

CRAIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 20, 2024

Call the Meeting to Order

K.C. Hume called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Chapman absent, Nichols enroute.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Approval of Agenda

Rod Kowach made a motion to approve the Agenda. Mark Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (3:0)

Approval of Minutes

Bangs moved to approve the May 16, 2024 minutes as presented. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (3:0).

Approval of Bills

Kowach moved to approve the bills for June 20, 2024 as presented (Fire Department bills in the amount of \$30,707.53, Haz-Mat bills in the amount of \$0.00 and Pension bills of \$10,500.00 for a total of \$41,207.53. Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (3:0)

Purchase Orders

None

Budget Review

Hume – We have some anomalies that are skewing the percentages. Having conversations on supplemental budget to reflect correct percentages. Have received 65% of Operating Revenue and 66% of Capital Revenue. Admin 46.3%, Operations 29%.

New Business

Audit – Eric Miller from the Adams Group has joined on Zoom to present the Audit. Eric gave an overview, there were no difficulties or disagreements, Tonya was fantastic. Everything looks good. Nothing of concern. Hume liked the new format. Kowach made a motion to approve the Audit and accompanying correspondence. Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (3:0)

Correspondence

K.C. Hume read a thank you card from Megan O'Toole.

Reports from the Chief –

Chief Mercer – We had 24 calls in May. 21 Fire, 3 EMS, and 0 HazMat. 2024 Academy is in classes the next few weeks. Their practicals are the first couple of weekends in August. PRE, we had the Luau, pancake breakfast, and tours. Fleet is pretty good. E1 DEF unit is on order. We had rear tire damage on E3, lost rear outer dual. Working on prices and parts. It's mostly cosmetic. L1 inspection will be around August 12th. The command will be at Victory for an exhaust manifold gasket. The bunker gear racks have arrived and been installed. Currently painting the gym expansion.

Hume – 800 MHz pagers have been ordered by the 911 authority, who made the decision to purchase 800 MHz pagers for all first responders to transition from the VHF system. We have operated in the current system since 2012, this will bring us current. New pagers will be issued to agencies. Additional pagers after will need to be purchased by entities.

Mercer – Support rookie applications closed Friday; interviews were Wednesday. Three confirmed, two showed. Physical agility will be Monday at 6:30 at the tower. Then we will move on. Hopeful start date mid-

July. 4th of July picnic is at 12:00 at the fairgrounds. Then we will have a modified staff meeting and then fireworks.

Board Member Reports

Rod Kowach – Tonya, thank you for a good job on the audit. Appreciate it. Pretty hectic month, hope everyone is alright from the bad call. Looking forward to the 4th. Be safe, thank you.

Nichols arrived at 7:55

Chris Nichols – Just arrived from another meeting. Doesn't have much, thank you for showing up and doing what you do.

J.B. Chapman —

Mark Bangs – Thank you for what you do. Willing to help with policies, etc. for compliance. Let him know where he can help. Maybe fire inspections.

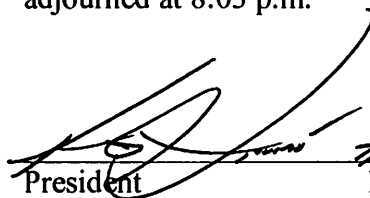
KC Hume — At the mention of fire inspections, when Bill Johnston was Chief, the board adopted the 2006 version of the fire code. It's worth moving forward to a new code. As a resource, the fire department and the availability to do fire inspections provides value to the community. To be at a state level, would need certified inspectors. There is a host of things needed for the state level. But we could do things locally to support fire inspections. Have an appointment next week to look into cameras for interior/exterior at the bays. We will do a site walk and get some options. Met with Jonah Jenison today to do a video testimonial, kinda cool. Dispatch is experiencing some staffing obstacles. Fully staffed, they would have 16 employees, by the end of the month, they will have 5. As a temporary solution, they will be transferring calls to the center in Alamosa. KC meeting with them about transition.

Audience Comments


None

Adjournment


Hume entertained a motion to adjourn. Kowach moved. Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (4:0) Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.



President



KC Hume



Secretary/Treasurer

Chris Nichols