

Delta County Fire Protection District No. 4
Minutes of the September 9, 2024, Board Meeting

Call to Order at 6:41 pm

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

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

The minutes of the August 12, 2024, board meeting were read and approved on a motion from Zach Hotchkiss and seconded by Dan Miller.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Checking Account:	\$102,643.18
Special Projects Checking Account:	\$ 5,764.85
Bonds/CDs:	\$810,202.62
Firemen's Fund:	\$ 4,023.61

Kathy Welt made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Zach Hotchkiss 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: After Action Review of the Currant Creek fire will be done on September 18. Received an email from KVNF regarding a matching fund grant for announcements about Hotchkiss Fire District on KVNF and the board agreed not to participate.

FIRE CHIEF AND OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Fires and other calls: 6 calls – 2 vehicle accidents, 2 false alarms, 1 wildfire, 1 lift assist.

Equipment: New tires on Engine 10 are causing the truck to be all over the road and the guys don't want to drive it. We are getting some tires from Telluride Fire for free and we will see if that fixes the problem.

Training: The live fire trailer was here August 16 and 17 and other departments participated as well as our people. Basic wildfire class is being held here in October.

Personnel: Ben Bowman is a new firefighter. Kaden Milstein received a promotion and he is now in charge of internal training for the Division of Fire Prevention and Control.

Grants: House Bill 1194 funding for PPE – we received a grant for \$25,531; it's a 100% grant.

State owes us \$20,000 for the Health and Safety grant.

Building Maintenance: Wrestling with the backflow prevention devices.

Subdivisions: No report.

Other: Website compliance issues – After discussion Zach Hotchkiss made a motion we start the process of upgrading the website for approximately \$1,100, Kathy Welt seconded, and the motion passed.

Conservation Center is trying to come up with community wildfire plans and watershed protection plan.

Delta County Hazard Mitigation Plan – Kris Stewart says we should apply for a grant and possibly get more solar panels and maybe some mini splits.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT: Grants for future use of purchasing fire trucks, etc. – No Report.

OLD OR CONTINUED BUSINESS:

Pension Board: The state contribution was applied for and accepted.

5 Year Plan: Just received a grant for more PPE.

1 Year Plan: Interest rates have not dropped enough yet.

Other: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Purchase Requests: Tire problem on Engine 10 might take some money to get this resolved.

Other: No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Future fire board meetings:

November 11 – second draft 2025 budget will be reviewed.

December 9 – 2025 budget needs final review and board signatures.

January 13, 2025