

CARBONDALE & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CARBONDALE FIRE HEADQUARTERS

JANUARY 12, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District met for their regular meeting on January 12, 2022 at the Carbondale Fire Headquarters/Training Building.

President Gene Schilling called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. Directors present were Mike Kennedy, Sydney Schalit, Michael Hassig and Gretchen Stock Bell. Also present in person were Rob Goodwin, Jenny Cutright, Michael Wagner, Frank Nadell, Brandon Deter, Michael Gandolfo, Margaret Mathers, Garrett Kennedy and Kat Bernat. Present via teleconference was Eric Gross.

CONSENT AGENDA

The items on the consent agenda were:

- Approve the Minutes of the December 9, 2021 Regular Meeting
- Approve 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 had any comment.

EMPLOYEE LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS

The Board of Directors recognized the following employees for their length of service:

20 Years: Frank Nadell

5 Years: Brandon Deter, Michael Gandolfo, Mike Wagner

STAFF REPORTS

Chief's Report COVID has been in and out of the fire station, and is still prevalent in the community. Garrett Kennedy has been coordinating the testing and navigating CDC guidelines. The District continues to take a cautious approach and all protocols remain in place.

District staff is participating in an Equity Action Project, which meets for 7 weeks on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. It was requested to delay the Board of Directors meeting 1 hour in February and March to allow staff to complete the training and prepare for the Board of Directors meeting. The Board of Directors verbally approved this request. Jenny Cutright will post notices as appropriate.

The application for the SAFER grant is in process. If approved, it will fund positions for 3 years for 14 additional responders., making each shift 10 and dividing the staffing between Stations 81, 82, and 84. Discussion regarding future funding for positions and the staffing plan followed. It was noted that call volume increased almost 15% in 2021 and is expected to continue to rise.

Staff is working on a Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment grant for ½ an ambulance and a Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District grant for an ATV For wildland and rescue response.

Attorney's Report The negotiation with Aspen Glen has been slow. The agreement was almost finalized then Aspen Glen changed requirements necessitating a new discussion with the Board of Directors. Discussion regarding the easement negotiations followed. Eric Gross was directed to continue negotiations and to explore all options regarding the easement and to be aware of any adverse announcements or notices that may be sent on behalf of Aspen Glen to homeowners.

BOND PROJECTS

Despite numerous delays the training building project is still close to the original budgeted cost and on schedule to be completed in February with props installed after and ready for use by the end of March.

MAY 2022 ELECTION

Appoint Designated Election Official, 2022-001 Jenny Cutright was designed the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District election official.

MOTION: to adopt Resolution 2022-001, A Resolution Appointing a Designated Election Official and Authorizing Designated Election Official to Cancel Election. It carried and passed unanimously.

Election Format Discussion the type of election to hold followed. It was decided to hold a mail ballot election. A resolution for a mail ballot election will be presented at the next regular Board of Directors meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Posting Places Resolution, 2022-002

MOTION: to approve Resolution 2022-002, A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District Establishing the Public Places for Posting Notice to Comply with the Provisions of C.R.S. 24-6-402 and 32-1-903(2). It carried and passed unanimously.

Chief Goodwin Annual Evaluation and Employment Agreement The Board of Directors requested that the Fire Chief evaluation be turned into a written document to be placed in an employee file. Jenny Cutright will provide the Board of Directors with a form itemizing the Fire Chief job description to utilize for evaluations in the future to demonstrate and keep on file the Board of Directors diligence in performing evaluations. Discussion of Rob Goodwin's leadership and overall job performance followed. Rob Goodwin thanked the Board of Directors for their support and for supporting the staff and volunteers.

MOTION: made to approve the employment contract with Rob Goodwin. It carried and passed unanimously.

MOTION: made to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting at 12:07 p.m. It carried and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Cutright, Recording Secretary

Mike Kennedy, Vice-President