

CARBONDALE & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CARBONDALE FIRE HEADQUARTERS

SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District met for their regular meeting on September 13, 2017 at the Carbondale Fire Headquarters/Training Building.

President Gene Schilling called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Directors present were Mike Kennedy and Tom Adgate. Also present were Ron Leach, Jenny Cutright, Bill Gavette, Frank Nadell, Eric Gross, Michael Hassig and Gretchen Stock Bell.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

The items on the consent agenda were:

- Approve the Minutes of August 9, 2017 Regular Meeting
- Approve Current Bills and Balances

MOTION: made to approve the consent agenda as noted. It carried and passed 3-0.

PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments from the public.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SEATS

Resignation Letters Gene Schilling said that he received resignation letters from Louis Eller and Carl Smith as they have both moved out of the district.

Discussion regarding Replacement Board Members Ron Leach said that an ad was published for two weeks in the Sopris Sun, along with on the website, asking for people with interest in serving on the board to contact Gene Schilling. He said there were three people who expressed interest, Vern Holmes, Michael Hassig and Gretchen Stock Bell. General discussion followed.

MOTION: made to appoint Michael Hassig and Gretchen Stock Bell as interim directors. It carried and passed 3-0.

Eric Gross noted that the terms will last until the next regular election, May 2018. Gene Schilling administered the Oath of Office to Michael Hassig and Gretchen Stock Bell.

Discussion regarding Appointment of Secretary/Treasurer Gene Schilling said a replacement Secretary/Treasurer is needed, since Louis Eller resigned from the Board of Directors.

MOTION: made to appoint Michael Hassig as the Secretary/Treasurer. It carried and passed unanimously.

NOVEMBER 2017 ELECTION

Consider Approval of Resolution 2017-006, A Resolution of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District Requesting that the Voters of the District Vote “Yes” on the Mill Levy Override Question Certified by a Resolution No. 5, Series of 2017, to be Placed on the Ballot on November 7, 2017.

MOTION: made to approve Resolution 2017-006, A Resolution of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District Requesting that the Voters of the District Vote “Yes” on the Mill Levy Override Question Certified by a Resolution No. 5, Series of 2017, to be Placed on the Ballot on November 7, 2017. It carried and passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Website Content Ron Leach said that he and Jenny Cutright reviewing the website, removing old content and updating the website. He asked the board if they had any input on the website to let him know. General discussion regarding updating the website with current information followed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

2018 Proposed Budget Ron Leach said the budgets are the same ones that have been presented. He said that one budget assumes the current mill levy override expires and the other assumes that the current mill levy override is extended. Ron Leach reviewed the property tax revenues, noting 80% of the district’s revenue is through property tax. Mike Kennedy added that the ballot question is not a tax increase, it is just asking the voters to continue the revenue the district has been receiving.

OLD BUSINESS

Marble Fuel Release Update Ron Leach said the district received final approval from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to mitigate the fuel spill area by removing the dirt and replacing it with clean dirt. He added that the dirt will be sampled and tested as it is removed. He said the area will be exposed for four days while waiting for test results, but there will be safety precautions in place. Ron Leach reviewed the history of the fuel release, noting the process has taken a year to complete.

Grand Avenue Bridge Construction Ron Leach said there have been no issues with the Grand Avenue Bridge project.

NEW BUSINESS

Out of Area Engine Assignments Ron Leach said this topic was added to the agenda because Carl Smith requested the discussion. Ron Leach said that when engines are sent to wildfires, the decision to do so has been made by the chief. He said the chief discusses the assignment with the president of the board and they take in to account the current fire danger in the district, current

staffing levels and if it will degrade district response. Ron Leach suggested keeping the policy as is. Discussion followed. It was requested that the chief notify the board via email when an engine going out on an assignment.

Discussion regarding Fire Code IGA Ron Leach said the IGA in the packet is a redline version. He said all of the changes were made based on discussion between the fire district and the town. Gene Schilling requested both attorney's review the IGA again and to have a final IGA for the board to act on in October. General discussion regarding fire codes followed.

Discussion Regarding Purchasing an Ambulance Ron Leach said the district has four ambulances which were made between 2001-2009. He said the ambulances are wearing out and costing the district a lot of money to keep in service. He said one of the ambulances recently had a new engine installed at a cost of \$25,000. Ron Leach said the ambulances are a safety issue. He said that a new ambulance is needed as soon as possible. He proposed looking at a lease purchase for a new ambulance, noting it could cost as much as \$300,000. Ron Leach said that the staff suggests the district the best ambulance money can buy for the safety of our people and the care of our community.

Ron Leach suggested talking to Alpine Bank for a lease purchase. He said a least purchase would cost approximately \$32,000 - \$33,000 annually. Discussion regarding ambulances and grants followed.

MOTION: made to direct staff to explore lease purchasing and obtain bids for a new ambulance. Gene Schilling noted that more than one ambulance needs to be replaced. He suggested applying for a Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District grant in the spring to help fund another ambulance. Ron Leach noted that the life span of an ambulance is 10 years. He also explained the lease purchase program. Eric Gross added that the district has done lease purchases a number of times and they are beneficial for the district. It carried and passed unanimously.

MOTION: made to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting at 6:06 p.m. It carried and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Cutright, Recording Secretary

Gene Schilling, President