

## **CARBONDALE & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **CARBONDALE FIRE HEADQUARTERS**

**OCTOBER 13, 2021**

The Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District met for their regular meeting on October 13, 2021 at the Carbondale Fire Headquarters/Training Building.

Vice-President Mike Kennedy called the meeting to order 11:00 a.m. Directors present were Michael Hassig, Gretchen Stock Bell, and Sydney Schalit. Also present in person were Rob Goodwin, Jenny Cutright, Mike Wagner, Kat Bernat, Eric Gross and Karen Tafejian. President Gene Schilling joined via teleconference at 11:01.

**MOTION:** made to recess to the Pension Meeting 11:01 a.m. It carried and passed unanimously.

The Board of Directors reconvened the regular meeting at 11:12 a.m. without a motion.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The items on the consent agenda were:

- Approve the Minutes of the October 13, 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 were present.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Chief's Report Staff is working on the SAFER grant with the grant writing company. There will be two separate applications – one for staffing and one for recruitment and retention. The District should know the results of the grant application by the end of 2022.

A peer support program is beginning in 2022. Certain staff members will be trained to help support each other and other agencies for critical incident stress debriefing. There are other agencies involved, it is a countywide effort. The program works in connect with the Aspen Hope Center.

The District worked with Pitkin County and the United Sates Forest Service on a wildfire mitigation project near Redstone. There are more mitigation projects being discussed for 2022 that the District has committed

to help with. These projects improve the wildlife habitat and can help slow a wildfire fire, giving people time to evacuate and firefighters a chance to stop the spread before it gets to Swiss Village.

Attorney's Report The easement is in place for the Aspen Glen property. Verizon is working on approval from Garfield County and hopes to start construction in summer 2022. Eric Gross was directed to request an easement to the power site, to check on the requirements for installation of one or two conduits on the property and check on any requirements, standards and agreements regarding placement of the tower that may interfere with future district development of the property. It was noted that the Aspen Glen contract would be prorated for the current year once the contract is complete.

## **BOND PROJECTS**

Training Ground Update The project is moving forward and on target for completion in December 2021. The prop company will install the fire props once the building is complete and expected to be done in February 2022.

## **2022 BUDGET**

Proposed 2022 Budget Rob Goodwin presented the revised 2022 budget and reviewed the changes. It was noted that the Station 81 expansion project was removed from the budget. The cost came in well over budget at \$1.1 million and is not feasible for 2022. General discussion regarding the expansion project followed.

### Set Public Hearing for 2022 Budget

MOTION: made to set the public hearing for adoption of the budget November 10th. It carried and passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Open House The annual open house will be held on Saturday, October 16 from 10 am – 2 pm.

Training Ground Power Easement Xcel needs an easement for the training ground project to install a larger transformer. There will be an agreement that needs to be signed once it has been surveyed.

### October 27 Regular Meeting

\*at some point President Gene Schilling lost his connection to the meeting\*

MOTION: made to cancel the October 27, 2021 regular meeting. It carried and passed 4-0.

MOTION: made to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting at 11:47 a.m. It carried and passed

Respectfully submitted,

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Jenny Cutright, Recording Secretary

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Mike Kennedy, Vice-President