



## ***Durango Fire Protection District***

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### **Minutes of the Virtual DFPD Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, May 26, 2020 7:30am DFPD Station One**

President Kathy Morris called to order the Regular Meeting of the Durango Fire Protection District Board of Directors at 7:43am. Board members present for the Call to Order were Patti Zink, Wayne Barger, Andrew Miller, John Dezendorf, and Lyle McKnight. Staff members included Chief Hal Doughty, Deputy Chief Randy Black, EMS Chief Scott Sholes, Battalion Chief Mike Krupa, HR Administrator Megan Kunch, Fleet & Facilities Director Jim Applegate and Fire Marshal Karola Hanks. Pension Board member Jameson Bobbin and Legal Counsel Bud Smith were also in attendance.

#### **AGENDA REVIEW**

*A motion was made by Wayne Barger to approve the May 26, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented, seconded by John Dezendorf. Motion carried unanimously.*

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### **• April 28, 2020 Regular Meeting**

*A motion was made by Patti Zink to approve the April 28, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented, seconded by Andrew Miller. Motion carried unanimously.*

#### **NEW BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTION**

New Board members John Dezendorf and Lyle McKnight were introduced, each gave a short bio about themselves to the Board. Chief Doughty discussed the roles and responsibilities that come along with being a Board member and the representation of the community.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments

#### **REPORTS:**

**Legal Counsel Report:** Chief Doughty briefed the Board on the issues of the Gallagher Amendment; he asked Legal Counsel Bud Smith to look-into what it would look like to 'de-Gallagherize' and what the pit falls would be. Bud Smith explained the time frame for getting a ballot question onto the November 2020 election. There was discussion regarding residential assessment rates and the challenges we face to 'de-Gallagherize'.

**Financial Report:** Finance Director Eric Baker presented the April financial report. Chief Doughty updated the Board on the call volume, even though there was a decrease in March and April due to Covid-19, we are getting back to near normal numbers. Chief Sholes and Terri Erickson are working to analyze call volumes and side by side comparisons from last year. Chief Doughty will keep the Board updated as to the budget if adjustments need to be made.

Chief Doughty updated the Board on Capital Funds projects: The new Training Facility, Type 3 Engine for wildland and a new Ladder Truck purchase which they have not made moves on yet.  
*A motion was made by Wayne Barger to approve the Financial Report as given by Finance Director Eric Baker, seconded by Patti Zink. Motion carried unanimously.*

CHIEF DOUGHTY UPDATE: Chief Doughty reported on the operations of the department amidst Covid-19, focus on keeping operations going, DFPD has been exceptionally lucky. San Juan County and Farmington Fire have been hit extremely hard, having to make tough staffing decisions. Chief Doughty also talked about the concern regarding the influx of people coming to Durango from San Juan County, which opens the door for the transmission to come our way. There has not been a huge bump in numbers as of yet; the concern is to have enough protective equipment in place. There was discussion regarding the PPE stock as well as having a plan in place in the event there will be a need to quarantine crew members.

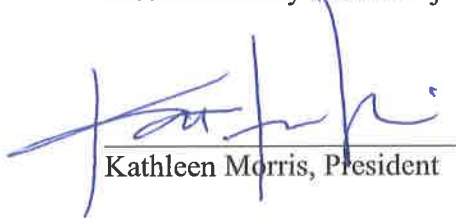
NEW BUSINESS

- Oath of Office:
  - John Dezendorf and Lyle McKnight took their Oaths of Office as Directors of the Durango Fire Protection District.
  
- DFPD Firefighters Fund Committee: Matt Leeder's seat on the FF Fund Committee has vacated, therefore leaving the need to fill that position. Chief Doughty briefed the Board on the purpose of the FF Fund, to support DFPD members in various times of need.  
*A motion was made by Lyle McKnight to assign John Dexendorf as the new Firefighter Fund Committee member, seconded by Wayne Barger. Motion carried unanimously.*
  
- June Meeting: Board of Directors discussion and election of officers, nominations and votes.

OLD BUSINESS

- Covid-19 Response: Chief Doughty has had an overwhelmingly positive response to his weekly ZOOM updates to the membership and their significant others, it has been asked that the updates continue after Covid-19.

President Kathy Morris adjourned the meeting at 8:56am

  
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Kathleen Morris, President

8/5/2020  
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Date

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Val Mattison, Administrative Assistant