

Emery County Fire Protection District Meeting

Minutes Date: January 17, 2023

Location: 75 East Main Street, Castle Dale, Utah

Box Conference Room

In Attendance: Ignacio Nosh Arrien (Chairman), Stoney Jensen (Elmo), Ben Lehnhoff (Green River), Preston Wilson (Cleveland), Dell M. Mead (Ferron), Cody Jones (BLM), Jeramy Jorgensen (UT. FFSL), Mason Moss (Orangeville), Jordan Leonard (Commissioner), Natalie Olsen (administrator)

Ignacio Arrien called the meeting to order. Everyone introduced themselves.

1. Welcome commissioner Jordan Leonard:

Nosh welcomed the new Commissioner

2. Approval of minutes for December 2022 meeting:

Stoney made a motion to approve the minutes with a second from Ben. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Local Building Authority Agenda Item:

• 5:30am A public hearing to receive input from the public with respect to the issuance of the Bonds for financing the purchase of fire trucks and any potential economic impact that the Project financed in whole or in part with the proceeds of the Bonds may have on the private sector.

Stoney made a motion to leave this meeting and go into the Local Building Authority of the Emery County Fire Protection Service District Meeting with a second from Dale.

Ignacio said this is a CIB loan that we are taking from the Community Impact Board for four fire trucks. It's a 50/50 loan/grant for 1.6 million dollars. We have 2 payments already in our savings account which we will hold one for emergency. Ignacio believes this will not impact the county in any way. We are paying for it with our own funds which is what we do for the fire districts. The first payment is not due until January 2024 but we have money and want to pay it off as fast as possible without hurting us so we put it in the budget to pay a payment in October.

Jordan said any opportunity we have to go get grant funds is a great opportunity so he encourages this to happen.

Stoney makes a motion to close the public hearing with a second from Preston. Motion passed unanimously.

4. UFRA comments and business:

ORiley is down at Winter Fire School so nothing to report.

5. Forestry, Fire and State Lands comments and business:

RT-130-(Refresher class for firefighters to keep their license) Jeremy sent an email out to the Fire Chiefs for available days to do the training. One of the things he would like to do this year is to only have a couple different trainings in the county and get more than one Fire Department together so he is not running to 8 different fire departments. A date was discussed and Jeramy said

he would look at his schedule and let everyone know if that date will work for him.

130/190 class: It was discussed that there are a few firefighters both from Carbon and Emery County that would like to take this class. Jeramy will let everyone know what dates he schedules for that class.

Red Card: Put in for your red card. He emailed a packet to all of the Fire Chiefs and also passed packets around for those in attendance. Those submissions will all be done online. Jeramy passed out a list with all the FireFighters in Emery County that are red carded in each department. Please go through these as a chief and let Jeramy know if they are still in your department so he can update on his end.

Experience Sheets: Please fill these out and send them back to Jeramy. There is enough room on each sheet for 8 FireFighters. Jeramy will check to see if he can get a different code he can use for any fire, if not The fires that they attend will need to be ran through Moab Fire Center.

Engine Inventories: Jeramy will be coming around to each Department to do engine checks. Once Jeramy gets that done he will send that paperwork to the Chiefs and let them know what is missing for the MOU requirements.

DOT inspections on engines: As soon as you get those done, send those to Jeramy so he can update them.

6. BLM comments and business:

Cody Jones from the BLM was here. Said he is happy to help out with training and anything else the departments need. If there is anything that anyone would like him to take back let him know.

7. Board Training is on 24th of January:

Just a reminder that there are two classes you can attend. Please make an effort to do so. You can also do the class online.

8. Radio Update:

We are buying radios off a grant. Jeff Guymon hasn't gotten an update from the state. Jeremy said he does have a little information about the radios. The radios do have to be programmed through UCA before they come to the departments. They are the only ones that can program them.

9. Fire Truck Replacement Project. Phase 2 Update: Mark:

The trucks are in Salt Lake. They are Castle Dales and Huntingtons. They are waiting for Pierce to ok the booster lines for the warranty. One truck had the wrong drums and that is being shipped right now, the other one had a sling ring fixed. The waterless pumps will be warranted for 10 years.

10. Fire Truck Replacement Project. Phase 3 Update: Mark:

We just did the public hearing. We are going to close on the loan between now and the next meeting. Ignacio will send the paperwork off to the lawyer as soon as he can.

11. NEW MOU update:

There was an MOU out three years ago. It never got past the commissioners that Ignacio knows of. That MOU is going to get scraped and a new one will be made. They are looking at giving funding to the Fire Fighters. The FireFighter volunteers have been declining and this might be something that will keep volunteers with the departments. Jordan said that across the board volunteers are hard to find. How do we help them feel support as a community? Jordan said he doesn't want to promise anything but it's worth looking into.

12. County Training Committee:

Not present.

13. Motion to pay the bills:

Ben made a motion to pay the monthly bills with a second from Preston.

Voting was unanimous.

14. Chief's round table:

Ignacio noticed that everyone in the room does attend city council meetings.

Make sure to tell council members and mayors know what your volunteer FireFighter numbers are like, whether they are up or down.

Oranveille; Nothing to report

Ferron: Nothing to report

Jordan: He said he is excited to be with Fire. With the MOU if you take that to COG meeting and get support of mayors and then we can try and take action. The support of the mayors would be huge for the Commissioners to know. No funds the FireFighters get comes from the County.

Preston: Nothing to report

Ben: Nothing to report

Stoney: Nothing to report

Jeremy with FFSL said that any time there is a Wildland fire which is tree, grass or vegetation, Jeramy needs to be notified. It's the Sheriff's Department's responsibility to let the Fire Warden know.

15. Citizens' concerns:

Already discussed.

16. Adjourn:

Stoney made a motion to adjourn with a second from Dale. Motion passed unanimously.