

Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District
Meeting of the Pension Board of Directors
January 14, 2015
5:30 p.m.

Agenda

- A. Call to order & roll call
- B. Changes to Agenda
- C. Persons Present Not on the Agenda
- D. Old Business
 - 1. 2014 State of Colorado Matching Funds, Jenny Cutright
 - 2. LOSAP
 - 3. Other
- E. New Business
 - 1. 2015 Actuarial, Jenny Cutright
 - 2. Brian Farris Pension Request, Jenny Cutright
 - 3. Other
- F. Adjourn

CARBONDALE & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE MEETING VOLUNTEER PENSION FUND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CARBONDALE FIRE STATION

OCTOBER 8, 2014

The Volunteer Pension Fund Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District met on October 8, 2014 at the Carbondale Fire Headquarters/Training Building.

President Karen Tafejian called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. Directors present were Gene Schilling, Mike Kennedy, Louis Eller and Doug Davis. Also present were Ron Leach, Jenny Cutright, Rob Goodwin, Bill Gavette, Eric Gross, Frank Nadell, Jeff Wadley, Ron Kroesen and Chris Pearson. Directors Bob Emerson and Carl Smith were absent.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.

MOTION: to approve the July 19, 2014 meeting minutes. It carried and passed unanimously.

PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

No members of the public had any comments

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Jenny Cutright said a President and Secretary to be elected for now and it will be done again in April to keep on the schedule outlined in the bylaws. Discussion followed.

MOTION: to retain Karen Tafejian as President and Doug Davis at Secretary of the Volunteer Pension Fund Board of Directors. It carried and passed unanimously.

2014 PENSION FUND PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Ron Leach said that the 2015 preliminary budget calls for \$63,727 in property taxes to be contributed from the General Fund to the Pension Fund and expects \$64,636 in matching funds from the State. He said that the amounts are based on the 2013 actuarial and are needed to keep the plan sound. Ron Leach noted that the preliminary pension fund is in budget. Doug Davis asked about the \$100,000 budgeted for earnings on deposits. Discussion followed. Ron Leach noted that there will be a new actuarial study in January 2015, with results back in the summer of 2015.

Reduce Pension Fund Benefit or LOSAP Karen Tafejian reviewed Carl Smith's written remarks regarding the 2015 budget suggesting reducing pension benefit or offering a LOSAP for new members. Bill Gavette reviewed what LOSAP is and noted that it is tied more to participation than a regular pension is. Ron Leach noted that the cost of LOSAP also comes out of the budget but there is no state match for it. General discussion regarding the concept of LOSAP followed. The concept will be discussed again at the January meeting.

Karen Tafejian said that she did not support lowering the pension benefits for new members. Gene Schilling said that voters were asked to fund the pension program and it was approved. He felt the pension needs to stay at \$4000 per month or higher. Ron Leach noted that if the pension benefit was changed for new members, it would take 10 years to realize any savings. Doug Davis said he felt it was unfair to have a different benefit for people that put in the same amount of time.

Eric Gross said that he is talking to FPPA to see if lowering the benefit is an option.

OLD BUSINESS

Outstanding 2013 Pension Certificates Completed Karen Tafejian said that the necessary 2013 training hours have been submitted for Susie Adgate, Hilary Fletcher, Mark Chain and Tony Petrocco. She said they all have qualified for their pension and certificates have been prepared, signed and mailed.

NEW BUSINESS

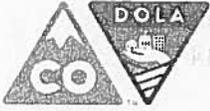
Current Pension Program Jeff Wadley said that there has been a lot of work put in to the current pension program and many people are grateful for the benefit.

MOTION: made to adjourn the Pension Board of Trustee meeting at 6:01 p.m. It carried and passed unanimously.

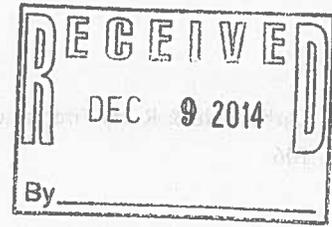
Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Cutright, Recording Secretary

Karen Tafejian, Chairperson



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Department of Local Affairs
Division of Local Government



December 4, 2014

Jenny Cutright, Financial Manager
Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District
300 Meadowood Drive
Carbondale, CO 81623

Ref: 2014 State Contribution to Volunteer Firefighter Pension Funds Advice

Dear Jenny Cutright:

The Division of Local Government (DLG) has processed the Carbondale & Rural F.P.D. application for the 2014 State Contribution to the Volunteer Firefighter Pension Fund, pursuant to CRS 31-30-1112, et seq. The attached advice shows the calculation used to arrive at the dollar amount of this year's state contribution for the Carbondale & Rural F.P.D..

Our records indicate that the Carbondale & Rural F.P.D. volunteer firefighter pension plan is administered by the Fire and Police Pension Association (FPPA). Accordingly, in compliance with SB 14-024, in early December the State of Colorado will transfer your 2014 state contribution directly to the FPPA for credit to your local government's volunteer firefighter pension plan. A link to this bill can be found on the VFP website: dola.colorado.gov/vfp

The state's contribution is calculated on the amount of the municipality or district's tax contribution to the pension fund. If the municipality or special district did not make a tax contribution to the pension fund in the previous year, the state cannot make a contribution to the pension fund. Additionally, the state's contribution cannot exceed one-half mill of the municipality or district's previous year's net assessed valuation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Tamra Norton at 303-864-7734.

Sincerely,

Chantal Unfug
DLG Division Director

cc: file 2014 VFP App. #106

Applicant: Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District
 VFP App#:106

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The pension fund's 2013 monthly benefit of \$500 per volunteer for retirement is greater than \$300 per month and therefore requires the state contribution be calculated according to C.R.S. 31-30-1112(2)(b).

31-30-1112(2)(b)

b1. The state contribution is equal to 90% of the local contribution:

<u>Local Government Name</u>	<u>Local Contrib. (from App.)</u>	<u>Local Contrib. (from Audit)</u>	<u>Local Contrib. Used For Calculation</u>
Carbondale & Rural F.P.D.	\$62,369		\$62,369
Total local contribution = b1a.			\$62,369
0.9 X b1a. = b1.			\$56,132

b2. The state contribution b1. must not be more than the greater of (I) the contribution actuarially required to pay a pension of 300 dollars per month in the previous year or (II) the actual contribution received in 1998, 1999, 2000, or 2001:

(I) the 2013 actuarially required contribution (ARC) or	-\$5,589	
(II) the 2001 state contribution	\$83,803	
	= b2a.	\$83,803
The lesser of line b1. or b2a. = b2.		\$56,132

b3. The state contribution b2. shall not exceed one-half mill of previous net assessed value b3a.:

<u>Tax Entity Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Net Assessed Value</u>
Carbondale & Rural F.P.D.	Garfield	\$300,756,670
Carbondale & Rural F.P.D.	Gunnison	\$15,737,810
Carbondale & Rural F.P.D.	Pitkin	\$30,672,170
Previous net assessed value = b3a.		\$347,166,650
0.0005 X b3a. = b3b.		\$173,583
The lesser of b2. and b3b. = b3.		\$56,132