



Durango Fire Protection District

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Minutes of the DFPD Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 7:30 a.m. DFPD Station One

President Samantha Gallagher called to order the meeting of the Durango Fire Protection District Board of Directors at 7:56 a.m. Board members present for the Call to Order were Steve List, Karen Barger, Tina McCallum, Kathy Morris, John Dezendorf 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, Finance Director Eric Baker, Facilities and Fleet Director Jim Applegate, Battalion Chief Rod Allen, Captain Don Woodmansee, HR Director Megan Kunch, crew member Mike Irwin, and Administrative Assistant Katie Pounds. Legal Counsel Bud Smith and Pension Board Director Jameson Bobbin were also in attendance. DFPD's auditor, Nick Warner, was in attendance via zoom.

President Gallagher opened the meeting at 0756.

AGENDA: Additions, Deletions:

Chief Doughty requested for 8.a. of the agenda be moved to number 3 as DFPD's Auditor Nick Warner joined the meeting via zoom to go over the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. *A motion was made by Kathy Morris to move 8.a. to number 3 on the agenda, seconded by Karen Barger. Motion carried unanimously.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- June 28, 2022 Regular Minutes
- June 30, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Lyle McKnight to approve the June 28, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes and June 30, 2022 (after editing Chief Black's name off from attendance) Special Meeting Minutes as presented, seconded by Karen Barger. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

Chief Doughty made a special announcement giving an official 'send-off' to former Board member Wayne Barger as he was not present for his last meeting. Chief Doughty also introduced Captain Don Woodmansee to the new Board members.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comment.

REPORTS:

Financial Report: Finance Director Eric Baker presented the June 2022 financial statement. Chief Doughty stated that there is typically an ask for a budget adjustment at the end of the year depending on expenditures and revenue of different departments, including EMS and Wildland. There was brief discussion concerning COMM Center invoices.

Chief's Report: Chief Doughty reported that DFPD's Facilities and Fleet Director, Jim Applegate, will retire at the end of the year.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Downtown Station:** Chief Doughty reported that the city is still wanting to collaborate with DFPD in building a downtown station to accommodate and house both DFPD and DPD. Chief commented on multiple moving parts that have been discussed in his continued meetings with the City Manager and his staff concerning River City Hall, including the current plans of the underpass, the fiscal responsibility of both DFPD and the city in moving forward with the reconstruction, and whether or not DFPD's crew can continue to fully function out of RCH during construction. Chief Doughty and the Board reiterated the importance of reaching specific goals within the joint meetings with the city per the recently-signed MOU, accomplishing a benchmark progression after a year. The first joint meeting is Wednesday, July 27.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Annual Comprehensive Financial Report:** Auditor Nick Warner presented the annual report for 2021. Chief Doughty stated the importance of the annual audit and report, as it is a safety measure in keeping the Board on track with financial spending. *A motion was made by Tina McCallum to approve the 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report as presented by Nick Warner, seconded by Steve List. Motion carried unanimously.*
- b. **Reinvestment of Matured CDs:** Finance Eric Baker reported that, after meeting with the Board's Finance Committee, the decision was made to reinvest one of the matured CDs for three months and another for six months as current interest rates are climbing. Once those time-limits are up, the committee will look again and make a decision on how to further invest, especially considering near-future capital needs.
- c. **Consideration of Lease Extension Agreement with Durango School District 9-R:** Chief Doughty reported that he has been meeting with the superintendent of 9-R concerning a lease extension for the continued use of 201 E 12th Street. There was discussion concerning maintenance, rent and the length of notice needed when either party needs to end the lease. Chief Doughty stated it is his intention to extend a year-lease for the Big Picture School and a month-to-month lease for the Administration Building.
- d. **Review and Revision of Board Policies:** Chief Doughty suggested the Board wait until the next Board Meeting in order to have more time to review DFPD's current policies.

Samantha Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 9:17 a.m.



Samantha Gallagher, President

8/23/22

Date

Attest:


Katie Rounds, Administrative Assistant