



# ***Durango Fire Protection District***

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**Minutes of the  
DFPD Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, June 22, 2021 7:30 a.m.  
DFPD Station One**

President Kathy Morris called to order the Regular Meeting of the Durango Fire Protection District Board of Directors at 7:31 a.m. Board members present for the Call to Order were Jerry Martinez, Matt Leeder, John Dezendorf, Patti Zink and Lyle McKnight. Staff members included Chief Hal Doughty, Deputy Chief Randy Black, Battalion Chief Mike Krupa, EMS Chief Scott Sholes, Fire Marshal Karola Hanks, Battalion Chief Rod Allen, HR Administrator Megan Kunch, Finance Director Eric Baker, and Administrative Assistant Katie Pounds. Legal Counsel Bud Smith and Finance Auditor Nick Warnick were also in attendance. Board Member Wayne Barger was excused from the meeting.

President Morris opened the meeting at 0731.

AGENDA: Additions, Deletions:

Chief Hal Doughty made an addition to include discussion on personnel Board policies. *A motion was made by Jerry Martinez to approve the June 22 Regular Meeting Agenda, seconded by Lyle McKnight. Motion carried unanimously.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

• May 25, 2021 Regular Meeting

*A motion was made by Matt Leeder to approve the May 25, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented, seconded by John Dezendorf. Motion carried unanimously.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

No announcements or presentations.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

REPORTS:

Legal Counsel Report:

Financial Report: Eric Baker presented the May 2021 financial statement.

*A motion was made by Patti Zink to approve the May 2021 Financial Report as given by Finance Director Eric Baker, seconded by Jerry Martinez. Motion carried unanimously.*

Auditor Nick Warnick presented the 2020 audit and financial status. There was discussion concerning making future purchases in 2021 and how that will affect DFPD's financial audit and status in 2022.

Chief's Report:

OLD BUSINESS

- Training Facility Update: Chief Black reported that the complete expense report for the Training Facility should be finished by the end of June. There was discussion concerning training that has

already taken place in the facility. Chief Black reported that DFPD will have an Open House/Dedication for the facility on Saturday, August 21.

- **Impact Fees Update:** Chief Doughty reported that he went before the County Commissioner's office on Monday, June 21 with a presentation concerning Impact Fees; the County Commissioners' decision is pending. There was discussion concerning DFPD's growth over the last few years. There was also discussion about the impact COVID-19 had on DFPD's Impact Fees in 2020.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- **Downtown Station:** Chief Doughty that our Legal Counsel, Bud Smith, will draft a letter of intent to purchase a specific piece of property for DFPD's downtown station. Chief Doughty asked permission from the Board to move forward with making a real estate deal should he have the opportunity. *A motion was made by Matt Leeder to approve Chief Doughty's request of moving forward with a real estate deal for a new downtown fire station including contributions, seconded by John Dezen Dorf. Motion carried unanimously.*
- **State Legislature Action:** Chief Doughty reported that the state of Colorado is cutting the funding for special districts by reducing the rating assessments for commercial and residential buildings due to renewable energy. Chief Doughty reported that the governor will sign the legislation should it pass by both House and Senate. There was discussion concerning writing a letter of intent to put a rate stabilization on the ballot for the upcoming election on November 2. *A motion was made by Jerry Martinez to notify the county clerk that DFPD intends to put a question on the ballot in November, seconded by Lyle McKnight.*
- **Personnel Board Policies:** Chief Doughty reported that, since Juneteenth (June 19) has been declared a new federal holiday, he would like to proclaim this day as a holiday for DFPD members. There was discussion about the Personnel Board Policies stating that DFPD recognizes all federal holidays. *A motion was made by Patti Zink to amend Juneteenth as a paid holiday for DFPD members, seconded by John Dezen Dorf. Motion carried unanimously.*

Kathy Morris adjourned the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

  
Kathleen Morris, President

7/27/21  
Date

Attest:

  
Katie Pounds, Administrative Assistant