



# Durango Fire Protection District

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## Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, February 28, 2017 7:30 am DFPD Station One – Training Room

The Regular Board Meeting of the Durango Fire Protection District Board of Directors was called to order by President Kathy Morris at 7:30 am. Board members present for the Call to Order were: Kathy Morris, Joe Lloyd, Patti Zink, Wayne Barger, Andrew Miller, Jerry Martinez and Matt Leeder. Staff members included Chief Hal Doughty, Deputy Chief Randy Black and Finance Director Eric Baker. Legal Counsel Bud Smith was also in attendance.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### • January 31, 2017 Special Board Meeting

*A motion was made by Patti Zink and seconded by Matt Leeder to approve the January 31, 2017 Special Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were none

### REPORTS

#### • Legal Counsel.

- Legal Counsel Bud Smith received a positive response from County Planning and the County Attorney indicating that DFPD can sell the Station 7 property and XTO donated property. Mr. Smith will prepare the paperwork to offer the XTO land via a public sealed bid.
- The Twin Buttes community donated a lot to DFPD at the entrance of the subdivision. Currently, the City is using the Twin Buttes lot for trailhead access. The three-year license agreement between the City and DFPD has expired. Mr. Smith will draw up a new three-year agreement to be signed by both parties.

*A motion was made by Matt Leeder and seconded by Patti Zink to renew the three-year license agreement with the City for their use of the Twin Buttes site. Motion carried unanimously.*

- Financials. The financial report was provided by Finance Director Eric Baker.

*A motion was made by Jerry Martinez and seconded by Andrew Miller to approve the January 2017 financial reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*


#### • Chief.

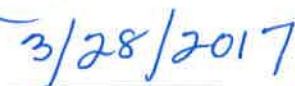
- Station 2 Rebuild. Another work session recently transpired between the DFPD Board and City Council to vet out the process of the railroad parking lot as the new fire station location.
- Impact Fees. Chief Doughty recently met with County Manager Joe Kerby regarding the status of the DFPD impact fee project. The fee structure has been lowered from the original figures; yet, continues to proportionally fit between commercial and residential. Having completed the public meeting -- per the Commissioners' request -- Chief Doughty would like to meet with both La Plata and San Juan County Commissioners for final approval.
- Gallagher Amendment. Both the Fire Chiefs' Association and SDA are contemplating possible solutions to the issue of decreased revenue to fire districts in 2018 due to the Gallagher Amendment. A state constitution was passed in 2003 to provide property-tax relief for homeowners at a 7.96 percent market value. Next year, the assessment rate will drop to 6.56. Sustained loss of revenue to the DFPD 2018 budget will be approximately \$482,000 based on Gallagher Amendment. This is in addition to our current revenue decline associated with the decrease in oil and gas of \$460,000.

The Board decided to move the Executive Session to the March 28th Regular Board Meeting.

President Morris adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:49 am.

The Board immediately moved into a Work Session.

  
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Kathleen Morris, President

  
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Date

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CJ Weaver, Executive Assistant