

SANPETE COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT #2
(FIRE DISTRICT)

Minutes

6/10/24

Present: Jeff Hermansen, Ephraim; Zack Jensen, Mayfield; Elliot Anderson, Manti; Jed Hansen, Centerfield; Todd Robinson, Fountain Green; Rex Christensen, Moroni; Shawn Robison, Wales; Kelbey Nay, Gunnison; Shad Hardy, Spring City

Others: Stacey Lyon, Treasurer; Jordon Allsop, FFSL; Chad Frisby, Siddons-Martin; Raleigh Bunch, UFRA

Zack wants to welcome everybody out to the June 10, 2024, Sanpete County Special Service District meeting. Has everybody had a chance to review the minutes? Jed Hansen makes a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Jeff Hermansen, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Aye; Jeff Hermansen, Zack Jensen, Elliot Anderson, Jed Hansen, Todd Robinson, Rex Christensen, Shawn Robison, Kelbey Nay, Shad Hardy

Stacey Lyon presents the finances as follows:

Checking: \$152,063.32

PTIF: \$2,314,459.53

Our interest was almost \$1000 more in May than it was in April, so that was good. That was fun to see. Collections are good. And the bills to be paid are; I have sent a check for Utah Local Governments Trust for \$236.95. But then also to be paid is the Rocky Mountain Power Bill, \$625. And then the ESO bill for your guys' reporting program. It's \$1,480.35 if you still want to pay that. Jed Hansen makes a motion to accept the bills and finances, seconded by Todd Robinson, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Aye; Jeff Hermansen, Zack Jensen, Elliot Anderson, Jed Hansen, Todd Robinson, Rex Christensen, Shawn Robison, Kelbey Nay, Shad Hardy

UFRA: Raleigh is present, Good to see you guys. Sorry to miss last month. I had some stuff going on. Just wanted to reinforce that we're doing a regional on March 7th and 8th. And I have everyone doing a hazmat Ops refresher with drug emphasis on that. And then we're doing a live fire and flashover. And then we're going to do the EADS class. So if that's okay with you guys. That's what I have scheduled. So I don't know if I mentioned Russ Young is now an assistant director. And he's over EADS, the ARFF program that we're starting up, CTC, and fundamentals. Given that, we just did an interview for a new program editor. I don't know who that is yet, but he'll be taking the Eastern portion of the state. Other than that, I sent out an email. We have new ERG books. Ray Francis has those. I'll make sure the email gets out to everybody. There's another national firefighter foundation, the wildland urban interface class on Wednesday, June 26th and Thursday, the 27th. If anybody's interested in going to that. I think it's going to be at UFRA. So I'll make sure everybody gets that email with the attachments. Did

you guys get the proposed OSHA emergency response standard? Other than that, that's all I have.

Fire Warden: Jordon is present, right now, as we're getting in, we're now in closed burn season, as folks know. So outside in the county, they do need the permit. So just so you know, that's changed. I think I've already talked to the folks that have been asking, but I will give you one more catch-all refresher. Wednesday, 18:30 in Spring City. I might send out a text in the morning with all the chiefs just to remind you. So I have that coming up. I've been getting your inspections and working through red cards. So all that's been going fairly well. That's pretty much it, found out something interesting. I don't know if you've heard it or not. But this is the last year wildland weather reports are going to include LALs and Haines Index. LALs, they said, are ineffective because there's always been a joke, an LAL of two is way worse than an LAL of five. And scientists have gone through and proved it. When it's a five, it comes through with a massive amount of rain. So they're just doing away with that. Now, this year they'll use it, but it'll be gone after that. And the Haines Index was built over the Great Lakes, and it took this many decades to realize it doesn't work in the West. So it's going away as well. Elliot asks if there is any replacing those in those weather reports for that information? Not at this time. So it'll mostly be you'll have to really concentrate in on the broadcast weather discussions. The preparedness level? Yeah, they'll still have the preparedness level and all that.. But there's no system of numbers replacing that. So they'll be there this year, but starting January 1 next year, they're gone. Red flags and that will all still be the same. It used to be tied into red flags. But now they're just going to do what they actually think is going to happen and tie it into that system.

All right. So we need to vote on going forward with exemption for meters. I think we kind of laid out what we thought last meeting. If you guys gave it any more thought. I think what was said last time was just the meter number, name, a representative from the local fire department has to verify it, and then we present it to the board once a month. Every month if you have an exemption form, just go over it at some point. We'll just always have that on the agenda. This can be just a normal one. That way we can vote on the exemption every month if need be. Will somebody get a write up of those? Yeah, I'm sure we'll get somebody too. But at the moment I mean, I don't know if we heard anything more on the dump tagging along. So I'm sure we've got time to get something put in place. But I think as long as we can all agree on the criteria needed. Elliot asks if we're saying the local authority, local fire authority in that jurisdiction area with the meter name, the reason, location, and that representative from the fire brings it to the board, but not the individual? Yeah, we don't need 50 people standing in here trying to get an exemption. Elliot agrees, thinks that would work well. That gives the local fire agencies a personal touch to that too. And then that kind of makes it a little bit of your call too, if you really think it's exemptable or not. Because I'm sure there will be all kinds of them trying when people find out that there is an exemption for them. So does that work? Name, address, meter number, location? Or I guess address. And it did have to be the address that's on the Rocky Mountain Power Bill. So I think as long as it matches Rocky Mountain Power's address that they have for it. I think it's got to match theirs or they're not going to know, even if it's wrong, if that meter's got to match whatever their power bill says probably. Yeah, so pretty much if you go review somebody, they probably better have a bill in front of you. It'd be nice to see the actual Rocky

Mountain bill too. Make sure it all matches. That would be my suggestion. You can use the same exemption form if they're using city power. Just before approval would be different I guess. Kind of, not really though because it's still got to have a meter number. I mean it's still going to be the same process. Just a different name at the top. Rocky Mountain Power or Spring City Power or whatever, Manti Power. I think it would all just correlate across the board. There could be a district form that's just used throughout the whole county. That would work well. If it's a district form and there's somebody within the city limits, it'd probably just transfer over because the city would have to pull it off their bill. But the same form would be fine I would imagine. Yeah, because you're asking for an exemption from the fire district. District, just has to go through the city. A district form to the city would probably hold more weight than the fire chief scribbling city to city potentially. Oh, yeah, I think we just use our generic form for the district. And then we can show approval why the fire district, not just one fire chief, but why the district thought they were exempt. Well, and I think once it's in place, the chairman, whoever the chairman will be during it all, will be the one that signs it off. Do you think we need multiple signatures or just one? So if you have the local departments, and then the chairman, or the assistant chairman, or just a district representative or something. Think three signatures on it. The fire chief, the applicant, and then the fire district chairman or the vice chair. It'd be nice if you wrote it not chief, maybe on the volunteer side. No, just fire representative would work best. Anybody have anything else? Elliot Anderson makes a motion to accept exemption form, seconded by Shawn Robison, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Aye; Jeff Hermansen, Zack Jensen, Elliot Anderson, Jed Hansen, Todd Robinson, Rex Christensen, Shawn Robison, Kelbey Nay, Shad Hardy

All right, so on to discussion and vote on how to proceed with purchasing of thermal imagery and gas monitors. Zack has received prices on thermal imagery cameras. And they range anywhere from 3 grand to 10 grand for a thermal imagery camera. Gas monitors, I didn't get any quotes on them because we were still up in the air on the lease and Patrick never sent me anything, and so I didn't ask Jed to get it to me. But I did ask Albee with the gas monitors if we could be part of the county homeland security grant to try and get gas monitors. And he was for that. You're not guaranteed nothing, but it fits homeland security criteria pretty well. So we could try that route for the gas monitors. It's up to you guys. Elliot asks if we would tie in with the county on that one? Us and the county? Yeah, so it would be a district-sponsored and county-sponsored grant for the fire departments. So in theory, it would be us and the county representing trying to get the departments. Are they going for anything more than gas meters on that grant? Oh, Albee does all the time. Yeah, I think he gets it every year. So we would have to put together why it's a good project for homeland security. I can think of some good reasons why. And that's kind of why, after the meeting, I talked to Jed about it a little bit, I feel like we'd have a pretty good chance at getting it through Albee. But it is a grant, so you never know. Jed's suggestion, I would say we run it through a Sanpete County hazmat team. And then each department would be part of that team with their own units. To spread out your capability. So then if we needed a hazmat situation, certainly Gunnison and Manti would come together to use their units to help out with that. Or, you know, depending how large it goes and how much you want it. I think we'd have a better chance as soon as you use the word hazmat. Right now the country is a lot more receptive to that. Because that's where they feel like your most likely

scenario is going to come from. Yeah, and that's what Albee had said. He said we need to angle it towards that hazmat. The terroristic threats, which I've written up one before for our hazmat team, so I understand what they are looking for. CO is just kind of on the back burner for this. It's the other stuff. Yeah, your LELs and all your explosive stuff. You know, and I don't know that we need to get carried away with all the exotics. Because as a hazmat team, we already have the exotic stuff and we're going to be coming to your town anyway. We've been to Mt. Pleasant multiple times, Manti. So we have the exotics, and the exotics are expensive, and they go out all the time. Plus, you've got to have the exotic calibration. So I think we would keep it simple as the district-wide thing, or the station-wide thing. Keep it simple. Because if something breaks while we're on the scene, we can bill for it as the hazmat team. We hope that when we pull up as hazmat that department knows their community and will be able to help direct the situation. So, like, your water treatment plant, the last one, as we got called out on, they had already found what was in the building. So our page out included what we were responding to. Because it's pretty much, it takes us from Gunnison to Mt. Pleasant pretty much to start getting everything sorted out and shift it, you know, figuring out what we need to do. So, I mean, Mt. Pleasant almost played it perfectly, this last one. We knew what we were going into. As I was going, Mark, the assistant chief, was sending me PDFs of all of it as we were driving up there. Mark managed that scene really, really well. He did a very good job. So we knew exactly what we were going to. So once we got there me and Kelby and then two other of our firefighters, and once we got there, we knew exactly what we pretty much needed to do. Got in, got it done, and went on our way. Jed brings up the whole county is a part of the hazmat team, there is more to it than the four or five guys from Gunnison. The official team from six counties is Sevier County. So what's your guys' thoughts? Elliot says It would be nice, potentially, regardless of direction, if we had a grant or not on gas meters, if we had a more standardized meter. Maybe one department north and south could have calibration kits, if they were willing to calibrate more than just, because it looks like that's some of our expenses, even in these four gas meters are those calibration kits. Calibration kits are not expensive, it's the gas that you've got to carry. And that gas expires generally before most departments get to use it up. That's what I was kind of saying, if you had maybe a few calibration kits. Yeah, it would be better if we were trying to do it countywide, because that gas will expire before you use it up. And depending on the manufacturer, those bump testers, everyone might have to have one of those. It's along the lines of the calibration. Usually they'll be hooked to the same machine to do a bump test. Usually bump testing has to be every use. Yeah, yeah. And all it is is bump testing, making sure that it's hitting the different marks, that's all. Or I guess I've seen it in some of the power plant stuff, the industry there is it would do a bump test before use on a couple of gases. But if you're doing a self-check, or what was the other term? But there's another term that they use, bump test, self-check, and then a calibration. Just to make sure that it is still reading it. Not a full calibration. Zack says Yeah, so, I mean, if we could get this grant and we get uniformed, you know, I mean, we can all come to an agreement on a couple departments having the tanks and we all chip in and pay for it. It would be good if we were all uniformed across the board. We could put that into the grant, too, to get the calibration stuff. One central, one north, one south?

Zack asks if everyone would like him to move forward with trying to get that grant? He will look into that and get Something written up for everyone to approve at the next meeting. I think

everyone's okay on the meters and thermal imagers right now by the sound of it. Yeah. It might not be new equipment, but everyone, I don't think anyone said they didn't have one. And all our packs have it. So, worst case scenario, a TIC is on our pack if you have to have it. Those are kind of my feelings with the TIC. It's not that we don't have them. They do enough. So, I'll move forward with Albee in trying to get that written up to bring to you guys next meeting for you guys to approve, and submit.

Motion to move forward with gas monitors made by Elliot Anderson, seconded by Todd Robinson, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Aye; Jeff Hermansen, Zack Jensen, Elliot Anderson, Jed Hansen, Todd Robinson, Rex Christensen, Shawn Robison, Kelbey Nay, Shad Hardy

So now the TICs, can we get a motion on where to go with that. Motion by Elliot Anderson to NOT purchase the TICs we are good where we are at seconded by Shawn Robison, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Aye; Jeff Hermansen, Zack Jensen, Elliot Anderson, Jed Hansen, Todd Robinson, Rex Christensen, Shawn Robison, Kelbey Nay, Shad Hardy

Misc.: Chad Frisby is here from Siddons-Martin. Lead time is finally starting to come down, not as much as we would like, but it is going down. Two months off from before. What's interesting is the aerials are actually getting done faster right now. Asks if the county is getting a new truck, yes Jordan says they are getting a type 3. Eventually should be getting a type 6 thought they were giving those out to everyone. We do have an equipment team, ask if we would like to be contacted about monitors, we will see and let them know about bids. On Wednesday in Midvale there will be an electric fire truck demo, if anyone wants to go see it.

Stacey has the registrations for the fire district four wheelers if you know which one is whose you can get those. Jordon knows and will take those.

Motion to adjourn by Jeff hermansen, seconded by Todd Robinson, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Aye; Jeff Hermansen, Zack Jensen, Elliot Anderson, Jed Hansen, Todd Robinson, Rex Christensen, Shawn Robison, Kelbey Nay, Shad Hardy