

Moab Valley Fire Protection District Commission Meeting

45 South 100 East, Moab Utah 84532

April 18th, 2023 - 4:00 p.m.

A. Call to Order:

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Archie Walker at 4:00 p.m.
2. Commissioners Present: Chairman Archie Walker, Commissioner Jim McGann, Commissioner Charlie Harrison
3. Staff Present: Chief T.J. Brewer, Administrator Cathy Bonde, Captain Shea Walker

B. General Business:

1. Commissioner Harrison motioned to approve minutes from the regular Commission meeting on March 21st, 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGann, and it passed unanimously.
2. Citizens to be Heard – None were present.
3. Commissioner McGann asked about the Penguin Management bill in relation to e-dispatch. Commissioner Walker asked how things were working with Dispatch, and Chief Brewer stated that the Sheriff is aware of issues and is working to fix the problems. Captain Shea Walker has been attending Dispatch meetings, and it has been helpful on our end. Commissioner Harrison motioned to approve bills. Commissioner McGann seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Chief's Report

1. Chief Brewer reported 30 total calls to service since the last Commission meeting.
2. Two of our volunteers have been in the hospital unrelated to any fire incident. Both are now at home and recuperating.
3. Mason Tranter was hired by St. George Fire Department and is no longer with Moab Fire.
4. Chief Brewer spoke with the Sheriff about the dive team and they will continue to discuss how best to move forward. Captain Shea Walker gave a briefing on the swift

water rescue training that took place. Discussion was had in relation to gear for specialty rescue and how the Department may or may not be able to provide gear.

5. Chief Brewer informed the Commissioners on the advantages of outside training opportunities and future budget considerations in relation to training.
6. Cora Philips, the new Emergency Manager for the County, is working with us to try to update our Hazmat equipment. She is willing to help with both equipment and training.
7. Chief Brewer shared the new staffing schedule with the Commissioners, and Commissioners discussed staffing implications and how the organizational chart is affected. Chief Brewer also spoke to the need of increased staffing in relation to expansion of the District.
8. The FEPP truck is painted. The tank now needs to be painted.
9. Chief Brewer presented information about impact fees and the need to move forward with implementing them. Unified Fire's impact fees schedule was presented as an example. Discussion was had on the investment required in order to implement impact fees, and Chief Brewer stated the return greatly outweighs the investment and removes some burden from the taxpayer.
10. Chief Brewer presented Commissioners with statistics on our volunteer firefighters. 85% are certified Firefighter I, 57% are certified Firefighter II, 100% are certified Hazmat Awareness, and 89% are certified Hazmat Ops. It takes between one and two years for a new volunteer to get Firefighter I. We will be receiving recognition from UFRA, and Straight Tip Magazine is working on an article in relation to these achievements.
11. Chief Brewer presented Commissioners with a letter from Castle Valley Fire District asking our attorney to draft an agreement with them that includes compensation for responding out of District for both parties. Commissioners discussed different kinds of agreements that could be entered into.

E. Old Business:

1. Annexation – Some discussion on annexation took place during the Chief's report. Staff continues to work on annexation. The next meeting with Chris Baird will take place on Friday. A County Commissioner has voiced interested in participating in the process.
3. Job Descriptions – This is ongoing.

G. Closed Session:

1. Chairman Walker motioned to move into closed session at 4:47 p.m. to discuss contracts in relation to the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property. Commissioner Harrison seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Chairman Walker motioned to leave closed session at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Harrison seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

H. Adjourn:

1. Chair Walker adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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Archie Walker, Chair

Attest: _____

Cathy Bonde, Clerk

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