



Durango Fire Protection District

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Minutes of the DFPD Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, March 23, 7:30am DFPD Station One

President Kathy Morris called to order the Regular Meeting of the Durango Fire Protection District Board of Directors at 7:31am. Board members present for the Call to Order were Wayne Barger, Patti Zink, Jerry Martinez, Matt Leeder, Lyle McKnight and John Dezendorf. Staff members included Chief Hal Doughty, Deputy Chief Randy Black, EMS Chief Scott Sholes, Battalion Chief Mike Krupa, Fleet & Facilities Director Jim Applegate, HR Administrator Megan Kunch, Finance Director Eric Baker, Fire Marshal Karola Hanks, Captain Jim Anderson, Ryan Cary. Legal Counsel Bud Smith was also in attendance.

AGENDA: Additions, Deletions:

A motion was made by Jerry Martinez to approve the agenda, seconded by John Dezendorf. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• February 23, 2021 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Patti Zink to approve the February 23, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented, seconded by Wayne Barger. Motion carried unanimously.

OATH OF OFFICE-Matt Leeder

- Matt Leeder took his Oath of Office as a Director of the Durango Fire Protection District.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

REPORTS:

Legal Counsel Report: Bud Smith updated the Board regarding the appointment of Matt Leeder to the Durango Fire Protection District Board of Directors, he feels confident the appointment is proper. There is still a question as to the three-year term and how it affects term limits.

Financial Report: Eric Baker presented the February financial report. Auditors will be in Durango the week of April 12, 2021, there was discussion regarding how often the practice of looking at new auditors should take place. There will be a Supplemental Budget Amendment at the April 2021 meeting, there was discussion regarding the various reasons that led up to needing the amended budget. Chief Doughty updated the Board on the internal audit, there was discussion regarding the process.

A motion was made by Matt Leeder to approve the February 2021 Financial Report as given by Finance Director Eric Baker, seconded by Patti Zink. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief's Report: Chief Doughty will be giving his report with the items in Old and New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

- Training Facility Update: Concrete will be getting poured this week. Props are currently being shipped. FCI continues to be great to work with.
- City Wildland Mitigation Update: Chief Doughty updated the Board on the City Wildland Mitigation. The City has identified approximately 6 miles that are the highest priority and interface with City and City open space using fuel modeling, aerial photographs, and fire protections. Chief Doughty has been actively involved in the meetings and offering resources. There was discussion regarding the project.
- Update on Topic of EMS Bad Debt: Chief Doughty updated the Board on the current state of EMS bad debt, presenting the projected debt amount. Chief Doughty explained the reasoning for the bad debt. DFPD has now transferred debt collection to Durango Credit and Collections, in conversations with Chief Sholes and Eric Baker, Durango Credit and Collections feels confident they can collect at least 40% of the amount owed. Procedures are being put in place to ensure this does not happen again. There was discussion regarding the process of billing and collections and the possibility of setting up a work session for the Board of Directors to help better understand.


NEW BUSINESS

- OATH of Office-Matt Leeder
 - Moved to the top of the Agenda.
- Fire Prevention Fee Schedule Presentation: Chief Doughty suggested rescheduling this presentation for the April 27, 2021 Board meeting. There was discussion regarding Impact Fee rates and Three Springs.
- COVID Reimbursement: Chief Doughty updated the Board, Durango Fire has been successful in receiving COVID reimbursement funds, numbers are still being tallied for folks who had to stay home for quarantine or had COVID.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Executive Session was rescheduled for April 27, 2021 Board meeting.

Kathy Morris adjourned the meeting at 9:33am


Kathleen Morris, President

4/27/21
Date

Attest:


Val Mattison, Administrative Assistant