



Basalt & Rural Fire Protection District

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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

BASALT & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING August 16, 2022

Roll:

President Ed Van Walraven called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m. Other Board members present were John Young, Leroy Duroux, Vonda Williams, and Mark Kittle. Chief Scott Thompson, Deputy Chief Richard Cornelius, Finance Director Jennifer Thompson, and Executive Assistant Jennifer Diamond.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of 2/15/22:

Director Williams made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of 2/15/22 as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Young. All were in favor and the motion carried 5 – 0.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes 5/17/22:

Director Kittle made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of 5/17/22 as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Young. All were in favor and the motion carried 5 – 0.

Chief’s Report:

Chief Thompson stated that Station 46 at Sopris Mountain Ranch is currently going to be over budget by \$500,000. Chief Thompson explained the overruns to the Board. He has asked the homeowners for more donations. They are working on that request. We are working with DOLA to get a state housing grant. The cost estimate and building contract were explained to the Board. Change orders because of cost increases on almost everything was explained. Items added that were not in the original bid, such as a fire sprinkler system, were explained. Finance Director Thompson explained to the Board that we had the funds in the bank to cover these overages. She hopes that by the next regular meeting she will have a better idea of what money we have been able to receive from outside

resources. We are minimizing the landscaping so that the surrounding area will blend in with the hillside. Lots of discussion.

Chief Thompson stated that every home in Sopris Mountain Ranch is having a wildfire mitigation review. When that is done, we are going to help them out with a community wildfire protection plan.

Director Duroux stated that the Basalt Board still needs to approve the third edition of the Authority creation agreement and the updated by-laws for B&RFPD. Chief Thompson will have these documents at the September meeting.

Finance Report:

Finance Director Jennifer Thompson stated she would present the preliminary budget at the September meeting for the Board's review. The first reading of the budget will be at the October meeting. The final reading and adoption of the budget will happen at the December meeting. There is no meeting in November. She hasn't seen the property tax revenue assessment from either county yet but isn't expecting more than a 1 – 2% increase, if that. The fire prevention division is on top of collecting impact fees for the construction that is happening in our district. This fund is at \$500,000 right now. She is submitting another \$120,000 draw on the grant for Station 46 next week.

Deputy Chief's Report:

Deputy Chief Cornelius presented a quick overview of the increase in our ambulance fees and the process he went through in order to come up with this increase.

Public Comments:

None

Board Member Comments:

Director Williams asked whether the fire prevention division inspected individual apartments. Chief Thompson stated that we do not go into privately owned homes. We are working with homeowner's associations to have the fire sprinkler systems maintained on an annual basis which allows them to go into each unit. Discussion. We recently hired two more fire inspectors. One of which has experience and one is in training.

Non-Agenda Items:

The next regular and pension meetings of the B&RFPD Board is September 20, 2022 at Station 42 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Director Kittle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Director Duroux, and the motion carried 5 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

To watch this meeting in its entirety, please follow the link below.

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