

Delta County Fire Protection District No. 4  
Minutes of the June 10, 2024, Board Meeting

Call to Order at 6:33 pm

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

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

The minutes of the May 13, 2024, board meeting were read and approved on a motion from Zach Hotchkiss and seconded by Cresta Pene. The minutes of the May 13, 2024, pension board meeting were read and approved on a motion from Kathy Welt and seconded by Cresta Pene.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Checking Account:	\$102,240.97
Special Projects Checking Account:	\$ 5,764.85
Bonds/CDs:	\$779,054.08
Firemen's Fund:	\$ 4,023.61

Cresta Pene made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Kathy Welt 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 Kathy Welt and seconded by Cresta Pene, and the motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Doug attended a meeting with CDPHE about wildfire smoke, a meeting in Delta on community wildfire protection plan, and a meeting with the division about the strategic plan. He also attended a meeting in Montrose about the updates for the year; the dispatch center in Montrose is closing and moving to Grand Junction.

FIRE CHIEF AND OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Fires and other calls: 7 calls – 2 wildfires, 1 rescue in the canyon and we were called down before we got there, 1 river rescue in Paonia, 2 lift assists, structure fire at 3200 and J Rds.

Equipment: Engine 1 is fixed again; we lost a lot of hose on the Highway 92 fire.

Training: There has been some good training. S215 class was held in May and Bryant Bennett went to the academy at Cripple Creek.

Personnel: There are a couple of people on 3100 Road that are interested in joining the department.

Grants: El Pomar grant will open mid-July.

Building Maintenance: The swamp coolers are running. Jeffrey Rodarte does not want to work on the grounds anymore. The Redlands Mesa solar panels have been covered.

Subdivisions: A couple of new addresses have been added. The Sage Dome subdivision fell through.

Other: No report.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT: No report.

**OLD OR CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

Pension Board: Traded some old bonds to bonds that are paying in the 5% range.

5 Year Plan: No report on the Capital Improvement Plan.

1 Year Plan: Refinance mortgage – We do have title insurance. The Texas firm wants us to do an appraisal.

Other: The 2023 audit has been received and reviewed. It was accepted and approved with one change that Diane will inform the auditors about.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Purchase Requests: Doug bought \$600 of hose to replace what got damaged, and a new vacuum was purchased for Bev Shelden to use in the station.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Future fire board meetings:

August 12

September 9

October 14 – first draft 2025 budget will be reviewed.