street, Castle Dale, Utah

Box Conference Room

In Attendance: Ben Lehnhoff, (Chairman), Stoney Jensen (Elmo), Preston Wilson (Cleveland), Chase Majors (Huntington), Tracy Addley (Orangeville), Randy Kenney (Ferron), Nosh (Castle Dale), Kyla (Emery), Tammy Howland (Member at Large), Jeramy (State Lands), Cody (BLM) Raley (UFRA) and Natalie Olsen.

## **1. Approval of the April 15th, 2024 meeting:**

Chase made a motion to approve the minutes with a second from Nosh. Motion was unanimous.

## **2. Presentation from Mary on First responders Mental Health program:**

**Mary:** She wanted to make sure everyone was aware that in 2021 all first responders must be provided with Mental Health Services. There is a one time, one year grant available to help with the cost of this. She wanted everyone to make sure they were taking advantage of this.

Chase thought for the first time that the board goes through the email that was just sent by Mary and then assigns a firefighter, not an officer, to be part of that to get everyone set up and find a doctor/mental health supporter. Stoney said it might be beneficial to use the same people that the county does. They are up north but they can do zoom calls. Chase said if we do one grant for the entire district on the email a roster will be needed from each department. Chase will write the grant.

## **3. Discuss/Approve/Deny UFRA Comments and Business:**

Raley: Chase: He received an email from Raley.

Regional Fire School was well attended.

Need to discuss Regional Fire Dates for next year and a host. 2024 was April 26-27 and seemed to be a good date. Chase was thinking April 25-26 2025. Everyone was good with that date. Huntington said they are fine to host again. Ferron, Castle Dale, Green River and Orangeville are options as well.

Chase will forward this email to the board on changes that OSHA is making. He has some attachments with an open comment section that closes June 15, 2024. Everyone can run through it and look at it. This is discussing releasing information to local agencies and cross training.

As department heads, start thinking about what classes you want. The Huntington Fire Department would like to see a certification course. Think about trainings but also certification classes

## **4. Discuss/Approve/Deny Forestry, Fire, State Lands Comments and Business:**

Jeramy: For those that participated in the S212 he is looking at a different site for the hands on course. He will look at a day to do a quick refresher. Remember that you will need your CPR certification card or you cannot participate in the field day.

\*Look at your calendars and find a good day for a Field day for your firefighters and let Jeramy know a few days that will work. Huntington will host the field day. Field day is tentatively scheduled for June 8th.

\*Red Cards need to be submitted as soon as possible. Make sure you use the link that Jeramy sent out.

\*UFDAG grant applications are due June 3rd 2024.

\*The state had helicopters flying around the last two years. The state has two of those on contract for fire suppression and just added one more.

\*Reminder to get your DOT inspections into Jeramy.

**5. Discuss/Approve/Deny BLM Comments and Business:**

Cody: Nothing to report.

**6. Discuss/Approve/Deny Budget for First Quarter:**

Ben handed out a packet with the first quarter budget.

**7. Discuss/Approve/Deny Monthly Vehicle Inspections:**

Chase handed out a monthly inspection log. Everyone had a chance to look over it.

Chase made a motion to accept the emailed out inspection report with a second from Randy. Voting passed unanimously.

**8. Discuss/Approve/Deny MOU:**

Nosh said to add "Fire" to department under section 1 #4a. Move section 1 #4 to its own section. It will be Section 2 under maintenance.

Section 2 (which is now section 3) #9 Ben added all departments agree to keep new handheld radios at the station or mounted in trucks for use on scene.

Section 3 (which is now section 4) Typo in the first sentence that needs to be fixed.

Chase made a motion to accept the first three sections of the handed out MOU with the addition of the new section two including the corrections of the typos with a second from Kyla. Voting was unanimous.

NOsh made a new motion that we pass off the MOU as corrected in completion with a second from Chase. Voting passed unanimously.

**9. Discuss/Approve/Deny County Training Committee (Scott):**

June 22nd will hopefully be the county training. She is looking to do a flashover. Ferron will be the host. It will be at 8:00 am. It will be a four hour class. If we need to do two classes we can do a morning and afternoon class. Send rosters to Ferron.

Kyla is looking for suggestions on the best day to have these training sessions? Chase said Saturdays probably work the best for everyone. Everyone agreed.

**10. Discuss/Approve/Deny Money from Bike Ride:**

Last Saturday Wild Bunch Bike family did a bike ride and are making a donation to the Emery County Fire District for \$1,761.64

How do we allocate funds to every department? Huntington fire (Chase) made a motion to divide the funds evenly to all eight departments with a second from Tammy. Voting was unanimous. Chase said he rode in the bike ride and he wanted to note that every rider that was in that group followed along, was well mannered, well behaved, and respectful of the properties. Chase made a motion to divide the funds evenly through all eight departments with a second from Tammy. Voting was unanimous.

**11. Discuss update on Bike Ride: (Preston)**

Preston said he heard really good things about the bike ride. And wanted to thank everyone for their help.

**12. Discuss/Approve/Deny Motion to Pay the Bills:**

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

**13. Citizens Concern:**

None present.

**14. Discuss Chiefs Round Table:**

**Chase:** He has been in contact with Lantis. He is trying to set up a hands on fireworks training/class in June. You are required by state to submit to the state before you light your fireworks.

Contact UDOT if you have a traffic incident and have a large closure if it's on a state road.

**Stoney:** When you contact dispatch on the new radios, put everything back to local government. Use the main channel. Maybe have Jeff come and do training once we get the new radios.

**Randy:** If there is someone in the stations putting things on the engines it would be nice to be notified. He is going through a train the trainer flagging class where he will be a certified flagging trainer if anyone needs that, it is an offer.

**Kyla:** They had a busy week last week but nothing major.

**Nosh:** Just a recommendation when we get the MOU to remind your city council to put it on the agenda for the June meeting.

**15. Adjourn:**

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