

CARBONDALE & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CARBONDALE FIRE HEADQUARTERS

JULY 11, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District met for their regular meeting on July 11, 2018 at the Carbondale Fire Headquarters/Training Building.

President Gene Schilling called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. Directors present were Mike Kennedy, Michael Hassig, Tom Adgate and Gretchen Stock Bell. Also present were Rob Goodwin, Jenny Cutright, Bill Gavette, Frank Nadell, Eric Gross and Allan Ingram, Stephanie Schilling, Theresa Goodwin.

CONSENT AGENDA

The items on the consent agenda were:

- Approve the Minutes of June 13, 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 comments from the public.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief's Report Rob Goodwin discussed a number of topics.

- Wildfire Updates – Rob Goodwin said that there was a large wildfire in Basalt. He said a Type 2 Team is managing the fire, but it will be transitioning to a Type 3 Team soon. He said the fire is expected to burn until winter or until there is a lot of rain.

Rob Goodwin said that the fire started on July 3 at Lake Christine shooting range. He reviewed the fire timeline. He said that he was the Operations Section Chief and Jenny Cutright was the Public Information Officer and there were up to five Carbondale apparatus and over 20 personnel on the fire. He said around 9:30 pm on July 4 a downdraft microburst moved through the area with 40 mph wind gusts. He said that the fire blew up, with 200-foot flames moving quickly toward the El Jebel Trailer Park. He said those residents were evacuated immediately. He said the decision was made to perform a burnout try to stop the fire spread. He said the heroic efforts of all involved saved the Town of El Jebel.

Rob Goodwin said that this was a true fire storm. He said there were fire brands and embers falling throughout the trailer park, with firefighters getting them out to save homes. He said during this, people were evacuating, fearful for their lives, and fortunately, there were no injuries.

Rob Goodwin said the fire then turned and started burning in the Upper Cattle Creek area, where a Basalt firefighter lost his home. He said a good portion of Missouri Heights was evacuated or under pre-evacuation orders. He said this type of unpredictable fire behavior went on all night. He said crews worked all night. The fire was turned over the Type 2 Team the next morning. Rob Goodwin said there has been a Carbondale Fire brush truck on the fire every day, as a deployment. He added that the costs after the mutual aid period will be reimbursed.

General discussion and questions on the fire costs were answered. No further action was taken.

- Verizon – Rob Goodwin said that have done some leg work for the cell tower. He said he went on a site visit with them. He added that Eric Gross cannot get a deed for the property because it was dedicated by plat.
- Ambulance Billing Transition – Rob Goodwin said there will be a meeting with the ambulance company regarding the contract. He said once the contract is ready he will have Eric Gross review the final changes and have Gene Schilling sign the agreement.
- Recruitment – Rob Goodwin said there was a recruitment drive in the south end of the district. He said there are four new recruits from Redstone, two from Marble and six from Carbondale. He said the EMR class will begin in Redstone in the next few weeks. He added the membership list was also pared down to about 30 active members, based on their activity over the past few years of service.

Gene Schilling noted during the Lake Christine Fire there were numerous emergency calls in the District and the paid staff and volunteers responded to those calls. Rob Goodwin said that everyone pitched in and did their part.

- CDPHE Grant – Rob Goodwin said that we applied for a grant for ½ of a cardiac monitor from the Colorado Department of Public Health and environment and were awarded the grant. He said that he hopes to get another cardiac monitor in 2019 since the Lifepak 12s are no longer being updated.

Attorney's Report Eric Gross presented the final License Agreement with Aspen Glen Golf for the use of the property. General discussion followed.

MOTION: made to approve the License Agreement with Aspen Glen Golf. It carried and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Gallagher Amendment Discussion Rob Goodwin said that Gallagher has been a moving target. He said that he and Jenny Cutright went to the Colorado State Fire Chiefs Conference to learn more about the Gallagher Amendment. He said that he has been to three other chiefs' meetings

since then discussing this topic. He said that he does not expect many fire districts in the area go to the voters on this topic.

Rob Goodwin said that the District is 83% residential, which is what is affected by Gallagher. He said at the State Chiefs Conference there was a lot of discussion on a state-wide fix. He also learned that most of the 'de-Gallagherization' questions that passed only passed by a small margin.

Rob Goodwin said that Senator Bob Rankin wants a statewide fix and is very concerned about Special Districts in particular. He said that he has been working with a bipartisan committee listening to the effects of the Gallagher Amendment on local governments. Rob Goodwin said that he was asked to testify before this committee and will do so next Wednesday.

General discussion regarding the possibility of a ballot question regarding 'de-Gallagherization' followed. No action was taken.

Alpine Bank Safe Deposit Box Gene Schilling asked all members of the Board of Directors to stop at Alpine Bank in Carbondale and sign the paperwork for the district's safe deposit box.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Regarding November Election Gene Schilling said if the board wants to ask voters anything at the November election, a decision needs to be made soon. He suggested discussing a bond question, a mill levy without a sunset and ending the temporary mill levy increase that was passed in 2017.

Michael Hassig questioned how much the Gallagher Amendment was going to reduce property tax revenues in 2020. Rob Goodwin said the preliminary estimates are \$250,000. General discussion regarding mill levies and bonds followed. It was decided to ask Nate Eckloff from RBC Capital Markets to attend a special board meeting to review options.

MOTION: made to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting at 6:43 p.m. It carried and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Cutright, Recording Secretary

Gene Schilling, President