

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

Call to Order at 6:37 pm

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

Fire Chief: Doug Fritz

Secretary/Treasurer: Diane Walker

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

The minutes of the June 10, 2024, board meeting were read and approved on a motion from Dan Miller and seconded by Kathy Welt.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Checking Account:	\$ 81,695.88
Special Projects Checking Account:	\$ 5,764.85
Bonds/CDs:	\$788,519.06
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 Kathy Welt and seconded by Dan Miller, and the motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: No report.

FIRE CHIEF AND OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Fires and other calls: 6 calls – 2 vehicle accidents, 3 wildfires, 1 car fire

Equipment: All doing well.

Training: Doug handed out a Training Yearly Summary Report for 2024 to date. Most people are attending training pretty well. We have spent a lot of money on training this year.

Personnel: Received application from Spencer Dill, and another person is coming in on Monday to see if he wants to join the department. New cadet is Derek Sievertsen.

Grants: Audit for AFG grant is done and submitted. Doug billed 3 fire departments \$1,000 each for their share of the single audit. The AFG update is due July 31, 2024.

Working on the Direct Purchase grant. El Pomar grant is being reviewed this week.

Building Maintenance: At the beginning of a recent fire meeting Doug had everyone out pulling weeds. Some lights were replaced in the bay and a security camera was replaced. A water valve was replaced in the building. Weeds were mowed on Redlands Mesa.

Subdivisions: No report.

Other: No report.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT: No report.

OLD OR CONTINUED BUSINESS:

Pension Board: No report.

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

1 Year Plan: Refinance mortgage – The lender wants us to do an appraisal and that cost will be about \$2,500. They want us to get new title insurance. We are going to wait and see if interest rates drop.

Other: No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Purchase Requests: Redlands Grange is having a barbecue on Saturday and we will serve ice cream.

Other: Dan Miller and Bill Long have been looking at fire department grants for trucks, etc., and looking for a grant writer. We need to look long term for trucks that are needed in the future. FirehouseGrants.com has grants for day-to-day operations, trucks, buildings, etc. Bill will email information out to the board members and there will be discussion at the next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

**Future fire board meetings:**

September 9

October 14 – first draft 2025 budget will be reviewed.

November 11 – second draft 2025 budget will again be reviewed.