

## SWFPD 8/20/2024 Regular Draft Board Minutes

**Call to Order:** 8:33 a.m. 8/20/2024

**Roll Call:** Welcome, Bethany Spitz, the newest SWFPD Board Member, President Striegler, Vice President Heivly, Board Member Boineau, Board Member Arthur (came in after roll call), HR Director Thomas, Finance Director Thompson, Deputy Chief Fire Marshal Mele, Deputy Chief of Operations Cornelius, Board Secretary Diamond, Chief Thompson, HR Director Thomas, YOUNG

**Approval of Minutes for July 2, 2024, and July 8, 2024:** Board Member Boineau motioned to approve the minutes from July 2, 2024. Vice President Heivly seconded the motion; there was no discussion, and the motion passed all in favor and non-opposed. Board Member Boineau motioned to approve the minutes from July 8, 2024. Vice President Heivly seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed all in favor and non-opposed.

**Attorney report:** none

**Chief's Report:** Chief Thompson told the Board that summer is winding down with Labor Day just around the corner; we still have some spots to fill on the Ambulance.

Chief Thompson told the Board there was a significant house fire over the weekend, during which we used our mutual aid from Carbondale to Aspen. Chief Thompson said it worked very well. Chief Thompson said the official cause is under investigation. Chief Thompson said they do not suspect arson. Chief Thompson told the Board there were no injuries reported, and no equipment or apparatus was damaged during this incident.

Chief Thompson told the Board that, much like last year, the legislature is going into a special session at the end of the year that will impact us late in the year.

Chief Thompson told the Board to start thinking about the legislation passed last year allowing us to collect sales taxes. Chief Thompson told the Board this is a way for our visitors to pay into our fire protection and EMS outside an ambulance transport. Chief Thompson told the Board we may have to hire a consultant to help if we go in this direction. Discussion ensued.

**Finance:** Finance Director Thompson noted there are no new updates.

**Public Comments:** None

**Board Member Comments:** None

**Staff comments:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:** Board Member Arthur motioned to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Boineau seconded the motion, and the meeting ended at 10:41 without discussion.