



Basalt & Rural Fire Protection District

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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

BASALT & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING February 15, 2022

Roll:

President Ed Van Walraven called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Other Board members present were John Young, Leroy Duroux, and Vonda Williams. Chief Scott Thompson, Deputy Chiefs Richard Cornelius and Kevin Issel, HR Director Renee Thomas and Administrative Assistant Susan Herwick.

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting December 19, 2021:

Director Duroux made a motion to accept the minutes, the motion was seconded by Director Young. All were in favor and the motion carried 4 – 0.

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting January 18, 2022:

Director Duroux made a motion to accept the minutes, the motion was seconded by Director Young. All were in favor and the motion carried 4 – 0.

Chief’s Report:

Chief Thompson stated that he wanted to make the Board members who are members of the RFFRA Board feel more included. He would like to shorten the B&RFPD and SWFPD Board meetings to just what is necessary by state statute for budgets, bonds, etc. By statute, we aren’t able to have fewer than five Board members. We considered increasing the RFFRA Board to ten members but there are some Board members who don’t want to be on the RFFRA Board. Rotating Board members through the RFFRA Board has also been discussed. Board members who are not on the RFFRA Board will need to read the minutes from those Board meetings or join the meeting via Lifesize in order to stay informed on everything going on.

Chief Thompson stated that Station 46 has been dried in. The state is very good about reimbursing us with grant money when we submit a payment request. The plumbers are going to install the under-slab piping and then we will be able to pour floors. The station should be done this fall.

Chief Thompson stated that the new Tender won't be here until next year. We are going to reallocate part of that money to purchase a new truck that can be used as a plow truck and to pull the incident command trailer.

Director Young asked if there was any grant money that we could access for other projects. Chief Thompson stated that we are trying to get some wildfire mitigation money. We have projects planned for behind Blue Lake, at Seven Castles near the Cap K Ranch, and Crooked Creek Pass/Lime Park area. We are also working with the Roaring Fork Collaborative Wildfire Group to do some huge projects.

Deputy Chief Cornelius's Report:

DC Cornelius stated that the omicron variant of the COVID virus is the most prevalent in the state right now. Discussion. Eagle County has rescinded their public health order. Pitkin County will lift the mask mandate and make other changes to their public health order later this month.

Chief Thompson stated that DC Cornelius is working on a grant for some leadership training and a grant for a new ambulance.

Deputy Chief Issel's Report:

None

Finance Report:

Finance Director Jennifer Thompson included a written financial report in the packet for the Board.

HR Report:

HR Director Thomas stated that we've promoted one person and we are hiring some more line staff. The strategic plan is moving forward. One team is almost complete. They are determining the financial impact of their program. They will present it to the executive team. The Board would also like to have the teams present to them as well. Five teams are working on projects at this time.

Attorney's Report:

None

Board Member Comments:

Director Williams asked when the new Board members would be sworn in. New Board members will be sworn in on within 30 days of the election at a date to be determined.

Director Williams asked if the awards dinner had been rescheduled. Chief Thompson stated that we are going to try to have our annual awards dinner on Saturday, April 16 at the Roaring Fork Club. We will let you know as soon as details have been finalized.

Staff Comments:

None

Public Comments:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

Authority Board Report:

None

Executive Session:

None

Training Opportunities:

None

Non-Agenda Items:

Directors Young and Williams stated that she would attend the All-Hands meeting at Station 42 in El Jebel on March 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Director Duroux made a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Director Williams, and the motion carried 4 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

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