

Emery County Fire Protection District Meeting Minutes

Date: February 21st, 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), Dell Mead (Ferron), Richard Scott McClaughty (Emery), Britni Moreno (Castle Dale), Chase Majors (Huntington), Jordan Leonard (Commissioner), Natalie Olsen (Administrator)

1. Approval of minutes for January 2023 meeting:

Dell made a motion to approve the minutes with a second from Scott. Voting was unanimous.

2. Resolution 2-21-23A is the certification of authorized individuals for our PTIF accounts to make Brenda Tuttle and Josie Stillson authorized users on our behalf. Discuss and vote:

Stoney made a motion to approve resolution 2-21-23A with a second from Britni. Voting was unanimous.

3. UFRA Comments and Business:

Raleigh Bunch wasn't able to make the meeting but said he will be getting out the registration form for the regional classes by the end of the week for April.

We have a regional Fire school in April this year. Green River is hosting.

4. Forestry, Fire and State Lands Comments and Business:

Jeremy wasn't able to make the meeting. Stoney mentioned that the RT130 will be in Huntington on March 8th at 6:00 pm. Nosh also mentioned that the southern half of the county needs to pick a date to have a class with Jeremy and let him know.

5. BLM Comments and Business:

Nothing to report.

6. Booster Line Quote. Discuss and vote:

These quotes are pretty high. Chase said as far as Huntington is concerned he doesn't think it's a responsible way to spend the money. Chase suggested instead of spending the \$28,000 for two trucks, cut that in half and use that funding for outfitting the apparatus. It was also discussed that Booster lines are not used often enough to be spending that kind of money. Stoney made a motion to deny the Booster line with a second from Ben. Voting was unanimous.

7. Grant for SCBA's (Chase):

Chase volunteered to write grants for larger ticketed items if the district is ok with that. Nosh said if everyone pulls their resources together and add numbers together we can get more stuff. Everyone

still needs to go out and get their own grants but on the larger ones Chase is willing to write them.

8. L&N Curtis:

Tom and Patrick with L.N. Curtis said they would be willing to give some help and assist with some of the grants we are wanting to write. Paul Bedont is a great resource to grant writing.

L.N. Curtis presented SCBA G1 Pack and showed all the features they have to offer with the G1.

Chase thought it would be a good idea to have everyone have the same SCBA so everything could be interchangeable between stations.

9. Insurance paperwork new trucks give out:

Nosh handed the insurance out to everyone. The plates will be mailed to Nosh and then will get them over to where they need to go.

10. Update on Pierce's old 412 (Brittany):

They are clearing it out tomorrow. It is still having issues with the batteries still. Nosh said when they are ready to move it, get ahold of Stoney, make a date and take it to Johnson's Diesel. Fire Engine 412 is done and will be taken off.

11. Update on old 422 (Chase):

It's still in service and fully loaded because they haven't received their training from Pierce to deploy the new 422.

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

License Plates are ordered. The last bill came in for \$27,000. That includes all of the stuff we added and the fabrications we did in Florida. The check has been sent to pay because it had already been approved.

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

Payments of CIB money: They didn't want to pay the full amount. It's in the new policy that we pay half. Nosh paid the lawyers and they got the full payment. We had a grant and loan for 1,676,000.00. They wanted Nosh to pay half because of the new policy. The state charged \$24,000 because of the interest and the contract that we had been holding for so many months. Nosh disagrees with the state but wasn't going to argue with them. In two years we will owe \$827,000.02 when we pick up the trucks. We will be \$6,807.00 short that will have to be paid out of the general fund. Nosh wanted to note that this has been so frustrating because if we would've gotten the fire trucks a year and a half ago he would've gotten a free fire truck today. Nothing you can do about it now, just move on.

14. NEW MOU update:

It is still being worked on.

15. County Training Committee. (Scott):

On March 18th there will be a Mental resilience class county wide. It was suggested it would be the best to hold them in Castle Dale. It was also decided that every other month there would be a get together and have fun games and do something competition wise to get camaraderie from the stations. That will be April 15th.

On May 20th we will bring the down the EEDS trailer and do EEDS simulation and ropes course.

In June we want to bring down Lantis to do fireworks safety for the county.

We will try in July to try and get pumps.

We also thought in December to have a banquet for the firefighters.

It got brought up that maybe we move the banquet to another month.

16. Motion to pay the bills:

Brittney made a motion to approve the bills mentioned with a second from Chase. Voting was unanimous.

17. Chief's round table:

Nosh: He said thank you for the extra things you are doing to help out. Read a letter from Scott. Some of the firefighters had some questions in that letter that Nosh addressed and answered.

-City chiefs need to get their own equipment, do not count on the county to get equipment. The board is here to support.

-The board approved the new four door fire engines.

-Recheck Dells fire station to make sure the new fire truck can fit into the stations. Dell thinks it should be ok to fit.

Chase: He is going to be attending an electric vehicle training in March. It's through ESA. It's all about lithium batteries which is an issue. He has a flyer that he will email out if anyone is interested. It was discussed that everyone goes to their own city planning and zoning meeting to let them know about the issues of the stored batteries that could be in these charging stations and just pay attention.

UFRA was down on the 11th for training. It was a great training.... 20 something firefighters attended. Huntington did a ceremony for their new engine and that went well. Really good turn out.

Scott: Went to the same training as Chase on electric vehicles. He went up to the instructors after and they told him if there is a fire burning off the side of the road you close the road and just let it burn. Nothing you can do to put it out.

Britni: UFRA is coming tomorrow night if anyone wants to come.

Jordan: Planning and Zoning meeting is March 8th at 1:00pm if Chase wants to attend to talk about the Charging stations.

Dell: They have a truck that has a leaking pump and wondering where he can go to get it fixed? Everyone suggested LN Curtis and Larsen Fire.

Stoney: Nothing to report.

18. Citizens' concerns: Nothing to report.

Chase made a motion to adjourn with a second from Dell.

