

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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### BASALT & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING August 27, 2020

#### **Roll:**

President Ed Van Walraven called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Board members present were Leroy Duroux, John Young, Vonda Williams, and Mark Kittle. Chief Scott Thompson, Deputy Chiefs Pete Bradshaw and Kevin Issel, Finance Director Jennifer Thompson, Captain Robert Sardinsky, Firefighter Chris Carmichael, and Susan Herwick

#### **Minutes of May 28, 2020:**

Director John Young made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Leroy Duroux and the motion carried 5 – 0.

#### **Chief's Report:**

Chief Scott Thompson stated that the Grizzly Creek fire is still burning. We do not have any of our resources out on fires. We want to keep them close to home in case something happens here. We have sent an engine to the Grizzly Creek fire for structure protection twice and we just got an engine back from the Pine Gulch fire near Grand Junction. We are under Stage II fire restrictions at this time. This means absolutely no open flames are allowed outdoors. We are experiencing historic low fuel moisture. Right now, it is worse than when the Lake Christine fire started in 2018. The monsoons never materialized. When we have ten people on duty we are sending out a severity patrol engine.

Director John Young asked what the impact to our budget has been. Chief Thompson stated that we are being reimbursed for our time and resources on the wildland fires. We received a \$100,000 grant to help with unanticipated expenses due to COVID-19 and another \$25,000 from Medicare.

Chief Thompson stated that we are still waiting on BLM to see if they can lease us more land so that we can apply for a well for Station 46 at Sopris Mountain Ranch. They are busy with the fire season right now so the project is on hold. There is no way to share a residential well because we are a commercial structure. If we went to water court, it could take several years plus \$100,000 or more in funds. We are currently running out of options.

#### **Deputy Chief's Report:**

Deputy Chief Kevin Issel stated that we have received a letter of intent for \$17,000 for the purchase of Engine 43 from Thomasville. Two other pieces of apparatus are also up for sale.

**Finance Report:**

Jennifer Thompson stated that all of the property revenue received by Basalt so far has now been moved to RFFRA. She is working on building the budgets for 2021. We will not have the actual assessed valuations from the County until October this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Wildfire assignments are being billed out for reimbursement.

We received \$127,000 from Medicaid for COVID-19.

The next B&RFPD Board meeting will be held in October.

Director Mark Kittle asked what the operating capital for the year was. Jennifer Thompson stated that we budget \$100,000 for the year. We currently have \$200,000 in the bank.

Director Ed Van Walraven asked whether we should consider going to the voters to de-Gallagher. Jennifer Thompson stated that both Basalt and Snowmass Fire Departments did this in 2017. We are allowed 7.2%. Carbondale Fire is going to ask the voters this November and if passed, they would be held to 7.1%.

**HR Report:**

None

**Attorney's Report:**

None

**Board Member Comments:**

None

**Staff Comments:**

None

**Public Comments:**

None

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Authority Board Report:**

None

**Executive Session:**

None

**Training Opportunities:**

None

**Non-Agenda Items:**

Director Dave Heivly will attend the virtual Town Hall style volunteer meeting on September 1 at 6:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

Director Mark Kittle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Director Vonda Williams, and the motion carried 5 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.