



# Durango Fire Protection District

## Minutes of the DFPD Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 26, 2024, 8:00 a.m. | 142 Sheppard Dr, Durango, CO 81303

### Call to Order

Vice President Steve List called to order the meeting of the Durango Fire Protection District Board of Directors at 8:01 a.m. Board members present for the Call to Order were Rob Farino, Tina McCallum, Samantha Gallagher, Lyle McKnight and John Dezendorf. Staff members included Fire Chief Randy Black, Deputy Chief Michael Krupa, Deputy Chief Jeff Harris, Finance Director Eric Baker, Fire Marshal Stephen Rinaldi, and Administrative Assistant Katie Pounds. Also in attendance was Legal Counsel Bud Smith.

### Agenda

No additions, deletions or revisions.

### Approval of Minutes

- **February 27, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes**

*A motion was made by Samantha Gallagher to approve the February 27, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Lyle McKnight. Motion carried unanimously.*

### Public Comment

No public comment.

### Reports

#### Chief Report:

Fire Chief Randy Black reported on the following:

- **103 Sheppard Dr:** Administration staff have moved in to 103 Sheppard. The Training Division has rearranged the old administration offices at Station 1 to be used by the Training Division, EMS captains and shift battalion chiefs.

- **104 Sheppard Dr:** Last items are being moved out of the building, then will be cleaned up. The goal is to have the building up on the market by mid-April.
- **Station 2:** Demolition has begun. The training tower is being taken down today, March 26, and hauled. The old generator has been moved, the new transformer is set. The crew took advantage of the building by training in it before it's taken down. DFPD has submitted for the building permit which takes about 25 days. The City is allowing DFPD to resolve the waste water control until 2025. Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) should come in around April 8.
- **Staffing Update:** Jeff Harris has officially begun his position as Deputy Chief of Support Services. Taking his place is Battalion Chief Jim Anderson.
- **Arsonist at Fort Lewis College:** Chief Black congratulated Fire Marshal Stephen Rinaldi and his staff in working with other agencies to solve the arson investigation at Fort Lewis College. The arsonist came forward.
- **Annual Report:** The report is about 90% done. It will be ready next month.
- **9-R School District:** No update to resolution with 9-R. Allison Ulmer continues to contact them in order to get a resolution.
- **Durango Downtown Hotel:** There is a meeting today between DFPD and the City's Community Development. Vice President Steve List asked what the current issues are with the hotel. Chief Black explained the City's developer is combining two different codes.
- **Strategic Plan:** The company is bringing in DFPD members of all status. The Board members can participate if they want but only two at a time. This will take place May 6-9.

## Written Financial Report

Board member Rob Farino asked if the issue between Mercy Medical Center and Blue Cross BlueShield affects DFPD's billing rates. Finance Director Eric Baker stated it shouldn't as DFPD does not have a contract with either of those entities.

## Written Fire Marshal Report

Fire Marshal Stephen Rinaldi highlighted Fire Inspector Savanna Pottorff's opportunity to work with the arson investigation. Fire Marshal Rinaldi also mentioned the road closure that will occur downtown, working with water lines for a sprinkler system. Rinaldi is working with the City to better communicate with the business owners downtown. This closure is looking to be three days.

## New Business

- **Station 2 Solar Information:** Vice President Steve List presented information gathered from a John Shaw with Shaw Solar to show a possibility of having solar panels at Station 2 which would include a discount. Steve List reported only about 46% of the roof at Station 2 could be used for paneling. Shaw Solar has charged

Upper Pine Fire 5% less than LPEA in exchange for leasing the roof space for 30 years which comes to no cost for the department. Shaw Solar laid out a plan for DFPD, with DFPD owning the panels after 15 years. Issues about tax credit, a private business making money off of a public building, the already-added-on cost of Station 2, and the placing of paneling were discussed. Fire Chief Black also explained other, more immediate issues needing to be fixed for firefighters to function out of Station 2 before solar paneling will be looked at. John Shaw extended the offer to all of DFPD's fire stations. There was discussion about solar panels for Station 3 but Chief Black reported the roof needs to first be replaced before solar paneling.

- **Consideration and Possible Action on Resolution 2024-3: SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION FOR CPF:** *A motion was made by Samantha Gallagher to approve Resolution 2024-3: SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION FOR CPF, seconded by John Dezendorf. Motion carried unanimously.*
- **Consideration and Possible Action on Resolution 2024-4: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A SITE LEASE AGREEMENT, A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT, AND RELATED DOCUMENTS; APPROVING THE FORMS OF RELATED DOCUMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO:** *A motion was made by Samantha Gallagher to approve Resolution 2024-4: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A SITE LEASE AGREEMENT, A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT, AND RELATED DOCUMENTS; APPROVING THE FORMS OF RELATED DOCUMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO, seconded by Tina McCallum. Motion carried unanimously.*

## Adjournment

President Karen Barger adjourned the meeting at 8:57 a.m.

By:   /s/ Karen Barger  
President

Attest:   /s/ Katie Pounds  
Administrative Assistant