

SNOWMASS-WILDCAT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes of the Board Meeting Held

June 22, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Snowmass-Wildcat Fire Protection District was held on Tuesday June 22, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. Noting that a quorum was present Chair William Boineau called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Roll Call

The following Board members were present William Boineau, Donna Aiken, Drew Detrick and Dave Heivly. Also, present were RFFRA Directors Leroy Duroux, Ed Van Walraven, Chief Scott Thompson, Deputy Chief John Mele, Finance Director Jennifer Thompson, Human Resources Director Renee Thomas, and Pension Director Thomas Dunlop.

Guest: Elizabeth Striegler. She introduced herself to everyone as a possible Director for the SWFPD Board.

Director Boineau made a motion to appoint Elizabeth Striegler as a Director to the Snowmass-Wildcat Fire Protection Board of Directors until the next regular election. Director Aiken seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried 4 – 0.

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2021

The minutes of the April 2021 Regular Board meeting were reviewed. Director Heivly made a motion to accept the minutes as read, it was seconded by Director Detrick and the motion carried 4 – 0.

Public Comments

None

Finance Report

Finance Director Jennifer Thompson stated that the May property tax revenue had been received. The transfer to RFFRA will be done in mid-July. Director Boineau explained the SWFPD's financial obligations to the RFFRA for Elizabeth Striegler. Jennifer stated that it would make more sense once the preliminary budget is presented.

Chief's Report

Chief Thompson stated that there is a lot going on right now. We have a wildfire in our District at mile eleven on the Frying Pan. We hit it pretty hard with helicopters and hand crews yesterday. We are expecting a Red Flag warning today. The Sylvan Lake wildfire in Eagle burned into our District yesterday around 5:30 p.m. We held off on doing a mandatory evacuation for the upper Frying Pan River valley from Ruedi Dam to the top of Hagerman Pass. We have five personnel (two officers and three firefighters) assigned to Station 43 in Thomasville. Both Eagle and Pitkin County Sheriffs are at the Thomasville Station. We are setting up a command post for evacuation as we speak. The Chiefs that are not present at this meeting are on conference calls and operational

briefings regarding the Sylvan Lake wildfire. We learned from Grand County last year and wanted to give people as much notice as possible. We started a pre-evacuation notice at 6:30 a.m. yesterday and by 7:00 a.m. there was a steady stream of people leaving the upper Frying Pan River valley with horse trailers, RVs, and boats. We still have a lot of people recreating up there that need to be reached. He is most concerned about the Woods Lake area which is a dead-end canyon. This area was mandatorily evacuated by Eagle County yesterday. These people have to drive out Crooked Creek Pass and if the fire reaches this pass, they won't be able to get out. We can't get resources to help with this fire. We did get a Type 1 helicopter out of Wyoming yesterday, but we can't get a federal firefighting team assigned to this fire. The fire is being taken care of by local jurisdictions. There have already been a couple of communication failures. Chief Thompson is not confident that they are giving us the correct information on the fire. They forgot to assign someone to the Eleven Mile fire on the Frying Pan. In the forty years that Chief Thompson has been here, he has never seen it so dry and he is scared. We could easily lose a town or subdivision.

Fire Marshal's Report

No Report

Deputy Chief of Administration Report

No Report

Human Resources Report

No Report

Old Business

None

New Business

Director Aiken stated that she assumes that there will not be any fireworks on the Fourth of July. Chief Thompson stated that he spoke with all of the Sheriffs last night and we have all decided to go to Stage Two Fire Restrictions. We have to do this as a uniform group. Deputy Chief Issel will be on a conference call at 10 a.m. this morning to talk about fire restrictions. The fuels and weather are here. We are having multiple fires and we can't get resources. These are all reasons to go to Stage Two.

Executive Session

None

Non-Agenda Items

Director Boineau stated that he lost a friend last night to choking while in a restaurant in Moab. He was wondering whether there was any kind of training that we might be able to offer to restaurant employees. Chief Thompson stated that are a couple of different CPR/First Response courses for citizens. We do have members who teach community CPR. The course is on-line and then you would come in for the hands-on portion of the course. Fire Marshal John Mele suggested that the Fire Prevention Division give this

information to the restaurant/bar manager/owner when they are conducting liquor inspections.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Director Heivly made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, it was seconded by Director Boineau and the motion carried 4 – 0. Chair William Boineau declared the meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chair William Boineau

Accepted:

Vice-Chair Donna Aiken

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