

CARBONDALE & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CARBONDALE FIRE HEADQUARTERS

APRIL 14, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District met for their regular meeting on April 14, 2021 at the Carbondale Fire Headquarters/Training Building.

President Gene Schilling called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. Directors present were: Mike Kennedy, Michael Hassig and Gretchen Stock Bell. Also present in person were Rob Goodwin, Jenny Cutright, Mike Wagner, Eric Gross, Frank Nadell, Kat Bernat, Karen Tafejian, Phil Vaughn from PVMI, and Frank de Santis, Todd Schmidt, and Eric Anderson from PNCI. Director Sydney Schalit arrived via teleconference at 11:18 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

The items on the consent agenda were:

- Approve the Minutes of the March 10, 2021 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

No members of the public were present.

BOND PROJECTS

Training Ground Project The Guaranteed Maximum Price for the training ground is \$1,445,784 for the hard costs and approximately \$1.7 million with the soft costs. Discussion regarding the funding for the training props and bay extension followed. It was estimated that the cost for both is \$1.2 million to finish both projects. Discussion followed. The time line for the training ground projects was also reviewed. The permitting process is underway, with the expected completion date to be the end of November. The Board of Directors verbally discussed the costs to complete the projects. It was verbally decided to move forward with purchasing the props and the bay extension project. Additional discussion regarding the site plan review followed.

MOTION: made to approve the construction contract with PNCI as presented. It carried and passed unanimously.

The Board of Directors recessed to the volunteer pension fund board of directors meeting at 11:22 a.m. without a motion.

The Board of Directors reconvened the regular meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Chief's Report COVID vaccinations are moving out of VVH to clinics and pharmacies. Carbondale Fire hosted the first vaccine clinic in Carbondale last week with about 200 participants and hopes to host more in conjunction with Garfield County Public Health.

Nine new members started in January 2021 and finishing up the new member academy. There was also a Firefighter II course that just completed and that all of the paid staff will be Firefighter II level. These courses were held while equipping, in-servicing, and training on the five new apparatus. These things were spearheaded by Frank Nadell and Brandon Deter and wouldn't have happened without them. There were 101 trainings held in March, with 981-man hours.

The proposed Ascendigo development on Missouri Heights is causing a lot of controversy. Rob Goodwin reviewed the proposed development with the Board of Directors. The District has received numerous letters, emails, and phone calls from people who oppose the development, saying it will cause an increase fire risk, among other concerns. The District will review the proposed development in the same way it reviews any other proposed development. Discussion followed. No further action was taken.

Citizens in Gunnison County have been calling to complain about parking on County Road 3 around Beaver Lake. People park on both sides of the road and apparatus can not get past them. Rob Goodwin said that the fire district does not have any authority on this issue and that the Town of Marble, Gunnison County, and the US Forest Service are working together to try to solve this problem.

Deputy Chief/Training Coordinator The Board of Directors was thanked for supporting the dream of the training facility. It was noted that the training facility will make all of Carbondale Fire better at what we do. Members will work better with neighboring fire departments and other agencies since they will be able to train together in a controlled environment. Jenny Cutright is now a certified All-Hazards Type III PIO. This certification took her a number of years to achieve. It was noted that Jenny Cutright is a well-respected PIO who works with agencies around the area.

Attorney's Report The Aspen Glen representative requested updated title work, so there should be updated documents from the Verizon representative soon. There will also be a new records retention resolution presented at a future Board of Directors meeting. This is to assist the District in records management regulations.

FINANCIAL REPORT

New Brush Truck Payment The new brush truck will be arriving in the next few weeks. Discussion on which fund to pay for the brush truck from followed. It was noted that when the District switched health care groups and the current group dissolves, there would be a rebate from part of the existing fund balance. A rebate of \$70,000 was received, and another \$30,000-\$35,000 is expected in 2022. There are also funds in the general fund from 2020 wildfire revenue that could be allotted to the new brush truck purchase. It was also noted that the new brush truck is needed due to development in the district. Discussion followed.

MOTION: to use the health care rebate funds to pay for a portion of the brush truck, and the balance paid out of the impact fee funds. It carried and passed unanimously.

BOND PROJECTS

Financing For Bond Projects Discussion followed and it was decided that Rob Goodwin and Gene Schilling will talk to Alpine Bank about the possibility of a lease purchase and present that information at a future meeting.

It was noted that Rob Goodwin reached out to Kevin Kirvida about purchasing the 1984 General from the District, but he hasn't heard back. Staff is also talking to local fire departments that are interested in the 1993 trucks that are out of service, Paonia Fire is very interested.

NEW BUSINESS

Second Monthly Meeting Discussion on if the second monthly meeting should be held during the summer months. Discussion followed and it was decided to plan for the meetings, but they could be cancelled if there is no need to meet.

Training Ground PUD The Town of Carbondale is calling the training ground project a major change to the PUD. Eric Gross will work with staff and the Building Committee if needed to discuss the best way to work with the Town on this.

IA Crews IA Patrols will start Memorial Day weekend. It was noted there was an 800-acre wildfire in Meeker in the past week, plus a number of smaller fires locally. The regional outlook is dryer than normal with a good potential for fire growth according to the 120-day outlook. A second crew may be needed sooner than expected. It was also noted that public meetings and wildfire education will continue this summer.

MOTION: made to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting at 12:05 p.m. It carried and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Cutright, Recording Secretary

Gene Schilling, President