

## **CARBONDALE & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **CARBONDALE FIRE HEADQUARTERS**

**JANUARY 27, 2021**

The Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District met for their regular meeting on January 27, 2021 at the Carbondale Fire Headquarters/Training Building.

President Gene Schilling called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. Directors present were Mike Kennedy, Michael Hassig, and Sydney Schalit. Also present in person were Rob Goodwin, Jenny Cutright, Mike Wagner, Eric Gross, and Frank Nadell . Also present via teleconference was Eric Gross . Director Gretchen Stock Bell at 11:03 a.m. joined via teleconference

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The items on the consent agenda were:

- Approve the Minutes of the January 13, 2021 Regular Meeting

MOTION:     made to approve the consent agenda as noted. It carried and passed 4-0

### **PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA**

No members of the public were present.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Attorney's Report The Aspen Glen property has been researched. There will be a memo for the Board of Directors at the next meeting for review.

Training Chief The Board of Directors was thanked for supporting the training program and displayed some of the new training equipment that was recently purchased.

### **BOND PROJECTS**

Building Projects Station 83 is done. The CO has been received and equipment is being moved back in to the station. A board meeting will be held there in the Spring so the Board of Directors can see the remodeled station. The training ground project is starting next.

Apparatus Three of the new fire apparatus have arrived. Staff is working on equipping the apparatus and creating task books to train staff and volunteers on their operation. The new Timberwolf engines will be stationed at Stations 82, 83 and 84. The new tenders will go to Station 81 and 83.

The new extrication tool will be delivered next week. It had been delayed due to COVID. This tool is battery powered and easier to use.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

COVID Update The COVID-19 vaccine has been offered to the staff and volunteers. 100% of paid staff and 85% of the volunteers have received the vaccine. Being vaccinated makes Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District a safer place to work.

COVID is still prevalent in the community. Staff has worked to make sure there is enough PPE to keep staff safe.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Staffing A current staff member is retiring at the end of March. Staff has offered a Firefighter/Paramedic from a different organization the position as a lateral move. If that person does not accept the job offer, the job will be posted. An additional person is budgeted to be hired in 2021.

Station 84 The tenant is moving out and the crew quarters will be fixed up. The plan is to staff Station 84 in the summer, with the goal that it will be staffed full time in the future. It is easier to staff two stations with six on duty, but currently there are only 5 on duty.

Station 82 Station 82 remodel is complete and a volunteer has moved in to the apartment.

Board Retreat The Board of Directors discussed a Board Retreat. Discussion followed and it was decided to discuss this again in the future.

Station 85 Discussion regarding a plaque to honor the Strang Family. A plaque will be placed on Station 85.

MOTION: made to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting at 11:22 a.m. It carried and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jenny Cutright, Recording Secretary

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Gene Schilling, President