

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE
COLORADO RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018
STATION 41, 1850 RAILROAD AVENUE, RIFLE, CO

The regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Chairman Lambert at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and a moment of silence was given.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present:

Alan Lambert, President and Chairperson
Matt Weisbrod, Vice President
Addy Marantino, Secretary
Levy Burris, Director
Paige Haderlie, Treasurer (Present by speakerphone)

Others Present:

Rob Jones, Fire Chief
Orrin Moon, Prevention Division Chief
Jason Clark, Training Division Chief
Mike Scott, EMS Division Chief
Leif Sackett, Operations Division Chief
Zack Pigati, Wildland Division Chief
John Gredig, IT Director
Dino Ross, Legal Counsel
PJ Tillman, Financial Manager
Gregory Garwood, CRFR Lieutenant
Thad Vroman, CRFR Battalion Chief

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

There were no changes made to the agenda. The agenda passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes: August 14, 2018 meeting
Accounts payable from August 1 – August 31, 2018
August 2018 Financials

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

LEGAL COUNSEL:

Attorney Ross noted that the Board previously determined not to seek a revenue stabilization ballot (“de-Gallagherization”) during the election this November; however, he wanted to make sure the Board was aware that the Legislative Council Interim Committee that has been studying alternatives to the Gallagher Amendment this summer is considering several potential bills for submission to the Colorado General Assembly during the 2019 Legislative Session. One potential bill would seek voter approval to repeal Gallagher Amendment and leave it to the General Assembly to establish the assessment rates. Another potential bill would require the State to “back-fill” the revenue lost by fire protection districts by any further reductions in the residential assessment rate. President Lambert expressed the Board’s gratitude to Attorney Ross for keeping everyone informed.

STAFF REPORTS:

FIRE CHIEF JONES:

Fire Chief Jones thanked all who participated at the Open House on September 8, 2018. Fire Chief Jones reported that a former firefighter of the District, Jonathan Baker, received a sentence of 5 years’ probation on November 11, 2018. Fire Chief Jones stated that he had a productive meeting with representatives of Valley View Hospital. Fire Chief Jones would like to set up another meeting with Valley View Hospital, along with Grand River Hospital and local nursing homes, to restructure interfacility transfers (IFTs) and find solutions that meet the demands of the community. The Center for Excellence is planning to construct a new building at the airport and would like to enter the new building by gated access from Station 42’s driveway. President Lambert asked whether the Center for Excellence would provide the maintenance for the space shared. Fire Chief Jones stated that he assumed so, but he would confirm. Attorney Ross noted that, if the Board wishes to move forward with the proposal, an appropriate easement agreement would be necessary. Treasurer Haderlie expressed concern with the public having access without going through airport security. Fire Chief Jones clarified that the public could not gain access to the airport from this gate. Following further discussion, Secretary Marantino made a motion to authorize Chief Staff and legal counsel to further explore the potential easement arrangement. The motion was seconded by Vice President Weisbrod. The motion passed unanimously.

President Lambert asked if Chief Jones would be presenting the Board with the documents necessary for the Board to ratify the prior submission of the grant application. Fire Chief Jones stated that the grant application documents would be submitted to the Board for ratification at the next meeting.

OPERATIONS DIVISION CHIEF SACKETT:

Division Chief Sackett reviewed with the Board the three quotes the District received for the purchase of bunker gear: \$30,140.00, \$24,762.50, and \$22,600.00. Division Chief Sackett requested the Board approve the purchase order of ten sets of new bunker gear for the amount of \$22,600.00. Following discussion, Secretary Marantino made the motion to approve the purchase order in the amount of \$22,600.00. The motion was seconded by Vice President Weisbrod. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Marantino asked how staff was responding to the 20% increase of IFTs. Division Chief Sackett said everything was working well. Division Chief Scott and the IFT Committee built

a new Flow Chart and implemented that a couple weeks ago. The new Flow Chart includes staffing recommendations and steps for the Battalion Chiefs to take the IFTs or decline them, taking into consideration such factors as safety and medical necessity. Director Burris asked how it works if a transport is declined. Division Chief Sackett said the situation is evaluated on a case-by-case basis. In two instances, Division Chief Scott or Division Chief Sackett ended up taking the IFT. Secretary Marantino asked how often the Division Chiefs have had to take IFTs. Division Chief Sackett said twice in the last three months. President Lambert asked if TransCare was still operating. Division Chief Scott stated that TransCare closed its local office. It is still operating in the Montrose area. Vice President Weisbrod asked what legal precautions have been taken with respect to the student from the career shadow program. Division Chief Sackett explained the selected student from Rifle High School has signed an agreement acknowledging the procedures and regulations that were to be adhered to when shadowing and that the student's parents were also aware and in agreement with the rules and regulations of the career shadow program.

PREVENTION DIVISION CHIEF MOON:

Division Chief Moon advised the Board that the Hauser Lake Fire Protection District has asked to receive donation of the District's old hydraulic extrication tools. The old hydraulic extrication tools were purchased in 2006 and have been utilized until 2017 when the District received a 50/50 Cost Share Grant to obtain new hydraulic extrication tools. Some of the old hydraulic extrication tools would be kept on the District's all-hazard apparatus; however, Chief Staff recommends the District donate the remaining old hydraulic extrication tools to the Hauser Lake Fire Protection District. The majority of the old hydraulic extrication tools are not being used and do not have a resale value. Following discussion, Director Burris made a motion to authorize the District to donate its old hydraulic extrication tools to the Hauser Lake Fire Protection District. Vice President Weisbrod seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Division Chief Moon stated that he met with the architects for the Grand River Hospital and discussed building design, access, hydrant locations, and fire sprinkler systems. Director Burris noticed a typo error under Division Chief Moon's report. The date of September 16, 2018 should have been August 16, 2018. President Lambert asked for an update with the Town of Silt on fire code inspections. Division Chief Moon stated that he has not heard back from the Town of Silt, but would relay any information to the Board once received.

EMS DIVISION CHIEF SCOTT:

Division Chief Scott described the Collaborative Health Pilot Program to the Board. The District is not currently participating in the Collaborative Health Pilot Program due to insufficient staffing. The software company, Julota, has reached out to the District to reintegrate the Collaborative Health Pilot Program. Following discussion, the Board directed Division Chief Scott to have a representative from Julota make a presentation on its proposal at a future Board meeting.

Vice President Weisbrod questioned the IFT loss amount in the month of August. Division Chief Scott explained the loss amount was due to 14 IFT trips to Denver, which added an extra 30 hours of time and 1,200 miles. Division Chief Scott stated the District would not see that revenue for another 90 to 120 days. Treasurer Haderlie told Division Chief Scott that his explanation is exactly the type of response she is looking for.

Division Chief Scott stated that Division Chiefs Sackett, Pigati, and Scott attended a training consortium meeting and would be constructing trainings for EMS, Fire, and Wildland. The training

consortium has been working on a system for standardizing SOGs among all of the fire departments participating in the training consortium. Vice President Weisbrod asked if more funds will be put into hiring personnel for the training consortium. Division Chief Scott stated that hiring personnel has been discussed as goal in future years. Attorney Ross noted that the current training consortium MOU does not contemplate the training consortium hiring personnel, and so some restructuring would need to occur if in the future the contracting parties would like the training consortium to hire personnel.

WILDLAND DIVISION CHIEF PIGATI:

Division Chief Pigati stated the total amount billed to the state for wildland deployments was \$981,481.93 as of November 11, 2018. The wildland crew has deployed to five different states and has attended 120 different fires. Division Chief Pigati explained how the wildland personnel were also qualified for all hazardous responses, which could entail assistance for hurricanes on the east coast of the country. Division Chief Pigati felt that it helped build morale among the line personnel who attended some of the wildland fires helped with a change of pace and settings. Division Chief Pigati is hoping the revenue from the wildland deployments would pay for a significant portion of the District's startup costs for this program by the end of the year.

IT DIRECTOR GREDIG:

IT Director Gredig stated that he has been working on New World as well as cleaning up IT issues. Vice President Weisbrod and IT Director Gredig discussed why FirstNet required a new installation of updates for the District's equipment.

FINANCIAL MANAGER TILLMAN:

Secretary Marantino asked about how the tax abatement would affect the District's 2018 budget. Financial Manager Tillman explained the District would have to amend the budget and would do so in December. Secretary Marantino also asked what was in the Professional Services account under Wildland and IFT. Financial Manager Tillman explained that the IFT was the Life Quest service fees. The Wildland amount was for a Supplemental Resource, Farinetti, but was fully reimbursed by the state under Income. Secretary Marantino asked what Farinetti does and why he is listed under Professional Services. Director Burris explained that Farinetti was like a contractor, so it was appropriate to list his cost there. Secretary Marantino and Financial Manager Tillman further discussed account 501, Compensation.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Strategic Planning Process; Davis Farrar: President Lambert introduced Davis Farrar, who presented a PowerPoint on the District's Strategic Planning process. The survey for the District's Strategic Planning would be available for another 24 hours. In order for Mr. Farrar to extract the data from the survey results, the survey would have to be closed after that time. It was decided that the Strategic Planning survey would close on the night of September 12, 2018. Mr. Farrar continued the PowerPoint by highlighting the scope of work that would be provided. Secretary Marantino asked who would be attending the Strategic Planning sessions. Mr. Farrar

explained that the Board members, Chiefs, BC's, and as many people as possible were welcomed. Mr. Farrar explained that it was important to have the key players present. Vice President Weisbrod asked if the information collected from the Strategic Planning surveys in 2017 would be addressed in the current Strategic Planning sessions. Mr. Farrar stated that he was not sure if he received all of the information from the 2017 results, but felt that data was still essential. Vice President Weisbrod could not correlate why the District was looking at major capital projects and other important, fiscal matters while focusing on internal matters. Vice President Weisbrod stated Station 61 was a huge need and the District was not talking about it; he asked if it would be discussed during the Strategic Planning sessions. Mr. Farrar said those concerns could be discussed if the Board wanted. President Lambert felt the Board would get the chance to look at the concepts expressed by Vice President Weisbrod after discussing the internal matters. Vice President Weisbrod was concerned that the Board would overlook other components and should dedicate time to touch on other important issues as well. President Lambert gave Mr. Farrar the signed agreement that was previously approved by the Board. Mr. Farrar expressed that the Strategic Planning process would be ongoing.

Determine need for further work sessions regarding possible mill levy increase:
President Lambert commented how the need for further work sessions regarding a possible mill levy increase would be discussed during the upcoming Strategic Planning sessions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Treasurer Haderlie thanked Chief Staff for the information that was brought forth and felt the answers to the questions that were asked were spot on. Treasurer Haderlie commended Financial Manager Tillman for giving extra comments in her report.

Director Burris complimented staff for their participation on the fires. Director Burris further stated he has heard good things from other agencies.

Vice President Weisbrod agreed with what Director Burris said and has also heard a lot of good things. He apologized for not attending the Open House, as he usually makes it a priority. Vice President Weisbrod thanked everyone for their hard work.

Secretary Marantino thanked everyone for their time and stated that she would be requesting homework.

President Lambert felt all the comments from the public have been encouraging. President Lambert thanked the District for the Open House. He was unable to attend due to prior obligations. He also expressed gratitude to Bill Smith for his participation in the Muscular Dystrophy Association, as well as those who contributed to the Fill the Boot campaign. President Lambert appreciated everything the District has done.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

APPROVAL

The foregoing Minutes, which have 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 stated above.

Date: 8 Jan 19



Date: 1/8/19

