REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DE BEQUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

DE BEQUE FIRE STATION
JULY 14, 2025

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:
Pursuant to notice, the regular board meeting of the De Beque Fire Protection District (DFPD) was called to order by Board President Tanner at 6:04 p.m. on Monday, July 14, 2025.

OPEN WITH PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM:
Cynthia Farris, Present; Dustin Koehler, Present; John "Dick" Latham, Present; Rebecca "Maria" Ramthun, Present; Michael Tanner, Present. A quorum was present and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed.

OTHERS PRESENT:
Lowell Ramthun; Lieutenant Nate Voorhees; Secretary Kim Latham.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
No Additions or deletions to the Agenda were made. Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

MINUTES:
Minutes were presented to the BOD for consideration for the regular board meeting of June 9, 2025. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for June 9, 2025 as presented. Motion passed.

FINANCE REPORTS
Financial Reports were presented to the BOD for May 2025. Board Secretary Ramthun asked for additional data on the monthly reports to show percentage of budget used and an additional column on the new bank balance report that shows the previous month balances. Motion was made and seconded to approve the finance reports for May 2025 as presented. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:
1) Squad Truck Purchase
    a. Per last meeting, a new squad truck has been ordered.
    b. No Public Comments.
    c. No action, purchase amount was approved at the June 2025 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:
1) PILT Update
    a. Lieutenant Voorhees reported that the Fire Chiefs are continuing to pursue PILT monies.
    b. No Public Comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Non-Agenda Items) – None.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

1) No report – Chief Matis was out on assignment and not available to give a report.

OTHER COMMENTS: Board Member Latham asked about local fires, if our District has been asked to assist, and if our District would be able to assist. Discussion ensued regarding our deployment crews, local fire assistance, and District station coverage during this fire season.

BOARD COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:
Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Next regular meeting: Monday, August 11, 2025.

Approved by the De Beque Fire Protection Board of Directors on August 11, 2025.

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Michael Tanner, President

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Maria (Rebecca) Ramthun, Secretary

Board of Directors:
Board President Michael Tanner
Board Vice-President Dustin Koehler
Board Secretary Maria (Rebecca) Ramthun
Board Member Cynthia Farris
Board Member Dick (John R) Latham

It is noted that Board Member Cynthia Farris is also on the Board of Directors for the Town of De Beque. It is noted that the dual Board positions might be considered a conflict of interest in the event of interaction between the De Beque Fire Protection District and the Town of De Beque.