

## **10-15-2024 BFD Meeting**

**Call to Order:** 5:00 pm.

**Roll call:** President Van Walraven, Vice President Duroux, Finance Director J Thompson, Chief Thompson, Board Member Williams, Board Member Foster, Deputy Chief of Operations Cornelius, Treasurer Young, HR Director Thomas, Paramedic Wall, Secretary Diamond.

**Approval of Minutes:** Board Member Williams motioned to accept the September 17, 2024 meeting minutes. Vice President Duroux seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed, with all in favor and none opposed.

**Chief Report:** Chief Thompson told the Board that we had put in for the construction permits for utilities, excavation, and foundation for the maintenance building. Chief Thompson said we are in the queue with Eagle County, for whom we have an appointment on November 8, 2024. Treasurer Young or Vice President Duroux may volunteer to attend with Chief Thompson. Discussion

-Chief Thompson told the Board there was another structure fire that we responded to. Chief Thompson said they were lucky to get out as they did not have working smoke alarms. Chief Thompson said they are working on the investigation and do not expect foul play.

-Chief Thompson told the Board that the crews had just finished live fire training for class A and B burn buildings and are looking forward to training on more realistic fires with our new training facility.

-Chief Thompson said Fire Prevention Week was a success and noted we are still using the fire trailer.

**Finance report:** Finance Director Thompson reviewed the 1st reading of the budget, starting with the supplemental budget on page 18. Finance Director Thompson said she worked with a consultant to get the budget and balance lined out at the end of the year. Finance Director Thompson told the Board that the 2025 budget on page six is the first resolution for the bond. Finance Director Thompson said on page 8 is the appropriation of the money in the budget. Finance Director Thompson said page 10 is the levying of the budget. Finance Director Thompson noted on page 12 the general fund budget for 2025, and according to the assessed valuation received in August, it shows about a 1.5% increase. Finance Director Thompson said we will contribute 5.6 million to the RFFR budget for 2025. Finance Director Thompson noted on page 13 that column three is the amended budget. Finance Director Thompson told the Board that they could also see the proposed 2025 budget from the contractor. Finance Director Thompson said on page 14 is the impact capital fund and the numbers may be adjusted. Finance Director Thompson told the Board on page 15 that the pension fund showed one loss of one of the recipients this year that impacted the net pension payments; they went down because the fund is closed. Finance Director Thompson said the next Actuary numbers will be done next February, and we will have another Actuarial study done next July. Finance Director Thompson said she would have the final numbers for the December meeting. Finance Director Thompson told the Board we could skip the November meeting for budget or finance if desired, as no board action is required.

**HR Report:** HR Director Thomas told the Board that we are considering bringing in twelve volunteers and seven part-time staff starting 10/20/2024, bringing our total volunteers to twenty-six and fifteen part-time staff.

**Deputy Chief Cornelius Report:** None

**Deputy Chief Issel Report:** None

**Public Comments:** None

**Board member Comments:** -November 5th, at 6 p.m. is the all-hands meeting; Treasurer Young volunteered to attend.

-Vice President Duroux asked about changing the qualifications for volunteers. Chief Thompson said the Members in Good Standing qualifications will change, and we are waiting for notes from the meeting to add them to the volunteer guidelines. Chief Thompson said the guidelines must go to the RFFRA Board for approval. Chief Thompson said the goal is to implement the new policies by January 2025.

- Chief Thompson told the Board that our Volunteers want more health and wellness benefits.

-Deputy Chief Cornelius told the Board the LOSAP requirements may change along with other minor changes.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:** Vice President Duroux motioned to end the meeting. Board Member Foster seconded the motion, and the meeting ended at 5:29 pm.

Click here to watch the entire meeting: <https://youtu.be/ELfxUnD3pTE>.