



Enchanted Circle Regional Fire Protection Association

Meeting Minutes July 10th 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Raynelle Cordova at 1802.

In attendance were, Chairwoman Raynelle Cordova, Vice-Chair Clayton Coss, Secretary James Hampton, Russ Driskell, Bonnie Driskell, Bruce Jassmann, Mike Cordova, Deke Willis, Scott Gibson, Craig Sime, Mickey Richardson, Jim DeCastro, Scott Freeman, Austin Martinez, and jona olsson.

Agenda Approved or Amended & Approved:

A motion was made by James Hampton to approve the agenda with an addition to training to include a discussion on dates for quarterly trainings as well as add addition to the trainings on lithium batteries. A second was made by jona. All were in favor and the motion did pass.

Minutes Approved or Amended & Approved:

A motion to table the meeting minutes until next meeting was made by Bruce and seconded by Russ. All were in favor and the motion did pass.

Guests:

No guests were present.

Reports (around the table and screen):

Cerro FD: a lot of EMS calls. One body recovery out of the wild rivers area.

Carson FD: A lot of calls including car fires and a person shooting at first responders.

Rio Fernando FD: 2 calls for the month, both EMS calls.

Latir FD: 5 calls for the month. Car fire, and car vs elk that turned into a wildland fire.

Taos County Fire/EMS Dept.: Hosted a Rope I class in Red River with 18 students, 16 of which were from the Enchanted Circle. Several small wildlands fires. None of which were larger than 0.5 acre.

Red River FD/Wheeler Peak FD: 42 calls for Red River, 7 for Wheeler Peak.

Moreno Valley FD: 3 calls for the month. One lightning strike.

Eagle Nest FD: Several EMS calls, one rescue near the falls. Several small wildland fires. The fireworks show went off without a hitch.

SBR FD: Several smoke reports and an MVC.

Questa: 52 EMS calls and 10 faire calls. Assisted Cerro with the recovery out of the Rio Grande.

Old Business:

A. Nominations and Elections of Officers-

- a. **Chair:** Raynelle Cordova was nominated by Bonnie and seconded by jona, Raynelle did accept the nomination. All were in favor and the motion did pass.

- b. **Vice Chair:** Mike nominated Deke Wills and James seconded, Deke did accept the nomination and all were in favor and the motion did pass.
- c. **Secretary:** Mike nominated James Hampton, Deke seconded, James did accept the nomination. All were in favor and the motion did pass.

B. **Memorandum of Agreement revision-**

- a. **The addition of Dixon of the Agreement:** A discussion was had about adding Dixon FD to the agreement. It was agreed to add Rio Arriba County to the agreement as a whole in a effort to plan for the future.
- b. **Dues and Fiscal Agent:** A motion was made by Mike for the Town of Red River to act as the fiscal agent for the ECRFPA replacing the Town of Taos who has been the fiscal agent in the past. Clayton seconded. All were in favor and the motion did pass. A motion was made by Jona to increase the annual dues from \$150.00 to \$500.00 per department. A second was made by was made by Russ. All were in favor and the motion did pass.

New Business:

- a. **Lithium Ion battery-** jona had been looking for a way to dispose of batteries and Taos County Solid waste is working on a recycling program that may include the batteries. Currently they will take them if that are not damaged and are sealed in a bag with the contacts covered.

Training:

- a. **Mini Academy-** There will be enough students for the academy. Raynelle will begin to get the command and general staff put together. The dates will be the 15th, 16th, and 17th of September.
- b. **EVD Class-** Taos County will be hosting an EVD class on August 4th, 5th, and 6th. The class will be at the OEM building. People who want to sign up will need to sign up through the state.
- c. **Rope II-** Taos County will be hosting a Rope II August 28th though September 1st. This will be a state level class and people will need to have the Rope I to apply.
- d. **Quarterly Training-** A discussion was had and weekends are still the best for most people. A tentative date of August 19th was set for 0900 and will run until 1200. James will send out an announcement when the date gets set.
- e. **HAZMAT-** Taos County will be having a hybrid haz-mat training soon.
- f. **FF I-II-** Taos County will be putting on a FF I-II October through December. Dates will be announced later. Hazmat is a prerequisite.

Announcements:

- a. **Fire Marshals Grant-** Mike is able to discuss and assist anyone who needs help with the grants. Mike is also the Vice-Chair of the grant council this year. To be eligible for the grant you must be NFIRS compliant.
- b. **Rio Fernando Lunch-** Annual fundraiser on Sunday at noon. All are welcome.
- c. **ECRFPA Fire Risk Analysis-** The analysis is continuing to be a valuable tool. Bonnie reported that the ignition component has been very difficult to obtain each week. She will continue to look into this. She asked that people report fires to her so she can add them to the analysis.
- d. **State Wide Fire Restrictions-** James had an opportunity to discuss the issue of state-wide restrictions with our forester. It was passed along to her that we are not in support of state-wide restrictions as it undermines the ability of the local judications to make an informed decision.
- e. **Eagle Nest Ambulance-** Denise will be taking over the service soon from Eli.

Action Items:

- a. No actions items were identified.

Meeting Review:

All reported a good meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be August 7th at 1800 at the Red River Fire Station.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn by James and seconded by Clayton. All were in favor and the motion did pass. The meeting was adjourned at 1915.