

**COLORADO EMERGENCY SERVICES ASSOCIATION**

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**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**June 11, 2020**

**Hosted via Zoom by Windsor-Severance Fire Protection District**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Todd Vess with Windsor-Severance FPD; Stuart Sunderland with Adams County FPD; Michael Warmuth with Eagle River FPD; Vanessa Lopez with F&W Insurance/Gallagher; Eric Leedom with F&W Insurance/Gallagher; and Sue Silverthorn, Board Secretary/Treasurer and Executive Director.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND GUESTS PRESENT:**

Eric Schultz, EMS Director with Adams County FPD.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Todd Vess who asked everyone to introduce themselves.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the January 16, 2020 meeting of the Safety Committee of the Colorado Emergency Services Association were reviewed.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Todd Vess and seconded by Vanessa Lopez to suspend reading and approve the Minutes. Following discussion, the Minutes were approved unanimously.

**RESOLUTIONS INCLUDED IN THE JUNE 11, 2020 SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

**RESOLUTION 2020-01:** Resolution 2020-01 was approved unanimously by the Board via e-mail on February 10, 2020 to approve the sponsorship application from the Town of Cheraw, Cheraw Volunteer Fire Department on 1/28/2020 for \$1,408.00 towards the cost to purchase: 12 pairs of Shelby structure gloves; 12 pairs of safety glasses; and 12 pairs of leather wildland/rescue gloves. The Board decided that the request does meet the criteria as agreed on by the Board at the 1/16/2020 CESA annual business meeting regarding the disbursement of CESA funds to members for safety programs, equipment or training, and unanimously approved the request. A letter was sent to the Department advising them of the Board's decision with the \$1,408.00 check.

**RESOLUTION 2020-03:** Resolution 2020-02 was approved unanimously by the Board via e-mail on May 4, 2020 to approve the sponsorship application from Log Hill Mesa Fire Protection District on April 30, 2020 for \$2,000.00 towards the cost to purchase: 7 sets of structural personal protective equipment / bunker gear. The Board decided that the request does meet the criteria as agreed on by the Board at the 1/16/2020 CESA annual business meeting regarding the disbursement of CESA funds to members for safety programs, equipment or training, and unanimously approved the request. A letter was sent to the Department advising them of the Board's decision with the \$2,000.00 check.

**RESOLUTION 2020-04:** Resolution 2020-04 was approved unanimously by the Board via e-mail on May 18, 2020 to approve the sponsorship application from Custer County EMS / West Custer County Hospital District on April 27, 2020 for \$1,500.00 towards the cost to purchase: reflective vests, flashlights, and heavy-duty gloves for their responders. The Board decided that the request does meet the criteria as agreed on by the Board at the 1/16/2020 CESA annual business meeting regarding the disbursement of CESA funds to members for safety programs, equipment or training, and unanimously approved the request. A letter was sent to the Department advising them of the Board's decision with the \$1,500.00 check.

### **SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:**

- Sue Silverthorn reported that Adams County FPD submitted a Sponsorship Application to CESA Board of Directors on March 2, 2020 for \$2,000.00 towards the cost to purchase: structural bunker gear. At the request of Adams County FPD the application was rescinded, and they will resubmit the application for different safety equipment.
- Sue Silverthorn reported that the CESA website was updated in May by the webmaster.
- The 2019 CESA Member of the Year Awards winners were announced: Boulder Rural FPD and La Junta Rural FPD. Sue has the awards and reached out to these members to schedule a time to present the awards.
- Sue Silverthorn reported that the CESA Safety Group is required to conduct at least two Pinnacol approved safety trainings each year. The Traffic Incident Management-Student Level training will be conducted via Zoom on June 11, 2020 at 12:00-2:00 pm. The second approved training will likely take place in October, 2020.
- Sue Silverthorn reported that she is working on the CESA Says Summer 2020 newsletter, and asked for input from the Board on ideas for information to include.
- Sue Silverthorn will send out a reminder email by the end of June to all CESA member organizations regarding the CESA Sponsorship/Donation Program.

### **BROKER REPORT:**

- Eric Leedom and Vanessa Lopez reported that F&W Insurance will conduct several VFIS training programs in 2020 that have been approved by Pinnacol to count towards the mandatory safety group annual trainings. Eric reported that they are working to have a VFIS instructor conduct a volunteer firefighter retention training, and hope to have it take place to coincide with the CSFC Leadership Conference if it is not rescheduled.
- Eric Leedom reported that Pinnacol Assurance has released a message regarding COVID-19 and instituting an emergency policy to provide wage replacement benefits to first responders and frontline healthcare workers for up to 14 days of quarantine. No benefits will be paid after the quarantine period has ended unless the worker develops COVID-19. In those cases, the existing statute regarding payment of work-related infectious disease will apply. Each claim will be looked at on a case-by-case basis.
- The Board discussed the pending legislation in the Colorado Senate SB- 216 that would grant a presumption of workers' compensation coverage for certain essential workers who contract COVID-19, and the potential impact on the workers' compensation insurance market in Colorado.

### **PINNACOL ASSURANCE REPORT:**

- The Board reviewed the agenda and accident trends report from the April 9, 2020 Pinnacol / CESA Safety Group semi-annual review meeting, as well as the CESA semi-annual status letter.
- The Board reviewed the Program Overview "Dashboard" report that shows the CESA Safety Group currently has a total of 37 members and \$1,307,500 total premium Pinnacol.
- The CESA Safety Group is required to have at least 20 active members and a total group premium of \$1 million for our safety hazard group (fire, EMS, first responders).
- The CESA Safety Group's 2020 loss ratio is currently 5.5%, with a cumulative loss ratio for 2016-2019 of 58.8%.
- The report shows that the City of Yuma does not currently have an eligible group loss ratio of 55% or less. CESA will monitor this member and if some of their open claims are not closed and the reserves are reduced prior to the January 1, 2021 renewal they will need to be removed from CESA until their loss ratio improves.
- Sue Silverthorn advised the Board that she has requested a group loss report from Pinnacol and she will send it to the Board when she receives the report.
- The CESA Safety Group member organizations received a total of \$45,878.00 in 2020 general dividends, and Pinnacol received a check for \$5,572.00 in April.
- The Board discussed "de-Gallagher" initiatives that are being worked on and considered by fire districts around Colorado and the impact this will have on the Residential Assessment Rate (RAR) for the districts in Colorado.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Sue Silverthorn reported that CESA has the following assets as of 5/31/2020:
  - \$81,355.32 in the interest bearing CD account
  - \$3,935.33 in the checking account
  - \$40,055.01 in the savings account
- The Board reviewed the banking summary showing transactions for these accounts for 1/1/2019-5/31/2020.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Eric Leedom and seconded by Michael Warmuth to approve the Treasurer's Report. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

- Sue Silverthorn reported to the Board that the 2020 approved budget includes \$500.00 for training and education that CESA can conduct for its member organizations.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- There was no old business to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- The Board discussed the impact that the COVID-19 outbreak has had on the member organizations and the severity and frequency of their call loads.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- ✓ January 14, 2021 at 10:00 am – at a location to be determined, or via Zoom if necessary.
- ✓ The semi-annual CESA / Pinnacol program review meeting will be held in October, 2020, on a date and time to be determined, at Pinnacol's offices: 7501 E. Lowry Blvd., Denver, CO, or via Zoom if necessary.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sue Silverthorn*

Sue Silverthorn, Secretary/Treasurer