

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

BASALT & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING August 26, 2021

Roll:

President Ed Van Walraven called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. Other Board members present were Mark Kittle, John Young, and Vonda Williams via Life Size. Chief Scott Thompson, Deputy Chiefs Richard Cornelius and Kevin Issel, Human Resources Director Renee Thomas, Finance Director Jennifer Thompson, and Administrative Assistant Susan Herwick.

Minutes of February 25, 2021:

Director Mark Kittle made a motion to accept the minutes, the motion was seconded by Director Vonda Williams. All were in favor and the motion carried 4 – 0.

Chief's Report:

Chief Thompson stated that he had met with the donor's group from Sopris Mountain Ranch Homeowner's Association. They are three-quarters of the way to their goal of \$900,000. We are finishing up the details of the construction contract. The builder has received a contract from Attorney Bob Cole. We hope to begin moving dirt next week.

Chief Thompson stated that he has applied for Pitkin County housing funds and he is comfortable that they will offer up \$150,000 which we will match.

Chief Thompson will meet with the Board of County Commissioners in the near future. In 1978, the required that two acres of land be set aside for a fire station.

Deputy Chief Issel's Report:

Deputy Chief Kevin Issel stated that we were doing a small remodel on the crew room at Station 42 in order to turn it into a fitness room.

Deputy Chief Cornelius's Report:

Deputy Chief Cornelius stated that all members should wear masks when in public spaces. We are locking down all facilities in order to control access. These changes will happen in the near future. We will continuously re-evaluate our response to the COVID pandemic.

Director Williams asked about vaccine booster shots. DC Cornelius stated that everyone will be able receive a booster shot for either Moderna or Pfizer in late September.

Finance Report:

Finance Director Jennifer Thompson stated that everything is going smoothly. The preliminary budget will be ready for the meeting in September. She has been submitting reimbursement requests to the State for invoices regarding Station 46.

HR Report:

HR Director Thomas stated that we just promoted Richard Cornelius to Deputy Chief. The two Division Chief vacancies have been merged into one position to be called Division Chief of Training. One Lieutenant will be hired as an assistant to the Division Chief. We have three internal applicants for this position and will conduct interviews on September 14, 2021.

HR Director Thomas stated that the strategic plan team leads are moving forward with the initiatives. She will report to the Board each month on the status of these initiatives.

HR Director Thomas stated that we have five new members starting in Thomasville the second week of September. They will attend a two-week orientation academy. Two of these recruits have interest in becoming structural firefighters and one has interest in becoming an EMT.

Attorney's Report:

No Report

Board Member Comments:

Director Mark Kittle asked if we had deployed any personnel to wildfires in other areas or states. Chief Thompson stated that no, he didn't feel comfortable with the drought situation here and we are short staffed. We did send one of our volunteers with the engine from Carbondale Fire to the Caldor Fire in California.

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:

None

Adjournment:

Director Mark Kittle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Director John Young, and the motion carried 4 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

To watch the meeting in its entirety, please follow this link and begin at 20:40:

<https://youtu.be/QE4JuzfHOR0>