



Durango Fire Protection District

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Minutes of the DFPD Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 8:00 a.m. | 142 Sheppard Dr, Durango, CO 81303

Call to Order

President Karen Barger called to order the meeting of the Durango Fire Protection District Board of Directors at 8:05 a.m. Board members present for the Call to Order were Steve List, Rob Farino, John Dezendorf Lyle McKnight, Samantha Gallagher, and Tina McCallum. Staff members included Fire Chief Randy Black, Deputy Chief Michael Krupa, Deputy Chief Jeff Harris, EMS Chief Scott Sholes, Finance Director Eric Baker, Human Resources Director Megan Kunch, Captain Lou Vito, and Administrative Assistant Katie Pounds.

Agenda

Vice President Steve List requested to add agenda item "Workforce Housing" under New Business. *A motion was made by Samantha Gallagher to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Steve List. Motion carried unanimously.*

Approval of Minutes

- **July 23, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes:** *A motion was made by Lyle McKnight to approve the July 23, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Samantha Gallagher. Motion carried unanimously.*

Public Comment

No public comment.

Reports

Chief Report:

Fire Chief Randy Black reported on the following:

- **Props 50 and 108:** It was decided in a special session that props 50 and 108 will be taken off of the General Election Ballot in November 2024. The state is working to find a different avenue of making deeper and additional cuts in property taxes in the future. This will make 2025 taxes payable in 2026.
- **2025 Budget:** DFR received revenue projections on August 25 which hold \$650,000 less than the 2024 budget year. Budget meetings with department heads will begin soon. The draft of the 2025 budget will be sent to the Board by October 11.
- **Strategic Plan:** Chief Black presented a draft of DFPD's Strategic Plan. He has asked the Board to look it over in order to be voted on in the October Board meeting.
- **Station 2:** Construction is on schedule. The waterline and sewer system have been trenched. Steel columns and framing for the second floor should start going up next week. Station alerting and access control has also been looked at by Deputy Chief Michael Krupa.
- **Sale:** Two more apparatus have been sold that DFR is no longer using operationally. DFR will continue to clean out items that are no longer needed.
- **Admin Building:** The new roof is on and should be completed by the end of this week.
- **Board Meeting Dates for Remainder of 2024:** Chief Black will be at a conference on October 22. Chief Black proposed for the October meeting to be pushed back to October 29. He also proposed pushing the November meeting date to December 3 and cancelling the December 24 Regular Meeting. The Board agreed to the proposed dates.
- **Three Springs Property:** A negotiation was made with FCI to rent the property from DFR as a lay-down yard. This gives DFR revenue from rent until a station is ready to be built on the land.
- **360 Evaluations:** The last four surveys are due by September 27. There was discussion about taking a different route for surveys in the future. Having a custom-made survey makes it difficult to compare to other agencies.

New Business

- **Consideration and Possible Action on Resolution 2024-9: Affiliation of the Pension Plan for the Volunteer Firefighters:** Finance Director Eric Baker stated this resolution is a request from FPPA to renew DFPD's affiliation to insure DFPD is in compliance. There are no changes to DFPD's involvement with FPPA. *A motion was made by Samantha Gallagher to approve Resolution 2024-9: Affiliation of the*

Pension Plan for the Volunteer Firefighters, seconded by Tina McCallum. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Consideration and Possible Action on Resoltion 2024-10: Adoption of the Durango Fire Protection District Open Records Act Policy:** Chief Black stated this resolution updates to current state law concerning Open Records Requests, including costs. *A motion was made by Steve List to approve Resolution 2024-10: Adoption of the Durango Fire Protection District Open Records Act Policy, seconded by Tina McCallum. Motion carried unanimously.*
- **Workforce Housing:** Vice President Steve List initiated discussion on whether the land surrounding Station 7 could be used by Habitat for Humanity to build affordable housing, giving DFR members the first right of refusal. Chief Black stated DFPC will likely be using half of the land to stage equipment. There is the possibility of making Station 5 a live-in Volunteer station. Board Member Rob Farino stated the County currently owns a 17-acre parcel in the Edgemont area that is not currently being used. Farino stated he would look into the possibility of building affordable housing on that land.

Adjournment

President Karen Barger adjourned the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

By: /s/ Karen Barger
President

Attest: /s/ Katie Pounds
Administrative Assistant