

BEAVER FIRE DISTRICT #1  
BOARD MINUTES  
Monday, October 20, 2025

**Meeting Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Chairperson Jack Erwig, Co-Chairperson Paul Elieson, EMT Representative Lonne Laws, City Council Representative Owen Spencer, Fire Chief George Humphreys, Fire Department Representative Larry Weaver, Fire District Secretary Anona Yardley, Ambulance Director Jenifer McIlroy, Beaver County Attorney Von Christiansen and Elk Meadows Representative Nick Schenck. EMT Representative Leslie White and County Commissioner Wade Hollingshead were excused.

**Welcome and Opening:** Chairperson Erwig welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Minutes Reviewed:** Board members reviewed the minutes of **August 18, 2025**, that had previously been sent to them. There being no recommended changes to the minutes, Board Member Weaver motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Board Member Elieson seconded the motion. Motion carried with a majority vote.

**Fire Department Financial Review August & September, 2025**

Board Members reviewed the bills for the fire department. Board Member Spencer motioned, and Board Member Weaver seconded to approve the fire department bills and financial statements as presented. Motion carried with a majority vote.

**Ambulance Service Financial Review July & August, 2025**

After review, Board Member Laws motioned, and Board Member Weaver seconded to accept the ambulance department bills and financial statements as presented. Motion carried with a majority vote.

**Conflict of Interest Statements:** No conflicts were noted or voiced for this meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Volunteer Insurance Program Update**

The state legislature will have to put this item on their agenda. Hopefully there will be some lobbying from Fire Chief Pearson from Kanab. This item must be approved and budgeted through the state.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**SCBA Grant**

The cost of the equipment has been determined. The grant from FEMA for \$163,000 was accepted. The timeline for the grant is from Sept. 2025 to Sept. 2026. With the government shut down, there has been no more contact with FEMA on the grant reimbursement. \$156,000 was granted the remainder will come from the fire district funds. The State of Utah may make available some more funding for the fire department funding portion.

**CDBG Grant for Ambulance – Secretary Yardley**

Secretary Yardley attended a mandatory meeting for the Community Development Grant in Panguitch. There are funds available for an ambulance. The five- county area has about \$900,000 to distribute for grant eligible projects. The ambulance department will help with an income survey that will be needed before the district can apply for the funding. The fire district will be applying under the umbrella of Beaver County. The survey needs to be done by November 15, 2025. The Five County AOG will need a map of the service district boundaries which will be prepared by Beaver County. They will determine

how many surveys will be needed and where the people of the EMT department will have to go to collect the surveys. The survey needs to be conducted among those households determined by the AOG. The surveys will be sealed in an envelope and sent to the AOG. Beaver County will need to assist with the public hearing that will be required before the application deadline. Then the application will be sent to the AOG for review. This funding is all grant money. There is no bonding needed. It will, however, only pay for what is bolted to the ambulance. It will not pay for equipment to stock the ambulance.

### **Proposed 2026 Budgets**

The fire department spent more money in 2025 than 2024. The proposed 2026 budget is complete to the end of September. The public hearing will be held in December. The grant money will be included in whatever year it comes in.

The ambulance department has the last quarter to consider. Would like to give the EMT's a raise. The contract EMT labor would increase \$1.00/hour for pager pay. The department has \$78,000 available for raises in 2026. The \$1.00 raise would be for when they are actually responding to a call. They receive \$14/hr. now. Paramedics are \$15, \$16, and \$18/ hour currently depending on their experience.

Revenues of \$332,000 have been received through August. The estimates are for more than \$400,000 in 2025. Paying the department secretary \$500/month. It will be going up by \$550 in 2026.

### **Fire Chief's Report – George Humphreys**

**Wildland Fire** – There was only 1 acre of human cause fires this fire season, and 28 acres from nature. There has been strategic planning with tree harvesting and it was a milder year for temperatures

**Christmas Party** – December 19 at 7:00 p.m. either at the fire station or city office.

**Expression of Thanks** - Thanks to the Sheriff's department for their help on the road.

### **Ambulance Director's Report – Jenifer McIlroy**

**Ambulance Christmas Party** – It will be held Friday, Dec. 13, at 6:00 p.m. in the Med Shed.

**EMT Classes** – The EMT Classes are more than half finished. There was only one person who dropped out. The entire county is in need of more EMT's.

**EMT's** – There are two new EMT's coming and one leaving.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on Monday, December 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

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Jack Erwig, Chairperson

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Anona S. Yardley, Secretary