

CRAIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2024

Call the Meeting to Order

K.C. Hume called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Full Board, Chiefs, Captains, and 2 Retirees present

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Approval of Agenda

Chris Nichols made a motion to approve the Agenda. JB Chapman seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Approval of Minutes

Rod Kowach moved to approve the February 15, 2024 minutes as presented. Nichols seconded. Motion passed. (5:0).

Approval of Bills

Of note, there is a bill for SCBA compressor service. Chapman moved to approve the bills for March 21, 2024 as presented (Fire Department bills in the amount of \$20,442.64, Haz-Mat bills in the amount of \$326.00 and Pension bills of \$0.00 for a total of \$20,768.64. Mark Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Purchase Orders

None

Budget Review

Nichols - Revenue 14.9, Admin 14.9%, Operations 16.8%, Capital 9%. 12.3% expenses of total budget. Will transfer \$100,000 from Operating to Capital Reserve.

New Business

Roof Repair – Hume – Wrapping up the roof repair, all sign offs are completed. Had to go back in and add electric for the trucks. Also added electrical to the bunker rack areas, may see an additional expense for electrical work. Sent an email to June, our claims examiner, for follow up on payment. She is waiting on her commercial contractor to finalize the report. We have submitted all costs to June, and are hoping to have report done in next few weeks to finalize payment. There may be a potential for the claim to be covered completely. Hume - would like to recognize Tonya for exemplary record keeping, it was very helpful for the claim.

Correspondence

Hume read a thank you card from Fredonne Chapman.

Reports from the Chief –

Chief Mercer – We had 26 calls in February. 21 Fire, 5 EMS, and 0 HazMat. Rookie academy is wrapping up HazMat, Quarterly and Rookie HazMat practical will be held on April 6. PR consisted of a couple station tours and a visit to the Mennonite school. Fleet is running, no real updates. We should be moving into the bays next week. Corey Electric is working on a bid to change the rest of the bay lights to LED's. Looking at a retrofit option as well as a replacement option. Will be changing combos and locks at the tower. No issues, but did have an unauthorized entry, so will be taking out the temporary door codes and changing gate combos.

Hume – Talked with Kowach about cameras after the break in. We had no real damage, and no one got hurt, but looking into interior and exterior at bays and a few at station. They are fairly inexpensive. Have reached out to a vendor, who will come do a walk through, offer suggestions and a quote.

Fire extinguisher service has been done. Lastly, included in the packet, Al Landa has a letter of retirement. – Read by Chief Mercer. Kowach made a motion to accept Al Landa’s retirement and return to active duty. Chapman seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Board Member Reports

Rod Kowach – Thank you, Chief, Firefighters, Tonya. KC. Appreciate all you do. It’s been a pretty good winter, better than last year. Looking forward to seeing the trucks back at the station. JB, Sorry about the loss of your father.

Chris Nichols – 2023 came in about \$137,000 under budget, will transfer \$100,000 to capital reserve. Thank you very much for budget work. Would like to see a capital replacement plan, 5 year, or 10. Tonya, Thank you for keeping things straight.

J.B. Chapman — The things most overwhelming to us as a family was all of the folks that came from all over. And so many of them were in awe of the last ride. You are all the best. Thanks.

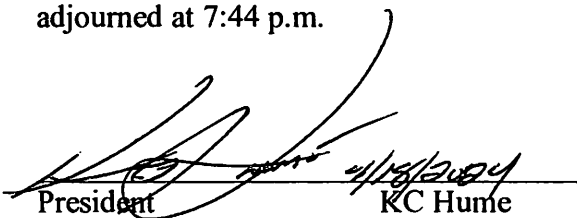
Mark Bangs – Thank you for all that you do. It is an awesome job, but sometimes it’s hard. Thans again. Thanks to the Board.

KC Hume — Restating much of what has already been offered up. Visited with Tonya this week, hiring is a roll of the dice. You try to make the best decisions, don’t get discouraged. Things happen. Will be at the HazMat practical on the 6th.

Audience Comments
None.

Adjournment

Hume entertained a motion to adjourn. Kowach moved. Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (5:0) Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.


President KC Hume


Secretary/Treasurer Chris Nichols