



White Mountain Fire Protection District



Board of Commissioner Meeting
25470 Hwy 6, Benton, CA 93512
Wednesday March 22, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 06:36 PM

Board members present: Jarret Phillips (Absent), Matt Yount, Geraldine Cady, Bruce Vidal and Robin Picken.

Chief Doonan: Present

District Sec/Treasurer: Jo Ann Morgan-present

Public comment: None

Minutes: Matt Yount made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2023, Bruce Vidal 2nd **Motion passed 4-0**

Fund Balances: Secretary/Treasurer Jo Ann Morgan presented the **Fund Balances**, ESCB \$ 1,899.68, Fire Fund 335 \$ 106,607.34, Reserve Fund 336 \$ 5,028.68 and EMS fund 338 **-\$ 141,327.23** a total of **\$ -27,791.53**. The balances include warrants submitted through Mar22, 2023.

Budget performance/adjustments: Transferred \$ 250.00 from Office budget to web design budget to match the proposal provided by Gigi DeJong.

USDA Rural Facilities Grant: Robin Picken requested information on the grant so she can help. rbpicken@gmail.com.

501c (3) – Tabled

The Open house with rummage sale: Tabled

Explorer Program: Tabled

Strategic Plan review: Renae will get hard copies made at the printers to make binders for all board members. (8) copies. Jo Ann sent Zach at RCI agenda and minutes, district logo and audits. Jo Ann will continue to provide whatever information needed.

Billing for fire/accident calls; CFAA w/ FEMA rates: Tabled

Benton community music festival, community dinner and rummage sale: Robin Picken will head up the committee to start the process. The 501c (3) will need to be created in order to receive more funding for the event. The date will be Saturday, Sept 9, 2023. Robin will reach out to Community Development to reserve the Benton community center.

Snow plow: Tabled

Staff reports:

Chief Doonan: FEMA grant update. Out of the 411,000,000 they have awarded 401,000,000. Out of the 2700 awards they have awarded 2500. We are still in the running.

Reported on propane explosion in Mammoth Lakes. The Chief explained how a propane explosion occurs and what to watch for. The concern is the state of Emergency Services in the region. There is a need to improve on preparation for such emergencies. Things like after action review to attend and evaluate what happened. Our department is going to use the crisis as training for our personnel, discussing each individual's performance and how it could improve.

Our type 6 engine is down in Big Pine for repairs.

Discussed access of ambulance through the reservation on Yellow Jacket Rd after the flooding. Overall, there was a lot of flood damage to roads but minimal damage to homes.

There was discussion explaining a withdrawn property is a property that does not want to pay the tax for the services provided by the district.

Future Agenda Items: None

Next meeting: May 10, 2023 at 6:30 PM

A motion was made by Matt Yount to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Robin Picken. **Motion passed 4-0**

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM