

ECRFPA Meeting Minutes for May 18, 2020

Call to order: Meeting called to order by Chairman Hampton at 18:00.

Agenda Approved or Amended & Approved: Motion was made by Deke to approve the agenda with a second by jona. All were in favor and motion passed.

Meeting Minutes Approved or Amended & Approved: not all received the previous meeting minutes so a motion was made jona to table the minutes until next meeting with a second from Russ motion passed.

Guests: none

Reports: most services reported some EMS calls SBR did advise everyone of a few fires that they assisted on with some significant acreage burned. Taos County did have a few fires they talked about the biggest one being the Ute Creek. Red River advised the Chasers have been out to a couple assignments this year already and that COVID procedures are taking place on fires.

Old Business: none

New Business:

A. Discussion on Fire Restrictions: James advised that State Forestry placed restrictions across the entire state which pretty much tied the County's hands so Taos County would be going into restrictions later on in the week. It was also mentioned that Forest Service was in Stage 2 restrictions.

B. Discussion on High Risk Wildland Response: it was brought up that with the current restrictions and more importantly the fire behavior that was seen on the fires the circle has had that it was best to go into a high risk wildland response at this time. All were in favor of the suggestion James would notify TCD and Deke would notify Red River Dispatch of the change.

C. Discussion on COVID-19 impact on ECRFA operations: it was discussed that we do need to start thinking about Mini-Academy and what we should do in regards to the training and also discuss when quarterly trainings will be happening again and what we need to do to make sure our members are protected from COVID. There were some ideas that floated around but nothing solid we could work off of.

Training:

A: S-130/190: Clayton was still trying to figure out what could be done to still put on the class for the students who are still registered. He also stated if we did actually have the class this year we would have to find a place in Taos County to do the burn because the Colfax County Fire Marshal will not allow them to put fire on the ground. We advised that Taos County could do that if needed. He also stated that he was trying to figure out an online class that could be done.

Announcements: none

Action Items: none

Meeting review: all stated it was a good meeting.

Next meeting: Monday, June 1st 6:00 PM via Zoom

Adjournment: motion made by Deke with a second from Mike - meeting adjourned.