

Delta County Fire Protection District No. 4
Minutes of the November 11, 2024, Board Meeting

Call to Order at 6:40 pm

Members Present: Bill Long, Dan Miller, Cresta Pene, Zach Hotchkiss, Kathy Welt
Fire Chief: Doug Fritz
Secretary/Treasurer: Diane Walker
Other: David Prosser

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

The minutes of the October 14, 2024, board meeting were read and approved on a motion from Dan Miller and seconded by Kathy Welt.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Checking Account:	\$133,761.55
Special Projects Checking Account:	\$ 5,774.26
Bonds/CDs:	\$793,316.33
Firemen's Fund:	\$ 4,023.61

Kathy Welt made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Dan Miller seconded, and the motion passed. The credit card bill and the bills paid since the last meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion from Dan Miller and seconded by Kathy Welt, and the motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: The entire CERF program is being audited by the state.

FIRE CHIEF AND OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Fires and other calls: 5 calls – 2 false gas alarms, 1 person burning tires, etc., 1 electrical motor in furnace overheated and caused smoke, 1 vehicle accident.

Equipment: Keeping up with lots of little issues. Possibility of replacing the shocks on Engine 1.

Training: Getting ready to send people to winter academy in January. Doug is setting up a wildfire class in January.

Personnel: No report.

Grants: There will be a meeting with all nine districts involved in the SAFER grant.

Building Maintenance: Everything has been winterized at both stations. Backflow detectors were inspected.

Subdivisions: No report.

Other: Delta County Hazard Mitigation Plan is completed. Fire chiefs were at the Hotchkiss station this past Friday to talk about the Community Emergency Preparedness Assessment and what their departments have, how they are stocked up on equipment, etc.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT: No report.

OLD OR CONTINUED BUSINESS:

Pension Board: Reviewed investments in the fund.

5 Year Plan: Capital Improvement Plan – Doug is working on possible grants for a fire truck or an addition to the Hotchkiss station.

1 Year Plan: Interest rates recently dropped; Bill Long will call Bank of Colorado.

2025 Budget: Will change Pagers/Radios to \$5K and change Secretary/Treasurer salary to \$17K after a discussion and motion by the board. Bill Long made a motion to give the Secretary/Treasurer salary a 21.43% raise, or \$17K salary per year, Cresta Pene seconded, and the motion passed.

Other: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Purchase Requests: No report.

Other: Santa visit will be Saturday, December 21, at the Hotchkiss station.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Future fire board meetings:

January 13

February 10

March 10