

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

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **CARBONDALE FIRE HEADQUARTERS**

**NOVEMBER 8, 2017**

The Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District met for their regular meeting on November 8, 2017 at the Carbondale Fire Headquarters/Training Building.

President Gene Schilling called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Directors present were Mike Kennedy, Michael Hassig and Gretchen Stock Bell. Also present were Ron Leach, Jenny Cutright, Rob Goodwin, Bill Gavette, Frank Nadell, Will Handville, Garrett Kennedy, Brandon Deter and Jake Spaulding. Director Tom Adgate was absent.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The items on the consent agenda were:

- Approve the Minutes of October 11, 2017 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 other than staff.

### **2018 BUDGET**

#### Public Hearing Regarding 2018 Budget

President Gene Schilling called the public hearing to order at 5:32 p.m. There were no members of the public present other than staff.

Ron Leach said the budget in the packet is the same as last month, other than updating the estimate to reflect accurate expenses. He reviewed the capital projects fund budget, reviewing how a lease purchase works. He noted that the district plans to apply for a grant for another ambulance in 2018, as the entire ambulance fleet needs to be replaced over the next 3 to 5 years. General discussion followed.

Ron Leach noted the budget will be adopted at the December 13 meeting.

**MOTION:** made to continue the public hearing regarding the 2018 budget until the December 13, 2017 board meeting. It carried and passed unanimously.

Ron Leach said that the budget process has been very transparent. He noted there has been a lot of opportunities for the public to weigh in on the 2018 budget.

Ron Leach said that the mill levy extension passed with a two to one margin. He said that it is a huge vote of confidence from the public.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Basalt Fire Automatic Aid Ron Leach how automatic aid works, noting the idea is to get the closest emergency service to the scene as fast as possible, regardless of whose district it is in. He said that automatic aid with Basalt Fire happens about 30 times per year. He said that Basalt Fire is moving their headquarters, and much of their staffing, from El Jebel to the Town of Basalt. He said that the automatic aid agreement will stay in place, but generally, Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District will respond faster than Basalt Fire now.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Ambulance Purchase Rob Goodwin said that they are waiting for the bids to arrive. He said he hopes to have all three bids before the end of 2017.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Consider Approval of Fire Code IGA Ron Leach said this IGA is between the Town of Carbondale and the Fire District. He said that the Town wanted a formal agreement on how plans are reviewed and buildings are inspected. Ron Leach recommends approving the IGA.

Discussion regarding the 1988 Uniform Fire Code that is the current code for the Town of Carbondale followed. Bill Gavette noted that Garfield County is about to adopt the 2015 UFC.

MOTION: made to approve the IGA with the Town of Carbondale For Fire and Life Safety Services. It carried and passed unanimously.

Grand Avenue Bridge Construction Rob Goodwin said the Grand Avenue Bridge is now open. He said that there were no issues with transporting patients, noting it went much smoother than he expected. Rob Goodwin said that the Glenwood Springs Police Department and the Colorado State Patrol did a terrific job helping get an ambulance through traffic when needed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

FPPA Plan Updated Agreement Jenny Cutright said that FPPA has renamed the pension plan to “FPPA Multi-Employer Deferred Compensation Plan”. She said the new agreement clarifies some definitions, renames the plan and cleans up some loose ends in the old agreement. She said that Eric Gross has reviewed and approved the agreement.

MOTION: made to approve Replacement of the FPPA Deferred Compensation Plan and Adoption of the FPPA Multi-Employer Deferred Compensation Plan as of January 1, 2018. It carried and passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO C.R.S.§24-6-402(4)(F), REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS**

MOTION: to go in to an executive session pursuant to C.R.S.§24-6-402(4)(F), regarding personnel matters. It carried unanimously.

Present at the executive session were: President Gene Schilling, Vice-President Mike Kennedy, Secretary/Treasurer Michael Hassig, Director Gretchen Stock Bell, Fire Chief Ron Leach, Board Attorney Eric Gross and Secretary to the Board of Directors Jenny Cutright.

The Board of Directors went in to an executive session at 5:57 p.m.

The Board of Directors reconvened the regular Board meeting at 6:50 p.m.

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