

Delta County Fire Protection District No. 4  
Minutes of the May 13, 2024, Board Meeting

Call to Order at 6:49 pm

Members Present: Bill Long, Dan Miller, Kathy Welt  
Fire Chief: Doug Fritz  
Secretary/Treasurer: Diane Walker  
Other Attendees: Niki Carpenter, David Prosser

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

The minutes of the April 8, 2024, board meeting were read and approved on a motion from Dan Miller and seconded by Kathy Welt.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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| Checking Account:                  | \$115,218.23 |
| Special Projects Checking Account: | \$ 5,764.85  |
| Bonds/CDs:                         | \$772,757.63 |
| Firemen's Fund:                    | \$ 4,023.61  |

Discussion on using the \$37K backfilled taxes to pay off the Redlands Mesa loan. Kathy Welt made a motion to pay off the Redlands Mesa loan with funds from the General Fund checking account, Dan Miller seconded, and the motion passed.

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 Bill Long, and the motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you card received from the Sheep Dog Trials for our contribution to the event.

Doug attended a meeting with federal and Delta County officials about areas on digital maps where fires could start and stop as well as other features on the maps.

FIRE CHIEF AND OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Fires and other calls: 8 calls – 2 wildfires, 1 controlled burn, 4 car wrecks, 1 false alarm.

Equipment: Engine 1 code variable EGT actuator; Engine 7 inspection held last month; rear sway bar bushings, door handle, new mud flaps were received from the state.

Training: Four people took the ICS400 class in Montrose, 5 attended the 200 class held in Hotchkiss, 9 people will be attending the 215 class being held in Hotchkiss, Bryant Bennett will attend the academy in Cripple Creek in June, and a traffic management class was held here recently.

Personnel: No report.

Grants: We ordered 20 wildland suits at a cost of \$20,000 for the Health and Safety grant; we are still 4 suits short. Doug went through the audit of the FEMA grant with our auditor.

Building Maintenance: Doug did a second spray today. Jeffrey Rodarte has been working on the landscaping. The swamp cooler will be hooked up when it gets warm.

Subdivisions: Three way split of Sage Dome on Cedar Drive – Doug will request a hydrant.

Shadescapes apartments have been settled – they are not going to install a sprinkler system.

Other: Meeting being held tomorrow, May 14, about Interra software for mapping.  
Wednesday, May 15, a CDPHE strategic planning meeting will be held. Incident Commanders from the west region will have a meeting in Montrose on May 17.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT: No report.

OLD OR CONTINUED BUSINESS:

Pension Board: A meeting was held just prior to this board meeting.

5 Year Plan: Need a new Capital Improvement Plan.

1 Year Plan: Refinance mortgage – We continue to wait to see what the interest rates will do over the next few months.

Other: The 2023 audit is still being worked on.

NEW BUSINESS:

Purchase Requests: Kaden Milstein wants to get a big chainsaw. After discussion, Kathy Welt made a motion to approve a chain saw purchase with a \$1,500 limit, Dan Miller seconded, and the motion passed.

Diane Walker will be out from May 18 to May 27. Doug Fritz will be out at the end of the month for a couple weeks so he will miss the June board meeting.

Other: No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Future fire board meetings:

July 8

August 12

September 9