

Delta County Fire Protection District No. 4  
Minutes of the April 8, 2024, Board Meeting

Call to Order at 6:41 pm

Members Present: Bill Long, Dan Miller, Kathy Welt, Cresta Pene, Zach Hotchkiss

Fire Chief: Doug Fritz

Secretary/Treasurer: Diane Walker

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

The minutes of the March 11, 2024, board meeting were read and approved on a motion from Zach Hotchkiss and seconded by Kathy Welt.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Checking Account:	\$ 66,744.17
Special Projects Checking Account:	\$ 5,764.85
Bonds/CDs:	\$794,018.30
Firemen's Fund:	\$ 4,023.61

Dan Miller made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Cresta Pene 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 Zach Hotchkiss.

CORRESPONDENCE: Doug received a letter from two senators asking us to support bill SB-24-194. This senate bill is proposing to diversify our revenue by levying a sales tax, having impact fees, etc. This bill recognizes that property taxes aren't covering services any longer. Dan Miller asked Doug to write a letter in return asking Colorado to support this bill.

FIRE CHIEF AND OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Fires and other calls: 5 calls – False alarm on a brush fire, 3 wildfires, 1 controlled burn.

Equipment: Things are being repaired as they break. Replaced valves and hoses on Engines 3 and 4.

Training: Three people are taking the 130/190 class this month; three are taking the 300 class this month; four are taking the 400 class being held this weekend. There will be 5 or 6 people taking the upcoming S200 class. April 25 there will be a Traffic Incident Management class with area police departments.

Personnel: Everyone is getting their qualifications done.

Grants: We were awarded the Health & Safety grant and measurements will be taken April 24 for 19 sets of wildfire suits.

We have applied with El Pomar for 6 more wildfire suits.

SAFER grant with FEMA has been awarded \$1.7 million to get health insurance for firefighters. Brita Horn with the Rock Creek Volunteer Fire District is the administrator.

Building Maintenance: In the process of switching over to spring/summer. Doug got the first spray done on the weeds.

Subdivisions: No report.

Other: Doug got a call from the town and they are concerned about the two apartments in the Shadescapes building with no sprinklers. The inspector wanted Doug to give an OK that

not having a sprinkler system is ok and Doug wouldn't do that. Doug looked at the new Bud Barn and it's a nightmare too.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT:** Board members received their annual compensation checks.

**OLD OR CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

Pension Board: No report.

5 Plan: Capital Improvement Plan – Need a new plan for 2024.

1 Year Plan: Refinance mortgage – It was agreed to wait a couple months to see what interest rates will do.

Other: The 2023 audit is still being worked on.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan is delayed as FEMA is reviewing it. Bill and Doug recently attended the wildfire protection plan meeting; addresses need to be updated.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Purchase Requests: None.

Other: No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

**Future fire board meetings:**

June 10

July 8

August 12