



Basalt & Rural Fire Protection District

“Protecting Our Community Since 1970”

Final Basalt Fire Meeting Minutes from 12/3/2024

Roll Call: President Van Walraven, Board Member Williams, Vice President Duroux, Board Member Foster, Finance Director Thompson, Chief Thompson, Secretary Diamond, Treasurer Young, Division Chief of EMS Luttrell, Deputy Chief Cornelius, Deputy Chief Issel.

Call to Order: 5:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Board Member Williams motioned to accept the October 15, 2024 minutes. Vice President Duroux seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and all favored accepting the minutes.

Attorney Report: None

Chief Report: Chief Thompson updated the Board regarding the inclusion of twelve properties into our fire district as well as Two Shoes Ranch, whose property is on no-man land. Chief Thompson told the Board they have been paying taxes to Pitkin County, and the Chief thinks we should pay for the inclusion of the Greenfield road properties. Chief explains that through this process, Two Shoes Ranch excluded the Carbondale Fire Department and included it in the Basalt Fire Jurisdiction, and it took three years to sign in Court. Chief Thompson said it never connected from the Court to Pitkin County, and Carbondale Fire District has been collecting taxes in our

jurisdiction this whole time. Chief Thompson said we should collect DOLA in the next tax year for the twelve properties, and Two Shoes Ranch will be included in August. Discussion

-Chief Thompson told the Board about a two-week-old Holland Hills structure fire. Chief Thompson said there were no injuries, and they stopped a loss in the house's roof. Chief Thompson said we received mutual aid from Aspen Fire, Aspen Ambulance, and Carbondale Fire.

Finance Report: Finance Director Thompson told the Board that the first page is the 2025 budget transmittal letter summation that goes to the State, showing what our mills are now and what they were in the past. Finance Director Thompson reviewed Resolution 11 for the supplemental budget for capital revenues, which shows what we received and what we thought we would spend.

-Treasurer Young motioned to accept Resolution 11. Board Member Foster seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor and non-opposed of accepting Resolution 11.

-Finance Director Thompson said the assessed valuations from Pitkin County came in yesterday with very little change. Resolution 12 is adopting the budget for 2025.

-Vice President Duroux motioned to adopt Resolution 12, and Board Member Williams seconded the motion. All were in favor of passing Resolution 12, and none opposed it.

-Finance Director Thompson said Resolution 13 is appropriating sums to balance bond funds and appropriating monies for spending.

-Board Member Williams motioned to adopt Resolution 13, and Vice President Duroux seconded the motion. All were in favor of passing Resolution 13, and none were opposed.

-Finance Director Thompson told the Board that Resolution 14 of the budget is for levying the general taxes and notifying the Treasurer of the district counties of our mil levies.

-Vice President Duroux motioned to adopt Resolution 14. Board Member Foster seconded the motion. All were in favor of passing Resolution 14, and none opposed it.

-Finance Director Thompson told the Board that the following six pages are the certification of levels going to each county. Finance Director Thompson told the Board that there is a new House Bill 123, an informational document that the assessor keeps and then goes to the Treasurer.

-Finance Director Thompson informed the Board that the New Financial Specialist will be an employee on January 6, 2025.

HR Report: none

Deputy Cornelius Report: none

Deputy Issel Report: none

Public Comments: none

Board Member Comments: none

Staff Comments: none

Old Business: none

New Business: Secretary Diamond reviewed the 2025 Board Schedule with the Board.

Adjournment: Vice President Duroux motioned to end the meeting. Board Member Foster seconded the motion, and the meeting ended at 5:30, with all in favor and none opposed.

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