

CARBONDALE & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CARBONDALE FIRE HEADQUARTERS

MARCH 23, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District held a teleconference for an emergency meeting on March 23, 2020.

President Gene Schilling called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Roll Call was taken by the Secretary to the Board. The following directors were present via teleconference: Gene Schilling, Mike Kennedy, Michael Hassig, and Sydney Schalit. Also present via teleconference were Rob Goodwin, Jenny Cutright and Eric Gross. Director Gretchen Stock Bell arrived at 12:24 pm.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Rob Goodwin updated the Board of Directors on COVID-19. There is an internal Incident Management Team (IMT) that meets virtually twice per day to keep everyone update. Carbondale Fire staff has worked was the Pitkin County IMT on their COVID-19 response. People are being swapped in and out to keep staff from getting burned out. The Operations Chiefs in Garfield County formed the Garfield County Fire Response Group. They are working on a countywide and regional staged response plan.

There will be a Pitkin County Deputy stationed in Redstone for the next month, possibly permanently. They will be using Station 82 as a base location, using the internet and cell phone booster.

The personal protective equipment (PPE) shortage has been a nationwide issue. Carbondale Fire is ordering PPE to have to protect our responders. Currently the district is well stocked, but the burn rate of PPE needs to be calculated.

The top priority of the Carbondale Fire IMT is to protect the responders by keeping them healthy, equipped and able to respond to emergencies. There have been new county protocols put in to place.

Discussion regarding protocols for members to alert staff if they have been exposed to COVID-19. Members temperature is checked when they are coming on duty and they need to answer a series of questions to ensure they are safe to enter the secure facility and be on shift.

DECLARATION OF A LOCAL DISASTER

A declaration of a local disaster was presented to the Board of Directors. General discussion followed.

MOTION: made by Michael Hassig, seconded by Sydney Schalit, to approve the Declaration of a Local Disaster. It carried and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2020-005, ESTABLISHING ELECTRONIC BOARD MEETING POLICY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

This resolution was to establish electronic board meetings as the norm during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MOTION: made by Sydney Schalit, seconded by Michael Hassig, to approve Resolution 2020-005, A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District Establishing Electronic Board Meeting Policy During COVID-19 Pandemic. It carried and passed unanimously.

MAY 2020 ELECTION

There has been concern with the Governor's request to reduce workplace staffing by 50% that the District's printer can prepare and mail the ballots. It was unclear if the printer would be considered a critical agency. Discussion followed and it was noted that the printer for ballots is a critical service to Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District. A letter will be sent to the printer clarifying this.

MOTION: made by Michael Hassig, seconded by Gretchen Stock Bell, to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting at 12:39 p.m. It carried and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Cutright, Recording Secretary

Gene Schilling, President