

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

BASALT & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING September 23, 2021

Roll:

President Ed Van Walraven called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Other Board members present were Leroy Duroux and Vonda Williams via Life Size. Chief Scott Thompson, Finance Director Jennifer Thompson, and Administrative Assistant Susan Herwick.

Minutes of August 26, 2021:

Director Williams made a motion to accept the minutes, the motion was seconded by Director Ed Van Walraven. All were in favor and the motion carried 3 – 0.

Chief's Report:

Chief Thompson stated that the excavation for Station 46 has begun. The contract has been signed. Pitkin County gave us \$150,000. The Sopris Mountain Ranch Homeowner's Association has collected \$890,000 in donations so far. Once they have reached the promised \$900,000, they will transfer the money to our account. We have budgeted \$250,000 in 2022 for additional building costs. The station should be done in November or December 2022. Concrete should get poured this year.

We have hired Daniel Palmer as our Division Chief of Training. We have added a Lieutenant to the training division instead of another Division Chief.

The Master Plan was sent out to all RFFRA members. It will address growth, apparatus, facilities, etc.

The recruit class in Thomasville finished up last night.

The CPR in progress call at Ruedi Shores was explained. The gentleman was flown out by helicopter and was awake and talking in ICU today.

The RFFRA Board has approved the removal of personal choice as an exemption from being vaccinated beginning October 31, 2021. COVID vaccination will be mandatory for all personnel in order to work here. Religious and medical reasons will remain the only exceptions to this policy.

Deputy Chief Issel's Report:

None

Deputy Chief Cornelius's Report:

None

Finance Report:

Finance Director Jennifer Thompson presented the 2022 preliminary budget to the Board. She explained that assessments were up thirty-eight million for an increase of \$289,271 in revenue for the year. The Gallagher adjustment gave us an additional \$35,000. The budget is still a work in progress but it is looking good.

The third quarter reimbursement for Station 46 needs to be billed out. Any other invoices that come in will be paid out of reserves. When the donations are transferred into our account from SMRHOA, we will pay back the reserves. We should receive \$125,000 – 130,000 back from the state in two – three weeks after they receive our submission for reimbursement.

HR Report:

None

Attorney's Report:

None

Board Member Comments:

Director _____ asked who the excavating company for Station 46 was. Chief Thompson stated that they are a little company called Silver something.

Director Van Walraven explained that he needed to use our ambulance to go to the hospital. He stated that the crew was very compassionate and did a great job. It is comforting to know that we have that level of care for our community.

Director Duroux asked what the status of the appreciation dinner was for the year. Jennifer stated that we had contacted the Roaring Fork Club. We are trying to come up with a venue. If January or February doesn't work out, we will definitely shoot for the summer of 2022.

Director Boineau stated that he would attend the All-Hands meeting at Station 42 in El Jebel on October 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Staff Comments:

None

Public Comments:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Jennifer Thompson asked whether we could move the Basalt Board meeting to Tuesday nights or the third Thursday of the month beginning in 2022. She will come up with a schedule of proposed meetings to present to the Board at the next meeting.

The 2022 budget will have its first reading in October 26, 2021. The second reading and approval of the budget will be at the meeting on December 9, 2021.

Authority Board Report:

None

Executive Session:

None

Training Opportunities:

None

Non-Agenda Items:

None

Adjournment:

Director Vonda Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Director Leroy Duroux, and the motion carried 3 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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

<https://youtu.be/QE4JuzfHOR0>