

MINUTES
Dixon Volunteer Fire Dept. Business Meeting
August 2, 2023

Meeting held at Station 1 and on zoom. Called to order at 1900

Members present: Steve Jenison, Adam Mackie, Ron Monsour, Amanda Sena, Elizabeth Riedel, Kyle Kline, Peter Schwathe, Tom Minnich, Quinn Nichols, Jessie Nichols, Frances Griego, Larry Gonzales, Aaron Greenwald, Anthony Alvarez.

Minutes of 7/5/2023 accepted.

Quinn Nichols would like to become a cadet. He was accepted unanimously.

Officer Reports:

Rescue Chief-Amanda Sena
There were ten medical calls last month.

Fire Marshal Report-Ron Monsour
There were four calls in July

Deputy Chief-Safety Officer-Adam Mackie
State Fire Marshal reviewed the fire department. Everything was intact.
There was discussion about avoiding getting overheated and dehydrated, especially since cardiovascular deaths increase with heat and air pollution. Use ambulance for a cool place; provide fluids and salty snacks.

Chief Report-Steve Jenison
We should review all SOGs and pre-plans.
There is an online continuing education course October 18, 2023 for EMTs to maintain their licensure.
There is a wilderness first responder course that all levels of EMT are eligible to take on October 9-13, 2023 at Sipapu Ski Area.
We have a new air compressor. One axle is missing. Adam is working on getting it.
The summer cadet program in July was a big success with 13-15 youth. Some want to be cadets when they turn 16. Thanks to all, especially Wayne Archuleta,

Amanda, Steve, and Adam.

Starting September 23, 2023 there is a mini-firefighting academy in Red River New Mexico.

We are still awaiting word from FEMA regarding their funding of a quick attack vehicle.

State Fire Marshal's apparatus grant is due August 31, 2023.

Solar Power Project update: We had a visit from Remy's Good Day Fund. They want to have a long-term relationship with us and might fund emergency command center. \$20,000 has been granted. The county wants comps. PCC Solar in Taos and Positive Energy will bid.

The core curriculum material of the current First Responder Course has been completed by the students. All passed their test and can take the National Registry exam now.

VFIS beneficiary forms need to be completed for some volunteers and this was addressed.

Community wildfire protection plan will be discussed more when Alex Amend returns to town. We are Firewise USA National recognized participating site.

Chipper Project-Anthony Alvarez

Draft of SOG is in email. To be added: children and bystanders should not use machine. This is insured through the county. We need plans and a quote for a storage building for the chipper. We need to spend down the \$50,000 grant. For expenditures of less than \$20,000 we don't need comps. Suggestions were made to determine whether the chipper would fit in Station 2, make a slab and steel structure with 2 sliding doors, and look at storage containers. The committee will probably meet within the week.

Scheduled training: August 9, 2023, 1900h, maintenance.

August 13, 2023, 1300h, training SCBA by Maggie Hart.

August 23, 2023, 1830h, new recruit training. Notify Adam if you need training.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Riedel