



Durango Fire Protection District

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Minutes of the DFPD Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 7:30 a.m. DFPD Station One

Vice President Steve List called to order the meeting of the Durango Fire Protection District Board of Directors at 7:32 a.m. Board members present for the Call to Order were Karen Barger, Kathy Morris, John Dezendorf, Lyle McKnight and Tina McCallum. Staff members included Chief Hal Doughty, Deputy Chief Randy Black, Battalion Chief Mike Krupa, Fire Marshal Karola Hanks, Captain Don Woodmansee, Fleet Mechanic Howard Smith, HR Director Megan Kunch, and Administrative Assistant Katie Pounds. Legal Counsel Bud Smith was also in attendance. Board member Samantha Gallagher was excused for the first 30 minutes and arrived at 8:00 a.m.

AGENDA: Additions, Deletions, Revisions:

No additions, deletions, revisions.

A motion was made by Kathy Morris to approve the agenda, seconded by Lyle McKnight. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- August 23, 2022 Regular Minutes

A motion was made by Karen Barger to approve the August 23, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented, seconded by Tina McCallum. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

No announcements/presentations.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comment.

REPORTS:

Legal Counsel: Legal Counsel Bud Smith reported that DFPD may lose the income of the Impact Fee for the new Downtown Durango Hotel because the application for the building was filed just before the Impact Fee went into effect in September of 2019. We are currently in discussion with the city as to whether or not the Impact Fee will be paid. There is also concern that the building will not be up to code because of its being built in a different state. There was discussion as to whether hotels/motels are categorized as residential or commercial under the Impact Fee. This led into discussion as to where VRBOs fall under the Impact Fee as well.

Financial Report: Chief Hal Doughty presented the August 2022 financial statement as Finance Director Eric Baker was out of town. There was discussion concerning collections for EMS billing, reimbursement checks and how it affects the monthly financial reports. There was also discussion on Medicaid vs. Medicare—the percentages DFPD receives from them and those returns are seen. Chief Doughty reminded the Board of three new engines that have been ordered with a prepayment coming from this year's budget to secure a set cost when delivered. *A motion was made by Kathy Morris to approve the August 2022 financial statement as presented by Chief Doughty, seconded by Karen Barger. Motion carried unanimously.*

OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Downtown Station:** Chief Doughty reported that the benchmark timeline has been set between DFPD and the City. There has been discussion between Chief Doughty and City on the possibility of the Big Picture School becoming the new River City Hall once plans are finalized for the downtown station. Chief Doughty mentioned the city's possible plans for funding their new River City Hall.
- b. **Update on Extension of Rental Agreement of 9-R Building:** Chief Doughty reported that he and superintendent Karen Cheser negotiated and verbally agreed upon a new price for 9-R's rental extension.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Consideration and possible action on Resolution 2022-5: A RESOLUTION DECLINING any and all employer PARTICIPATION IN THE COLORADO PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM:** There was discussion concerning details of FAMLI and what DFPD already provides for its members when it comes to Family Medical Leave. *The Board members voted unanimously to sign Resolution 2022-5: A RESOLUTION DECLINING any and all employer PARTICIPATION IN THE COLORADO PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM.*
- b. **Discussion on Possible Time Change for Regular Board Meetings:** The Board had discussion on changing the Regular Meeting times to better suit the members' daily schedules. *A motion was made by Steve List to change the Regular Board Meeting time to 8:00 a.m., seconded by Lyle McKnight. Motion carried unanimously. A resolution will follow. At this time the Board also decided to have printed, monthly financial statements but a quarterly oral report, barring any big financial event.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION: §24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S., "Personnel matters except if the employee who is the subject of the Executive Session has requested an open meeting, or if the personnel matter involves more than one employee, all of the employees must request an open meeting." *A motion was made by John Dezendorf to enter into executive session §24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S., "Personnel matters except if the employee who is the subject of the Executive Session has requested an open meeting, or if the personnel matter involves more than one employee, all of the employees must request an open meeting," seconded by Lyle McKnight. Motion carried unanimously.*

The Board entered executive session at 9:16 a.m.

Samantha Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Samantha Gallagher, President

Date

Attest:

Katie Pounds, Administrative Assistant