

CRAIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 5, 2024

Call the Meeting to Order

K.C. Hume called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Chapman absent. (excused)

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Kowach moved to approve the December 11, 2023 minutes as presented. Nichols seconded. Motion passed. (4:0).

Approval of Bills

Kowach moved to approve the bills for January 5, 2024 as presented (Fire Department bills in the amount of \$6,432.19, Haz-Mat bills in the amount of \$0.00 and Pension bills of \$0.00 for a total of \$6,432.19 Mark Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (4:0)

Purchase Orders

None

Budget Review

Nichols – Not much for 2024, 2023 Revenue 110.3%, Administrative 83.2%, Operations 77.8%, Capital is showing over, due to the roof repair. There are still 2023 invoices coming in, wrapping that up. Account balances; Pension \$4,341,000 Capital \$2,820,000 Operating \$216,000.

New Business

Roof Repair – Hume – KC received an email from June, she had not heard back from their engineer yet. She was going to reach back out to him. Taking a peek in the bays, they have worked on temporary bracing, and preparing for the delivery of steel.

We have a host of resolutions due to special session bills created upheaval of normal budget schedule and adjusted timelines. We have a clearer understanding of the impacts. There is about a \$40,000 loss between both counties. Had conversations with Tonya, who took some webinars and had discussions with DOLA and SDA. This process has never happened before. For this evening, we will need to adopt an amended budget reflecting adjusted revenue, we added a revenue line for backfill This does not change the bottom line, but tries to reflect as best as possible.

Supplemental Budget and Appropriation – Hume read the resolution, which is to cover unexpected roof repair costs, from money in reserves. Nichols made a motion to adopt Supplemental Budget and Appropriation. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (4:0)

Budget Amendment – The budget was passed in December, the new assessment rate changed revenues, the budget has been amended to the appropriate amount and added a line for state backfill. Hume read the resolution to amend the Fire Budget. Nichols made a motion to amend the Fire Budget. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (4:0)

Resolution Levying Property Taxes, Moffat County - Hume read the resolution to levy property taxes in Moffat County. Kowach made a motion to approve the resolution levying property taxes in Moffat County. Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (4:0)

Resolution Levying Property Taxes, Routt County - Hume read the resolution to levy property taxes in Routt County. Kowach made a motion to approve the resolution levying property taxes in Routt County. Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (4:0)

Resolution Appropriating Sums of Money - Hume read the resolution to appropriate funds. Nichols made a motion to approve the resolution appropriating funds. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (4:0)

Resolution Designating Public Place for Posting Notice - Hume read the Resolution Designating Public Place for Posting Notice. Kowach made a motion to approve. Nichols seconded. Motion passed. (4:0)

Resolution Designating Official Newspaper for Publishing - Hume read the Resolution Designating Official Newspaper for Publishing. Kowach made a motion to approve. Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (4:0)

Correspondence

None.

Reports from the Chief –

Chief Mercer – We had 14 calls in December. 11 Fire, 3 EMS, and 0 HazMat. Two of the three 2023 Rookies have passed, With Strecker continuing to test. 2024 Rookie academy starts tomorrow with six recruits. We have a mix of rookies, orientation starts at 8:00 am. E2 & E3 are having some pump engagement issues. We have a temporary work around. Everything is in working order. Gym expansion is in progress. DNT is running electrical, and paint has been purchased. Hume asked to interface with Justin Jennison on lighting, Corey electric will put lighting in as part of the process. The gas meter cover has been installed, hopefully that is no longer an issue.

Board Member Reports

Rod Kowach – Attended a CURA meeting on the 13th. They have passed their budget with \$171,536 in income and \$18,100 in expenditures. Nichols says the income is anticipated to have increases in increment with the Distillery project and the sports bar in the old VI building. Should ramp up when done. Thank you for what you do, it's wintertime be safe and watch out for slick roads and animals. Christmas dinner was wonderful.

Chris Nichols – The City and County have hired legal representation for the energy resource plan with the PUC. They will look at assets, water rights, etc. Working to repurpose and determine if will keep some assets. There are 2 law firms, that have worked in this area before. Feel that may stand a better chance with them knowing the system. They are using money from the Just Transition Fund. Will give reports when there is something to report. Thank you, Tonya for the great dinner. Be safe on the roads.

J.B. Chapman —

Mark Bangs – Questions on the terms, election in 2024, or 2025? Minutes show 2024. Tonya – seats are up for election in 2025, just transitioned from even years to odd.

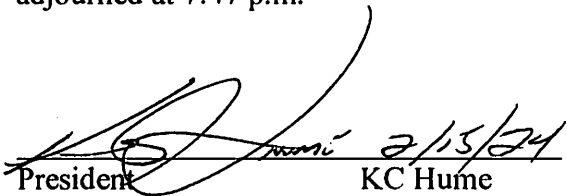
KC Hume— Would like to recognize Tonya and the Chief, more so Tonya for budget work. It has been a year full of challenges that we have not experienced. Positioned favorably with the work that has been done. Excited for orientation. Great time at the banquet. Mark, thank you for your letter, conversation and becoming part of the family. Look forward to the future.

Audience Comments

None

Adjournment

Hume entertained a motion to adjourn. Kowach moved. Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (4:0) Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.


President *2/15/24*
KC Hume

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