



# Durango Fire Protection District

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## Minutes of the DFPD Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, August 23, 2022, 8:30 a.m. DFPD Station One

President Samantha Gallagher called to order the meeting of the Durango Fire Protection District Board of Directors at 8:30 a.m. Board members present for the Call to Order were Karen Barger, Kathy Morris, John Dezendorf, Lyle McKnight, and Steve List via zoom. 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, HR Director Megan Kunch, and Administrative Assistant Katie Pounds. Legal Counsel Bud Smith was also in attendance. Board member Tina McCallum was excused from the meeting.

### AGENDA: Additions, Deletions, Revisions:

No additions, deletions, revisions.

*A motion was made by Kathy Morris to approve the agenda, seconded by Karen Barger. Motion carried unanimously.*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- July 26, 2022 Regular Minutes

*A motion was made by John Dezendorf to approve the July 26, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented, seconded by Lyle McKnight. Motion carried unanimously.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

No announcements/presentations.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comment.

### REPORTS:

**Financial Report:** Finance Director Eric Baker presented the July 2022 financial statement. There was brief discussion concerning overtime pay for crew members. Chief Doughty informed the Board of the upcoming purchase of three new engines. There was discussion concerning EMS billing, write-offs and "bad debt" as well as an explanation as to why we use the billing company we use.


**Chief's Report:** Chief Doughty reported on the current morale of the department after the passing of Captains Leo Lloyd and Scott Gallagher. Chief briefed the Board on the process DFPD uses when a member passes away, identified how Administration is catering to the needs of the entire membership and mentioned the offering of help from other departments as well as serving the families during this time.

### OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Downtown Station:** Chief Doughty reported he has a meeting with Durango 9-R superintendent, Karen Cheser, concerning rent for 9-R's administration. Chief Doughty stated DFPD is continuing to make progress with the City Manager and his staff in their meetings which have included designers for both DFPD and DPD creating a timeline and community engagement for the new downtown station. There was discussion concerning the next joint meeting between DFPD and City Council in moving forward with the downtown station. A decision was made for the Board to have a Work Session to discuss the agenda for the next joint meeting taking place September 22.

- b. **Review and Revision of Board Policies:** There was discussion about verbiage with staff meeting with the entire Board versus the Board committees. Legal Counsel Bud Smith stated the compensation amount for Board members has changed and, therefore, needs to be changed in DFPD's policies. *A motion was made by Samantha Gallagher to move forward in making revisions of DFPD's bylaws with a red-line version for the Board to approve the finalized version, seconded by Kathy Morris. Motion carried unanimously.*
- c. **Impact Fee Update:** Chief Doughty gave a brief summary of the updated Impact Fee Study to the Board and reported it will be taken before the County Commissioners for approval. Efforts for a public hearing have been made to reach out to the public in order to inform them of the updated Impact Fee. *A motion was made by Lyle McKnight to approve the update of the Impact Fee Study and its conclusions, seconded by Kathy Morris. Motion carried unanimously.*

Samantha Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

  
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Samantha Gallagher, President

9/27/22  
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Date

Attest:  
  
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Katie Pounds, Administrative Assistant