



Durango Fire Protection District

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Minutes of the DFPD Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, September 28, 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 Wayne Barger, Jerry Martinez, John Dezendorf, Patti Zink, and Matt Leeder. Staff members included Chief Hal Doughty, Deputy Chief Randy Black, Administrative Battalion Chief Mike Krupa, Fire Marshal Karola Hanks, EMS Chief Scott Sholes, Battalion Chief Randy Baker, Finance Director Eric Baker, HR Director Megan Kunch, Administrative Assistant Terri Erickson and Administrative Assistant Katie Pounds. Legal Counsel Bud Smith was also in attendance. Board Member Lyle McKnight was excused from the meeting.

President Morris opened the meeting at 0731.

AGENDA: Additions, Deletions:

A motion was made by Wayne Barger to approve the agenda, seconded by Patti Zink. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- August 24, 2021 Regular Minutes

A motion was made by Matt Leeder to approve the August 24, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented, seconded by Wayne Barger. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

No announcements or presentations.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

REPORTS:

Legal Counsel Report: Bud Smith reported that we will not have our proposal of a residential-assessed rate stabilization on the November ballot due to the complexity of validations; there was discussion about Amendment 27 being on the ballot and future possibilities of adaptations of Amendment 27 if it should pass. Bud Smith reported the possibility of an IGA between the city, county and district by next month concerning the mitigation and watershed protection fund. There was discussion about where the funding will come from and who will take the authority. Bud Smith also reported that we've received the first exclusion petition from the city annexation process concerning residential properties.

Financial Report: Eric Baker presented the August 2021 financial statement. *A motion was made by Matt Leeder to approve the August 2021 Financial Report as given by Finance Director Eric Baker, seconded by John Dezendorf. Motion carried unanimously.*

Chief's Report: Chief Doughty reported that the call volume is up due to behavioral health issues; there was discussion about how to better assess each call in order to respond appropriately in the future. Chief Doughty reported that departments of first responders are currently working with Mercy Hospital and Axis Health to better streamline this call volume. Chief Doughty made a request to the Board to

move November's Regular Board Meeting to the week before Thanksgiving (November 16) due to the holiday break; the Board agreed to move November's meeting.

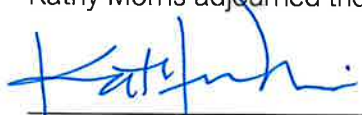
OLD BUSINESS

- **Downtown Station:** Chief Doughty reported that the subdivision process of Buckley Park should be completed mid-October which would give DFPD the opportunity to move toward closing on the 9-R School Building. There was discussion about stipulations that DFPD would like to make note of concerning the close of the property. There was also discussion about how to navigate traffic in that area in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Development of 2022 Budget:** Chief Doughty reported that he and his staff are in the process of forming the proposed 2022 budget; it will be sent to the Board by October 15 to look over before the October Regular Board Meeting.
- **Board of Appeals (Lauren Davis):** Fire Marshal Karola Hanks proposed to the Board a new member for the Board of Appeals, Lauren Davis. There was discussion concerning Ms. Davis's competency for the Board position. *A motion was made by Wayne Barger to approve Lauren Davis as a member of the Board of Appeals, seconded by Patti Zink. Motion carried unanimously.*

Kathy Morris adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.



Kathleen Morris, President

10/26/21

Date

Attest:



Katie Pounds, Administrative Assistant