

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

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **CARBONDALE FIRE HEADQUARTERS**

**OCTOBER 10, 2018**

The Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District met for their regular meeting on October 10, 2018 at the Carbondale Fire Headquarters/Training Building.

President Gene Schilling called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. Directors present were Mike Kennedy, Michael Hassig, and Gretchen Stock Bell. Also present were Rob Goodwin, Jenny Cutright, Bill Gavette, Frank Nadell and Pablo Herr. Director Tom Adgate was absent.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The items on the consent agenda were:

- Approve the Minutes of August 27, 2018 Special Meeting
- Approve the Minutes of September 12, 2018 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**

There were no members of the public present.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Chief's Report Rob Goodwin said fire restrictions have been lifted. He said that the new recruits have finished the EMR class and started the basic firefighter course. He added a paid employee moved in to the Station 2 apartment which will increase the response in the Redstone area. He noted there are two other paid employees, along with Deputy Chief Ingram, that live near the Redstone station and respond to calls. Rob Goodwin noted that improved response in the South end of the District continues to be a priority.

Rob Goodwin said that the cardiac monitor from the Colorado Department of Public Health has arrived. He said the monitor is being paid for in the October bills and we will submit for reimbursement. He said that the District applied for a Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District grant for an ambulance. He said the full ambulance wasn't funded, but he was very pleased the District was awarded \$40,000 toward a power cot and loading system. He said this will be used in the new ambulance. He said the power cot and loading system are very expensive and he is glad to have been awarded this grant.

Rob Goodwin said that Pablo Herr is the assistant fire marshal and has done outstanding work in the schools, homes and with Senior Housing on our public outreach. He said that he has coordinated everything for the upcoming open house. He said that he has worked very hard to form partnerships in the community. Bill Gavette added that he and Pablo Herr have been working with Chris Wurtsmith on a Heritage Park evacuation plan.

November 2018 Election Update Rob Goodwin said all of the election deadlines have been met. He said that the information sheets are out and ballots go out on Monday. He said that we have done a lot of public outreach making people aware of the needs. He added an information mailer about who the District is and what we do is going out next week. General discussion regarding the election and public outreach followed.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

2019 Preliminary Budget Presentation Rob Goodwin presented the 2019 Preliminary Budget to the Board of Directors. He said this budget is virtually the same as last month. This is the official preliminary budget. One is a status quo, one is with the mill levy increase approval. General discussion regarding the preliminary budget followed. No changes were made.

Set Public Hearing for Budget Discussion followed. The Public Hearing was set for November 14 at the regular Board of Directors meeting.

Public Information Plan for 2019 Budget Jenny Cutright asked the board for the public education plan. Discussion followed and it was decided to do something similar to 2017 at a cost of up to \$400.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Commercial Insurance Gene Schilling said that Rob Goodwin wants to look at a new carrier for the District's 2019 commercial insurance. He said the proposed company have enhanced coverage, at a cost of about \$2,000 more overall. Rob Goodwin reviewed a number of the enhancements to the proposed plan.

Director Gretchen Stock Bell left the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Rob Goodwin said the agent is Moody Insurance and they proposed ESIP, a well-known insurance company for fire departments. He noted this is a superior product to what the District currently has. General discussion followed. The Board of Directors verbally approved changing to Moody Insurance – ESIP effective December 1, 2018.

Board Retreat Mike Kennedy suggested a Board Retreat to work on a number of items that have been discussed over the past few months. Discussion followed. It was decided to tentatively hold a Board of Directors retreat on November 28 from 11 am – 3pm.

MOTION: made to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting at 6:50 p.m. It carried and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jenny Cutright, Recording Secretary

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Gene Schilling, President