

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
COLORADO RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

APRIL 13, 2021

STATION 41, 1850 RAILROAD AVENUE, RIFLE, CO 81650

The regular scheduled meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lambert at 6:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, and a moment of silence was given.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present:

Alan Lambert, President/Chairperson
Matt Weisbrod, Vice President
Levy Burris, Director

Board Members Absent:

Paige Haderlie, Treasurer (Excused)
Addy Marantino, Secretary

Others Present:

Leif Sackett, Fire Chief
Zach Pigati, Wildland/Operations Division Chief
Scott Van Slyke, EMS/Training Division Chief
John Gredig, IT Director
P.J. Tillman, Administrative Director
Dino Ross, Legal Counsel for the District

Director Burris made a motion to excuse Treasurer Haderlie from the meeting. Vice President Weisbrod seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Director Burris made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Vice President Weisbrod seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

LEGAL COUNSEL UPDATE:

Attorney Ross stated that things have been quiet over the last thirty days. He reported that no substantive legal work was performed. Attorney Ross stated that the current legislative tracker has many bills that may impact the District.

Attorney Ross briefly discussed Bill HB21-1025, the Nonsubstantive Emails and Open Meetings Law, Bill HB21-1075, Replace the Term Illegal Alien, and Bill SB21-073, Civil Action Statute of Limitations Sexual Assault. Attorney Ross reviewed Bill SB21-113, Firefighting Aircraft Wildfire Mgmt And Response. He stated that this bill provides the funds necessary for the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control to purchase a fire hawk helicopter and to lease a type 1 helicopter for wildfire mitigation while the new helicopter is being built. Attorney Ross briefly described Bill HB21-1008, Forest Health Project Financing.

Attorney Ross continued to review bills that may affect the District, such as Bill HB21-1111, Consent Collection Personal Information, Bill HB-1122, First Responder Interactions Persons with Disabilities, and Bill SB21-064, Retaliation Against an Elected Official.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

Fire Chief Sackett stated that the Board packet includes two Old Business items, an update and consideration of the sale of apparatus and a Strategic Plan review session. Fire Chief Sackett stated that the District is happy to announce promotions, including Scott Van Slyke as EMS/Training Division Chief, Matt Messner as Battalion Chief, and Sierra Carroll as Lieutenant.

Fire Chief Sackett stated that the County's drought outlook continues to be bleak. He stated that a 120-day forecast predicts above normal large fire growth in July for the District. He stated that Garfield County is still in extreme or exceptional drought conditions, which is evident with recent wildland fires.

Fire Chief Sackett stated that the District is still working with the Garfield County Clean Energy to finish assessing the stations for energy consumption. Fire Chief Sackett stated that suggestions will be provided for Stations 64 and 41 soon.

Fire Chief Sackett stated that Chief Staff is working preparing for a possible mill levy increase election this fall. He stated that Chief Staff has been working with Paul Hanley on researching, planning, and preparing information on the District's future funding. Fire Chief Sackett stated that Chief Staff intends to present information to the Board in May's or June's meeting, to assist in the Board's decision-making process.

Fire Chief Sackett stated that he closes this month's report challenged yet very excited about the District's future.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEM REQUESTS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS/ACTION ITEM REQUESTS:

a. Fire Chief/Administration: Board discussion on timeline preference for Strategic Plan Review and Updates:

Fire Chief Sackett stated that the District is about halfway through its 2019-2024 Strategic Plan. He stated that Chief Staff would like to hold a meeting with the Board to review and conduct a SWOT analysis of the Strategic Plan. The Board and Chief Staff agreed to hold a review session on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at Station 41.

b. Fire Chief/Operations: Update on Sale of Apparatus:

Fire Chief Sackett stated that Operations/Wildland Division Chief Pigati has sold a Type 5 Wildland Engine to Hauser Lake Fire Protection District for \$65,000.00.

Operations/Wildland Division Chief Pigati stated that Brindlee Mountain has offered to buy three apparatus at wholesale prices that are much lower than previously estimated. He stated that Brindlee is offering \$250,000 for Ladder 43, \$100,000 for the E-241 Type I Engine, and \$50,000 for the Spartan Hammer. Operations/Wildland Division Chief Pigati stated that he originally calculated the fair market value of Ladder 43 to be \$350,000, \$100,000 for the Type I Engine, and \$90,000 for the Spartan Hammer.

Operations/Wildland Division Chief Pigati stated that Chief Staff has provided recommendations for the Board to consider.

Further Board discussion ensued.

Director Burriss made a motion for Chief Staff to sell Ladder 43 to Brindlee for \$250,000, to sell the Spartan Hammer to Brindlee for \$50,000, and to consign the E-241 Type I Engine to Brindlee to sell. Vice President Weisbrod seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Burriss stated that he would like Chief Staff to monitor the status and depreciation of the presented apparatus to the Board over the next 90 days.

DIVISION INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM:

Wildland/Operations Division Chief Pigati:

Operations/Wildland Division Chief Pigati stated that the District is working on SOGs. He stated that Wildland Lieutenant John Cloutier is excited to join the District and has a lot of experience to share. He stated that the rest of the Wildland Division is doing great and is providing essential training for the District and other fire districts as well.

Operations/Wildland Division Chief Pigati stated that he has been collaborating with IT Director Gredig and the Center of Excellence on the tracking of firefighters during wildfire incidents.

EMS/Training Division Chief Van Slyke:

EMS/Training Division Chief Van Slyke congratulated Tyler McKinnon for successfully obtaining his paramedic certification. EMS/Training Division Chief Van Slyke stated that John Bennett has completed his BLS Provider Taskbook. He congratulated Tegan Costanzo for obtaining his Firefighter I and Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations certifications.

EMS/Training Division Chief Van Slyke stated that Eric Savickas, with Convergent Impact, conducted an eight-hour leadership seminar for the District's officers. EMS/Training Division Chief Van Slyke stated that through the Training Consortium, Eric Savickas has been able to conduct 4-hour seminars with each shift in Garfield County.

EMS/Training Division Chief Van Slyke stated that the District will be hosting Auto-X West, a training event for auto extrication. He stated that Lieutenant Smith has been working to make this concept a reality for the last two years. He stated that this training has 32 open slots and currently has 27 attendees.

Prevention Division Chief Moon:

Fire Chief Sackett stated that Prevention Division Chief Moon is out investigating a fire. Fire Chief Sackett stated that the District has hired a fleet mechanic, Kreig Kasten. Fire Chief Sackett stated that Fleet Mechanic Kasten has 15 years of experience with pumps and trucks, has started on Monday, and has been a great help. Fire Chief Sackett stated that Prevention Division Chief Moon also has been very busy with selling the Type 5 apparatus. Fire Chief Sackett stated that Prevention Division Chief Moon and IT Director John have been working with the Town of Silt and the new subdivision on improving the street names of the new subdivision to assist Dispatch and the District in the future.

The Board and Chief Staff clarified the final plans for the new NAPA building.

IT Director Gredig:

IT Director Gredig stated that he has been working with Chief Pigati and Chief Sackett on the Continuity of Operations Plan. IT Director Gredig stated that he continues to work on data and reports with Chief Van Slyke to streamline the District's Quality Management/Continuous Quality Improvement for EMS. IT Director Gredig stated that he has also been working with Prevention Division Chief Moon to fix address issues throughout the District.

Administrative Director Tillman:

Administrative Director Tillman stated that she sent out the Pension Board self-nomination forms last week. Administrative Director Tillman stated that Fire and Life Safety Educator Pina has been a great help with sending the self-nominations out. Administrative Director Tillman stated that she received some self-nominations so far. Administrative Director Tillman stated that she has completed a major portion of the financial and District documentation for the 2020 annual audit with Haynie & Co.

GOOD NEWS & DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Fire Chief Sackett stated that Misty's Coffee Shop has a tip jar specially for the District and when enough funds are raised, coffee is given to the District. He stated that the District greatly appreciates this gesture. Fire Chief Sackett stated that the Burning Mountain Pizza and Subs restaurant had an annual breakfast celebration that raised \$883.83, which was then given to first responders of the District. Fire Chief Sackett stated that a \$2,000 donation was given to the District for Mike Kelly.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Vice President Weisbrod had no comment.

Director Burris stated that the District should be reinforcing and emphasizing the community contributions. He stated that it is going to be a busy fire year and to take care and be careful.

President Lambert stated that it is going to be a difficult fire year, especially with the District being short-staffed. He stated that the District will be reaching out to the public at some point for input on funding matters. President Lambert thanked the District for working together to address the fires.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business to come before the Board, Chairperson Lambert adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm.

APPROVAL:

The foregoing Minutes, which has been approved by the affirmative majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Colorado River Fire Protection District, is a true and accurate record of the meeting held on the date state above.

Date: 5/11/2021



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