

CRAIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2022

Call the Meeting to Order

John Forgay called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. (Webber absent – excused)

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Nichols moved to approve the March 17, 2022 minutes as presented. Maneotis seconded. Motion passed. (4:0).

Guest: Dan Bingham

Dan Bingham with the EMS Taskforce came to discuss the future of EMS. Memorial Regional Health has set a moratorium on the ambulance service. They are willing to entertain any creative ideas for a solution. Nichols – was on the original committee, was dropped when it went internal. There is no way for the fire department to take over without a source of income. Approximately 68% of our current budget is from the power plant and mine. Our future is uncertain as to the exact impact on our budget. All of our revenue is property tax based. What are you as a taskforce looking at? Bingham – looking at financials, run statistics, needs, peak hours, crew needs, what the actual cost of EMS in Moffat County is. We would like to maintain services as they are across the board. The community does not know the cost of services. Nichols suggested public education, Forgay agreed, adding that there are difficulties in staffing commitments already. We will continue to assist as long as the firefighters are willing, but EMS is not part of our Charter.

Approval of Bills

Rod Kowach moved to approve the bills for April 21, 2022 as presented (Fire Department bills in the amount of \$26,825.95, Haz-Mat bills in the amount of \$0.00 and Pension bills of \$0.00) for a total of \$26,825.95.

Maneotis seconded. Motion passed. (4:0)

Purchase Orders

None

Budget Review

Nichols – As of April 21st, we are a quarter of the way through the year. Revenue 37.6%, Administrative expenses are at 20%, Operations 18.2%, Capital at 19%, for a total expenditure at 19.5%. There are some bigger expenses like pension contribution, audit and actuarial study coming up.

New Business

Chief Mercer – ADM-25; No comments were received on proposed changes. Nichols made a motion to approve ADM-25. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (4:0).

ADM-38; No comments were received on proposed changes. Kowach made a motion to approve ADM-38. Nichols seconded. Motion passed. (4:0).

ADM-40; No comments were received on proposed changes. Maneotis made a motion to approve ADM-40.

Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (4:0).

ADM-41; No comments were received on proposed changes. Nichols made a motion to approve ADM-41.

Maneotis seconded. Motion passed. (4:0).

Actuarial Study; Currently 116% funded. We will have an uptick in drawing in the next few years. We should continue to fund it while we have the money to do so. There is some interesting demographic information in the report. Nichols made a motion to accept the actuarial study. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (4:0)

Change of Bank Signer; Tony Maneotis is leaving his position on the Board. We will need to add a new signer. Nichols made a motion to remove Tony Maneotis as a signer and add Rod Kowach in his place as a new signer on the bank accounts. Maneotis seconded. Motion passed. (4:0)

Supplemental Budget; The SCBA purchase went over what we had budgeted, we need to balance that out, and submit a supplemental budget. Nichols made a motion to approve the supplemental budget. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (4:0)

Correspondence

None

Reports from the Chief –

Chief Mercer – We had 29 calls in March. 11 EMS, 18 Fire and 0 HazMat. Rookie academy is finishing HazMat. Fire 2 and HM practicals are being held Saturday. We have a Fire 2 candidate from Glenwood coming to attend the practical. R1 is waiting for parts on the DEF tank. It is a warranty issue. There is also a possible battery issue involving the kussmaul, we are monitoring it. T2 still has a leak on a hose. It has been noted, and we are doing some follow up with it. L1 we have had some issues in the past with repairs and Max Fire.

Received a call from Floyd, Rosenbauer reached out to see if we could get it taken care of. Possibility that the broken bolt may be the same broken bolt as before. Going to look at it on work night. The new door lock shape has caused a need for faceplates. These are being installed and the new combo will be forwarded on. Truck and Firefighter radios have been installed and tuned. The techs are coming back to make some adjustments. They did programming yesterday, and flashed the old radios while they were here. We have 2 separate vintages of radios. They will have to make a template for the older ones and are coming back. The end-of-life radios will go

out of service at that point. Do we want to donate them? Nichols made a motion to donate obsolete radios to the airport as/is. Maneotis seconded. Motion passed. (4:0). ESO update, met with the onboarding rep on implementation and system set up, timeline, transition period and subscription fee. There is a possibility of needing to add a scheduling module. We have moved two new O.C. into the ranks, congrats to O.C. Trevenen and O.C. Bangs. Foam order, working with FF Hammer sending emails, no response from company.

Continuing to work on this. We are working on a DFPC Fire “Field Days”. The DFPS has props that they can send out for training purposes. Lt Decker was successful in our request and the DFPS is working on setting up some State trainings. Currently have pumping simulator, driving simulator and live fire. Looking at July 22, 23, 24. State is planning to open up classes. We supply the facility and limited personnel, they provide props, instruction for free to any fire department that wants to show up. They also need a pumper, so we have committed E4, the facilities as well as filling propane for props. They will have 4-hour block classes, and we have asked them to add a class that utilizes the tower, as well as officer development classes.

Board Member Reports

Forgay – This is Tony Maneotis last meeting. You will be missed. Appreciate your input, we’re going to miss you. Presented Maneotis with a card and a plaque.

Rod Kowach – Thank you Tony, pleasure working with you. Learned a lot from you. Been a lot of structure fires. Be safe out there. Wildland fire is in other parts of the state. Thank you everybody. Thank you Tonya for what you do.

Chris Nichols – Thank you Tony – we had a good board. Thank you for your service, supporting firefighters. Appreciate board working together. Meeting monthly with the Chief – Compliments to you, doing a good job. Audit went well, keep up good work.

Tony Maneotis — Thank you. It's tough, you've been great. Appreciate everything you do. Will come to see you and visit. You guys are fantastic. If you have questions or anything, I'm here for you. Tonya, you've been great, you work hard. John, fantastic job as President, Chris, great with budget. I hate to leave you guys. Thank you very much.

Alan Webber —

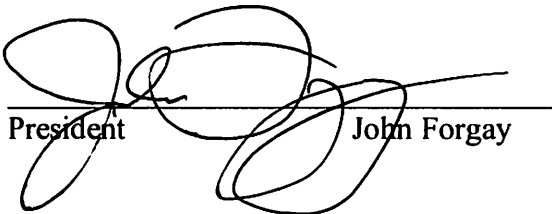
John Forgay — Echo, same things. Good board, we will try to carry on. Keep safe out there. Tonya, you're the glue.

Audience Comments

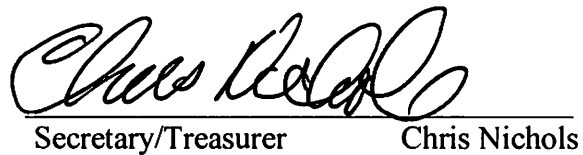
Doug Slaight thanked Tony Maneotis for his service.

Adjournment

Forgay entertained a motion to adjourn. Kowach moved. Maneotis seconded. Motion passed. (4:0) Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.



President John Forgay



Secretary/Treasurer Chris Nichols