

**Minutes of the Virtual  
Board Meeting  
Tuesday, April 28, 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 7:32am. Board members present for the Call to Order were Joe Lloyd, Patti Zink, Wayne Barger, Jerry Martinez, Matt Leeder and Andrew Miller. Staff members included Chief Hal Doughty, Deputy Chief Randy Black, EMS Chief Scott Sholes, Battalion Chief Mike Krupa, Fleet & Facilities Director Jim Applegate and Fire Marshal Karola Hanks. Legal Counsel Bud Smith, new Board Members John Dezendorf and Lyle McKnight were also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• March 24, 2020 Regular Meeting

*A motion was made by Matt Leeder to approve the March 24, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented, seconded by Patti Zink. Motion carried unanimously.*

REPORTS:

- Financial Report: Finance Director Eric Baker presented the March 2020 financial report. There was discussion regarding the City sales tax decrease, which is currently down 30%.  
*A motion was made by Matt Leeder to approve the Financial Report as given by Finance Director Eric Baker, seconded by Joe Lloyd. Motion carried unanimously.*
  
- Chief's Report: Chief Doughty gave an update regarding Covid-19 in Colorado the positive cases reported by LPC and surrounding Counties. San Juan County NM is a hot spot, which is concerning given its close proximity to Durango. Chief Doughty will continue hosting weekly live updates, there is an overwhelming response for the continued need.  
Chief Sholes and Terri Erickson are tracking PPE and equipment in the warehouse, DFPD has a good supply of necessary equipment.  
Chief Doughty discussed the Governor's Order for Safer at Home: Colorado joined Nevada, California, Oregon and Washington to form the Western State's Act. DFPD is following the order and requirements with one caveat, because the shift personnel have to eat and sleep in close quarters, they are not required to wear face coverings or gloves within the station. DFPD non-essential staff are still working from home and the offices remain closed to the general public.  
Chief Doughty updated the BOD on the staff working from home and the time accountability in place. Working toward a return to physical presence plan.  
Gains: A new Type 3 Engine was approved in the Capital Improvement budget for 2020; DFPD had opportunity to purchase a brand-new demo unit.  
Wildland: Forest Service is reporting, Durango is currently under same conditions as this time in 2018. Moving forward with plans to stop allowing control burns during Red Flag days. There is concern regarding resource availability. DFPD wildland crews are currently at 65-70%, will be at full strength within the next week. Crews will be based out of Stations 6 and 7.  
Fire Prevention Building: While the Fire Prevention staff is out of the building a long-awaited construction project is taking place, offices are being built to take the place of some of the cubicles.  
Ladder Truck: The ladder truck purchase is taking longer than expected, however the construction for the 7-story hotel slated for 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave has been put on hold which makes the need for a new ladder truck less of a concern.

President Morris inquired on the moral of the staff. Chief Black reported moral appears to be good. The first two weeks were tough, the spouses were concerned about exposures which is what prompted the Chief's weekly updates. Things seem to have calmed down and everyone appears to be doing well. Call volume is down 7.8% for the year, it is starting to pick up recently. Interfacility Transports have been down mostly because hospitals weren't accepting psych patients.

President Morris wanted to say Thank You to Matt Leeder and Joe Lloyd for their service and contribution to the BOD. Chief Doughty took a moment to talk about the 8 years both Matt and Joe have served and the accomplishments that have been made during that time, he passed along his appreciation.

President Kathy Morris adjourned the meeting at 8:46am

  
Kathleen Morris, President

5/26/20  
Date

Attest:

  
Val Mattison, Administrative Assistant