

CARBONDALE & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CARBONDALE FIRE HEADQUARTERS

MAY 8, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District met for their regular meeting on May 8, 2024 at the Carbondale Fire Headquarters/Training Building.

President Gene Schilling called the meeting to order at 11: 00 a.m. Directors present were Mike Kennedy, Michael Hassig, Gretchen Stock Bell and Sydney Schalit. Also present were Rob Goodwin, Jenny Cutright, Garrett Kennedy, and Meagan Holland. Eric Gross attended via teleconference.

CONSENT AGENDA

The items on the consent agenda were:

- Approve Current Bills and Balances
- Approve the Minutes of the April 10, 2024 regular meeting

MOTION: made to approve the consent agenda as noted. It carried and passed 4-0.

PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

No members of the public were present.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief's Report

Staff is working on some times that still need to be repaired after the tower installation. There is a continued effort to work with Visionary Broadband to have them pay for the repairs from the installation.

There will be a public hearing on June 3 regarding the Verizon Wireless tower at Aspen for final approval of the tower. There are no objections anticipated.

Staff is working on finalizing the Health & Wellness Program. It is based on NFPA standards. The program will require annual physicals, pre-hire physicals and an annual Galleri test. The Galleri test will test for 50 different types of common cancer. Cancer is the #1 killer of firefighters and this test will give early detection for better quality of life.

Meetings for the Station 81 expansion project started. The plans are currently in the Town of Carbondale review process. It is expected that the construction will begin June 1.

Senate Bills 194 and 233 are on the Governor's desk and expected to be signed. SB 194 allows fire district to implement a sales tax with voter approval and offers the ability to implement impact fees with board approval and a rational nexus. Senate Bill 233 reduces assessment rates for commercial and residential properties and reduces actual value for certain properties.

Other Staff The new ambulance has arrived. It has leaky springs, so it is not in service yet. This is a warranty issue. The ambulance was paid for by grants and impact fees.

OLD BUSINESS

FMLD Grant The application for a grant from the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District has been submitted. Grants have not been awarded yet.

NEW BUSINESS

Call Volume Call volume is up 21% from last year, which was up 15% from the previous year. There is no one or two categories driving the increase in calls. There is an assumption that growth in the district is the cause of the increase.

President Gene Schilling left the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

General discussion regarding call volume followed.

MOTION: made to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting at 11:32 a.m. It carried and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Cutright, Recording Secretary

Gene Schilling, President