



# Durango Fire Protection District

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## Minutes of the DFPD Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, August 22, 2023, 8:30 a.m. 142 Sheppard Dr

President Karen Barger called to order the meeting of the Durango Fire Protection District Board of Directors at 8:31 a.m. Board members present for the Call to Order were Steve List, Rob Farino, Tina McCallum, Samantha Gallagher, John Dezendorf and Lyle McKnight. Staff members included Chief Hal Doughty, Deputy Chief Mike Krupa, Deputy Chief Randy Black, Finance Director Eric Baker, Fire Marshal Karola Hanks, Battalion Chief Don Woodmansee, Human Resources Director Megan Kunch, Fleet and Facilities Director Howard Smith, and Administrative Assistant Katie Pounds. Legal Counsel Bud Smith was also in attendance.

AGENDA: Additions, Deletions, Revisions: None

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- July 25, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes – *A motion was made by Samantha Gallagher to approve the July 25, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Tina McCallum. Motion carried unanimously.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: No announcements/presentations

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

### REPORTS:

**Chief Report:** Deputy Chief Randy Black reported all new trucks and ambulances are here. The tanker that was purchased has some work needing to be done but will be in service soon. The County is paying for the full cost of the new tanker through ARPA funds. Chief Black also reported the LaPlata County Manager approved DFPD's updated Service Plan. Chief Black stated the County has begun to transfer money made from impact fees over to DFPD. The first payment for six months' worth of impact fees was transferred. Chief Black reported the dispatch fees have also come in for the first two quarters of the year. The IGA with the City concerning dispatch fees is based on each agency's call volume. Chief Black made mention of DFPD's new shift Battalion Chief, Charlie Amos, taking the place of Rod Allen once he retires at the beginning of September.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Fire Chief Search Update:** Human Resource Director Megan Kunch reported the posting for Fire Chief closed at the end of day on August 18. Megan gave a brief update on the number of applicants along with the timeline moving forward with the position: Zoom interviews on September 5, in-person interviews on September 27-28 with a Meet and Greet the evening of September 27. The Board decided on the date of October 10 to hold a Special Meeting for the Board to vote on the new Fire Chief. Legal Counsel Bud Smith reminded the Board that the finalists need to be published at least 15 days before they interviewed. Chief Hal Doughty discussed things for the Board to keep in mind when searching for the next Fire Chief.

**Station 2 Update:** Deputy Chief Randy Black reported the City has officially signed the trade agreement of the 9-R building and site of River City Hall. Black reported DFPD has an agreement with the City to allow the City to remodel the Big Picture building. They will also be paying for all utilities. Black reported the land

survey and boundary adjustment are complete and the subdivision of the River City Hall site looks to be completed by mid-November which is ahead of schedule. FCI won the bid for the construction contract for the River City Hall site and Reynolds & Ash Associates has the structural plans and MEP plans ready. Chief Black stated the design team, contractors and owners of the 9-R building and River City Hall site will all meet together for the first time with the City staff. Chief Black mentioned he has not heard back from 9-R with a counter offer to DFPD's last letter of negotiations.

NEW BUSINESS

**Consideration of Resolution 2023-6 – Approving IPD for Station 2:** Legal Counsel Bud Smith explained this resolution allows the Board to choose a “best value” over a “lowest responsible, responsive bid” contractor for Station 2. *A motion was made by Steve List to approve Resolution 2023-6 – Approving IPD for Station 2, seconded by Samantha Gallagher. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Consideration of Resolution 2023-7 – Approving Factual Update to Service Plan and Publication of Notice:** Deputy Chief Randy Black and Legal Counsel Bud Smith explained they've been in communication with both LaPlata and San Juan Counties concerning the updated Service Plan. Neither county had any objections to the Service Plan. *A motion was made by Samantha Gallagher to approve Resolution 2023-7 – Approving Factual Update to Service Plan and Publication of Notice, seconded by Tina McCallum. Motion carried unanimously.* Legal Counsel Bud Smith mentioned that Secretary/Treasurer Tina McCallum needs to sign the official 45-day Public Notice that will be published in the Durango Herald on August 23, 2023.

President Karen Barger adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

  
Karen Barger, President

10/24/2023  
Date

Attest  
  
Katie Rounds, Administrative Assistant