

CARBONDALE & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CARBONDALE FIRE HEADQUARTERS

APRIL 10, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District met for their regular meeting on April 10, 2019 at the Carbondale Fire Headquarters/Training Building.

Vice-President Mike Kennedy called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. Directors present were Michael Hassig, and Gretchen Stock Bell. Also present were Rob Goodwin, Jenny Cutright, Bill Gavette, Allan Ingram and Eric Gross. President Gene Schilling and Director Tom Adgate were absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

The items on the consent agenda were:

- Approve the Minutes of March 13, 2019 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 were present.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief's Report Rob Goodwin said the new phone system is being installed tomorrow.

Rob Goodwin said the Residential Assessment Rate for 2020 should be released soon. He said that the estimate for the RAR was to drop from 7.2% to 6.2%. He said that the governor is working with the attorney general and general assembly to put the RAR on hold for 2020.

Rob Goodwin said that the summer staffing program process is beginning. He said that in the summer, there is an average of 40% more calls. He added that there is also the need for wildfire patrols and EMS standbys. Rob Goodwin said there are not a lot of dual certified volunteers who want to work for the summer, so we are trying a different approach to summer staffing with regard to levels of certification.

Rob Goodwin said that a member of paid staff resigned. He said there is a temporary employee covering the shift opening and there will be a permanent employee hired to fill the spot in the near future. Rob Goodwin said that he is also has been working on additional officer development training.

Rob Goodwin said that the monthly all staff meetings are still happening. He said that the executive director from Roaring Fork Leadership is coming to the next training on how to better communicate with each other

and emotional intelligence. Rob Goodwin said that this is a very positive thing, noting that how we communicate with each other is almost as important as what we communicate.

Rob Goodwin said that the threat of mud/flood season is significant. He said that a large runoff is anticipated on the Crystal River, along with the possibility of a debris slide on the Lake Christine burn scar, including in to the Cattle Creek area. He said that there has been a working group from three counties, fire departments, towns and more that are working on the plan for the possibility of a debris flow. Rob Goodwin said the fire made the soil hydrophobic so the rain just sheds off the top of the soil. He said the flowing water can pick up debris and become a real threat. General discussion followed.

BOND PROJECTS

Rob Goodwin said there were funds budgeted to replace utility vehicles. He said he would like approval for four utility vehicles – a Chief’s truck, with his current truck going in to the fleet, a Chief Officer truck, an additional truck for the fleet and a maintenance plow truck. He said each vehicle is between \$33,000 - \$55,000.

MOTION: to authorize vehicle purchases. General discussion regarding the apparatus committees and what to do with retired utility trucks and apparatus followed. It carried and passed 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Verizon Project Update Rob Goodwin said Gene Schilling requested an update on the Verizon Project. He said that the project is still planned and the engineers are waiting for the snow to melt so they can do a site visit.

MOTION: made to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting at 6:30 p.m. It carried and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Cutright, Recording Secretary

Mike Kennedy, Vice-President