

CARBONDALE & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CARBONDALE FIRE HEADQUARTERS

SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District met for their regular meeting on September 8, 2021 at the Carbondale Fire Headquarters/Training Building.

President Gene Schilling called the meeting to order 11:02 a.m. Directors present were Mike Kennedy, Michael Hassig, Gretchen Stock Bell, and Sydney Schalit. Also present in person were Rob Goodwin, Jenny Cutright, Eric Gross, Mike Wagner, Frank Nadell, and Kat Bernat.

CONSENT AGENDA

The items on the consent agenda were:

- Approve the Minutes of the August 11, 2021 Regular Meeting
- Current Bills and Balances

MOTION: made to approve the consent agenda as noted. It carried and passed unanimously.

PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

No members of the public were present.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief's Report The tender has been out for the past six weeks. The tender will be returned to Carbondale after this deployment ends. Engine 84 is currently on the Caldor fire and staff is trying to get it reassigned as long as local conditions warrant it. There were two IA patrols for much of the summer until the monsoons hit. The logo change is still in progress. Comments about the logo have been very positive. Staff has completed the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District grant for 800 MHz radios. Staff is also planning a mini grant for the spring application period. Staff is working on plans for an Assistance to Firefighters grant from FEMA. Rob Goodwin review what is required in an AFG grant. He added Staff is talking to professional grant writing company about contracting to write the grant. Discussion followed.

Attorney's Report The agreement between Verizon, Aspen Glen, and the Fire District is being finalized. Verizon will be approaching Garfield County for approval soon.

BOND PROJECTS

Training Ground Update Construction is still in progress though there have been some setbacks. Discussion regarding the delays followed. Staff hopes to have the building complete and props in place before the Firefighter 1 course starts in February. It was noted that any additional costs for winterization due to the delays would not be absorbed by the district. Rob Goodwin reviewed his meeting with Senator Bob Rankin.

He said they discussed wildfire, funding and the District in general. Rob Goodwin said there may be opportunities for funding for the training building from Senator Rankin. The Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control is excited about the new training ground and want to partner in 2022 to host trainings. A conceptual design for the expansion at Station 81 is complete and pricing should be complete before the October 13 regular board meeting.

2022 BUDGET

Rob Goodwin reviewed the 2022 assessed valuations. Garfield and Pitkin increased approximately 10.89%, Gunnison increased roughly 8%. The increased AVs add around \$400,000 to the budget. General discussion regarding the 2022 budget followed. It was noted the new staff position budgeted in 2021 was filled, and the AFG grant, if awarded, will be used to hire additional staff.

Discussion regarding reserves, the risks, and scenarios where the reserves may need to be used followed. The board verbally approved following the recommendation of the auditor and retaining 6 months' worth of reserves.

OLD BUSINESS

Gretchen Stock Bell recused herself from this discussion.

Fire Hydrant Water Meter Update Rob Goodwin reviewed the history of the water meter on the hydrant at the training ground. Discussion followed.

President Gene Schilling left the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

It was decided that Michael Hassig and Sydney Schalit will attend a Board of Trustees meeting with Rob Goodwin to discuss the water meter hydrant issue.

MOTION: made to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting at 12:01 pm. It carried and passed 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Cutright, Recording Secretary

Gene Schilling, President