

# CRAIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2023

## Call the Meeting to Order

John Forgay called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. (Chapman Absent)

## Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

## Approval of Agenda

Rod Kowach made a motion to approve the Agenda. Alan Webber seconded. Motion passed. (4:0)

## Approval of Minutes

Chris Nichols moved to approve the March 16, 2023 minutes as presented. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (4:0).

## Approval of Bills

Webber moved to approve the bills for April 20, 2023 as presented (Fire Department bills in the amount of \$12,711.30, Haz-Mat bills in the amount of \$0.00 and Pension bills of \$247.50 for a total of \$12,958.80 Nichols seconded. Motion passed. (4:0)

Chapman arrived (7:03 pm)

## Purchase Orders

2023-001 – The current washing machine is from 1994, it is currently not in operation. First vendor to come look at it never called back. Called dealer in Golden, truck fee is \$1,500 per trip, Labor is \$140 and hour, parts may not be available. Had them also quote replacing of machine. The less expensive option has a NFPA cycle for bunker gear. Price on new machine is \$13,376.00 for machine, delivery and install. Board discussion followed. Kowach made a motion to approve P.O. # 2023-001 in the amount of \$13,376.00. Chapman seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

## Budget Review

Nichols – Just deposited \$70,000. Revenue 35.8%, Administrative expenses are at 21.3%, Operations 18.24%, Capital at 1.5%, for a total expenditure at 18%.

## New Business

None

## Correspondence

Forgay read a card from Dianna Hoffman.

## Reports from the Chief –

Chief Mercer – We had 29 calls in March. 20 Fire, 9 EMS, and 0 HazMat. Rookie academy is about two months from live fire testing, and then will be moving on to HazMat. Tonya attended SO class, and will give an update on that later. PR has been full with tours, fire inspections and on Thursday we helped fill sandbags. The fleet is in relatively good shape. E2 tank will be repaired next week at work night. E3 has a possible headlight switch issue. E7 has a repair for the pump seal scheduled. L1 windshield has been replaced. Lobby Lights, electrician scheduled to come in Monday for the last 2 lights. Roof Issues; met with engineer, building inspector, and a couple of board members on March 17<sup>th</sup>. As of yesterday, have not received report. Anticipated

arrival tomorrow with an answer by Monday. Axis Steel did some shoring, have had to move some trucks due to the shoring. Minor issues with that. Will make a plan after insurance.

Tonya gave an update from ESO conference, a lot of other entities are dealing with the same issues. Did learn how to better make work for us, some new tools and updates coming in the future.

The Luau is scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the OP. We are ordering new shirts, please get your sizes to Captain Olsen. ISO is coming to do a site survey May 8<sup>th</sup> for ratings. 2013 was the last time we were reviewed. We brought the rating down, but they have changed their rating system. Working on documentation and communication and then meeting with them. We have had a board member ask for their own email address to keep fire things separate from other business. Does the board all want their own department specific email? Forgay thinks yes, this would be a good idea. Chief Mercer will set it up.

### **Board Member Reports**

Forgay presented a plaque to Alan Webber. It's Alan's last meeting with us. Hate to see you go, offered a lot of insight, and input. Appreciate it a lot.

Rod Kowach – Alan, it's been great working with you. Tonya, thanks for all you do. Lots of calls, been busy. Responded to Dad, did great. Thank you.

Chris Nichols – City Manager was impressed with the fire department. Good kudos. Tonya has been working on the map, and finally has a draft. Kudo's for taking care of it. Alan, thanks, it's been good.

J.B. Chapman — Ditto for everything. Thanks, Chief, for peace of mind. Thank you so much for everybody's efforts.

Alan Webber — It's been an honor and a pleasure, the highlight of my adult life to be here. I have the utmost respect, and will always be your biggest supporter. Time constraints, travel and family are keeping me busy, feel like it's the best thing. You are all great friends. Thank you.

John Forgay — Echo what's been said. Any structure damage up top? Tonya, thanks for all that you're keeping together.

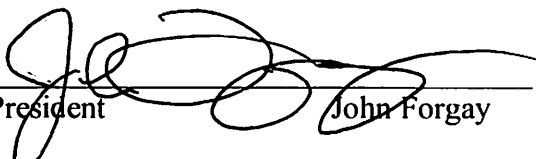
Chief Mercer - roof looks good from top.


### **Audience Comments**


Kamisha Siminoe – love and support for Alan. Read her letter of retirement from active firefighter.


### **Adjournment**

Forgay entertained a motion to adjourn. Kowach moved. Nichols seconded. Motion passed. (5:0) Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

  
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President John Forgay

  
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