

Basalt and Rural Fire District 9/17/2024 Board Meeting Final Minutes

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

Call to order: 4:57 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Board Member Williams motioned to accept the August 20, 2024 minutes. Board Member Foster seconded the motion; all favored accepting the minutes except Vice President Duroux, who was not at the meeting.

Attorney Report: given by Chief Thompson; see below.

Chief Report: Chief Thompson reviewed Resolution 10, which was created by our Attorney to reject suggestions by the Planning Commission stating we will not do a subdivision as this could put us three to four months behind schedule. Chief Thompson explained that this had to be a unanimous vote by all Board Members.

Motion to accept Resolution 10: Treasurer Young motioned to accept Resolution 10 for the Basalt and Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors regarding the decision to reject a condition of the Roaring Fork Valley Planning Commission Location and Extents review. Vice President Duroux seconded this motion; all Board Members favored Resolution 10 unanimously. Discussion regarding zoning ensued.

Finance Report: Finance Director Thompson provided rough drafts of current budgets that will be reviewed for the first reading in October. Finance Director Thompson told the Board that the actual general fund had increased by one and one-half percent. Finance Director Thompson said she plans to have a budget committee meeting in the next few weeks to discuss taking or not taking a full mill.

-Finance Director Thompson said that after the budget meeting, the board members would return the information to their districts. Finance Director Thompson said she is creating several budgets and a budget for the bond from last year. Finance Director Thompson pointed out on page nine is the project manager's new budget for the following year's numbers. Treasurer Young asked Finance Director Thompson to give an overview of the bond budget. Finance Director Thompson said the money was invested in Colo Trust and is making five percent. Finance Director Thompson noted that, to date, interest income is just over \$800,000, and interest rates are dropping. Finance Director Thompson said we have three million in non-taxable for housing that is getting \$100,000 in interest. Finance Director Thompson said impact fees are not figured out for next year. Finance Director Thompson said October is the first budget reading, and we can make changes until December. Finance Director Thompson added that our Attorney does not believe that the legislation that happened will affect us in this budget process and will not change in 2026.

-Finance Director Thompson briefly reviewed the new step plan and the increase of 3% for the cost of living.

-Finance Director Thompson said we are talking about moving a currently funded training position to a responder position and making a floating position to cover when staffing is needed.

-Finance Director Thompson confirmed that we were notified when Jim Marshal passed; he was previously a Basalt Fire Department Volunteer.

Human Resources: None

Deputy Chief Cornelius Report: None

Deputy Chief Issel Report: Chief Thompson reported that Station 43 received new garage doors, we have public Wi-Fi, and so many cars are in the parking lot.

-Chief Thompson told them of a moose that was shot, and the Division of Wildlife notified us because our cameras got the plate off the vehicle. Chief Thompson said our Thomasville Volunteers found the car, and they had a permit; in the end, it turned out fine.

Public Comments: None

Staff comments: None

Board Member Comments: None

Old business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: Board Member Williams motioned to adjourn the meeting. Vice President Duroux seconded the motion, and the meeting ended at 5:21 p.m.

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