

CENTRAL ORCHARD MESA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting – September 10, 2020

PENSION BOARD MEETING:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Randy Patterson. In attendance were Tim Bevan, Randy Zellner, Murray Theissen and John Sigle. A quorum was established. Dave Larsen was absent with an excused absence. Others in attendance were Chief Dave Gitchell and Administrative Assistant Linda Weber.

Minutes of the June 2020 Board Meeting was read. **MOTION** by Tim Bevan and seconded by Randy Zellner to accept the June2020 minutes as written. Minutes approved 5 to 0.

OLD PENSION BUSINESS:

None

NEW PENSION BUSINESS:

Linda Weber read the requirements for Pension Board members from Section 11 of the FPPA Employer Guide “All members of the District Board; the Treasurer of the Board; and two individuals elected from fire department members, retired fire department members, or retired fire department members returned to active service pursuant to section 31-30-1132 C.R.S.”

MOTION made by Tim Bevan and seconded by Randy Zellner to accept Dave Gitchell as a new member of the Pension Board. Motion carried.

Linda Weber reported the 2nd Quarter Pension Fund Report. Total return on assets for 2nd quarter 2020 is 7.82%. Year to date it is -1.87%. Plan contributions for the year are at \$34,458 with a deficit of \$2,337.00. This should be addressed and corrected as soon as the State of Colorado allows for a request for state matching funds. They have extended the request period to October due to Covid-19 problems. The ending fund balance for six months dated 6/30/2020 is \$138,358.25.

Being no other pension board business Randy Patterson closed the meeting at 7:11 PM.

FIRE BOARD MEETING:

Meeting called to order at 7:11 PM by President Randy Patterson with board members Randy Zellner, John Sigle and Tim Bevan in attendance. A Quorum was established. Others present were Chief Dave Gitchell, Assistant Chief Murray Theissen and Administrative Assistant Linda Weber. Dave Larsen was absent with an excused absence.

Minutes for June 2020 were read. **MOTION** by Tim Bevan and seconded by Randy Zellner to accept the March 2020 minutes. Motion carried 4 to 0.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Linda Weber gave the treasurers report. Three months of bills paid and income from Mesa County and transport revenue.

Have received most all our tax revenue in for the year. Still seeing transport revenue come in but not as fast as she would like. There is \$22,000 of outstanding invoices out there for transport.

Bills are fairly normal.

\$640.00 for the Chip reader for the MSA packs.

Our legal fees will be high with the negotiations with Grand Junction continuing but not as bad, so far, as I thought it might be.

The other unexpected expenses are for the awards dinner.

Linda Weber transferred \$37,500 from checking to the money market account on 7/13/2020.

The Certificate of Deposit was auto renewed on 6/7/2020. The new interest rate is .05%. Linda Weber suggested, after the City of Grand Junction negotiations, that the Board look into placing remaining funds into a federally approved account in which a better rate of return would be expected.

MOTION by Tim Bevan and seconded by Randy Zellner to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 4 to 0.

2021 Preliminary Budget

Linda Weber presented the preliminary budget for 2021.

Mesa County Assessor's office won't have the preliminary assessed valuations until 10/10/2020. This preliminary budget is going off of last year's tax revenue numbers for this preliminary budget. Linda doesn't project a big change in revenue for this next year.

The actual budget categories will drastically change as we move forward with the City of Grand Junction contract in 2021. For now, this will get us legally compliant with notifications to the residents of the district. We can do our "public meeting" announcement and have the "public comment" meeting at our next scheduled board meeting.

MOTION by Randy Zellner and seconded by Tim Bevan to accept the 2021 Preliminary Budget. Motion approved 4 to 0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Linda Weber informed the board of the timeline of events that attorney Emily Powell had developed and we had forwarded to Chief Watkins. So far, the City of Grand Junction is on target with that timeline.

Linda Weber passed out an email from Fire Chief Watkins from Grand Junction Fire on the progress to date. The Fire Chief and City Manager proposed the agreement to the Grand Junction City Council on 8/31/2020. The council voted 6 to 1 to proceed with the negotiations. The council is concerned with the Gallagher Amendment and the effects it has on revenue in future years as well the pension fund and if it is solvent, what effects it may have in the future for the City of Grand Junction.

Chief Gitchell talked about the ASA resolution. Several entities are involved in the writing of this agreement and it has hit a stall. It may change the way Grand Junction Fire is responsible for EMS service and it may not.

The board ask how we are on responding to calls. Chief Gitchell reported that we will only have two EMT's available to respond and one hardly every responds. This will leave us with one EMT on protocol. We will have to call for mutual aid if the call deems necessary for EMS. The rest of the volunteers are BLS certified and can transport unless it is necessary to have medication or more advanced care. Tim Bevan said we just have to wait and let it play out and we should participate in good faith with the City. The City of Grand Junction will take the time they need to move forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tim Bevan said he felt Linda Weber was doing more work than normal with the City of Grand Junction and driving around more with no board meetings and would like to see the board give her a bonus. **MOTION** by Tim Bevan and seconded by Randy Zellner to give Linda Weber and additional \$1000. Motion passed 4 to 0.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

10 volunteers with 9 active and 1 on probation. 110 calls for the year. On track for the same amount of calls as 2019.

Murry Theissen reported that the one person that left wasn't making trainings or calls.

AJDOURMENT:

Randy Patterson adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM.
Next meeting scheduled for August 1, 2020

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Weber: Administrative Assistant

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Attest: