

CARBONDALE & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CARBONDALE FIRE STATION 84

OCTOBER 14, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District held a held an in-person meeting and teleconference for their regular meeting on October 14, 2020.

President Gene Schilling called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m. Directors present were: Mike Kennedy, Michael Hassig, and Sydney Schalit. Director Gretchen Stock Bell attended by teleconference. Also present were Rob Goodwin, Jenny Cutright, and Mike Wagner. Eric Gross via teleconference.

CONSENT AGENDA

The items on the consent agenda were:

- Approve Current Bills and Balances

MOTION: made by Mike Kennedy, seconded by Michael Hassig, to approve consent agenda. It carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Chiefs Report Verizon is interested in building a cell tower on the Aspen Glen property. Discussion regarding setbacks and other regulations followed.

There is a new Colorado law called the Safe Station Law which says that any person who would like to disposed of controlled substances can drop them off at a fire station. It also says that the fire station needs to counsel them if they are looking for treatment for addiction, along with treating their emergent medical needs. Federal law and the DEA does not allow this type of controlled substance disposal. Discussion followed. CRFPD will help those will medical needs and direct them to dispose of controlled substances at the Glenwood Springs Police Department 24 hour drop box or the Basalt Police Department during business hours. Further discussion regarding the controlled medications that Carbondale Fires uses, along with use, tracking and disposal.

BOND PROJECTS

Station 84 is almost complete. There are a few minor projects that are finishing up now. Equipment is being moved back in so the station will be fully operational. There will be an open house on October 24 for the public at Station 84, along with a volunteer recruitment drive that will tie in to a new member academy in January. We are also recruiting for Stations 81 and 83.

The apparatus is now expected in late November. There will be 4-6 weeks for training, mounting and outfitting apparatus before they are in service. We expect to have the Forest Service tenders gone by early 2021.

Rob Goodwin requested authority to purchase the next brush truck. There is an open FMLD grant to pay for \$85,000 of it. If the brush truck is ordered now, it will be ready in April 2021. It will be the same as Brush 81 with a few minor modifications.

MOTION: made by Sydney Schalit, seconded by Michael Hassig, to purchase a new brush truck. It carried unanimously.

The 2021 bond project schedule is almost complete. Rob Goodwin would like to complete Station 83 and 84 and pay for the apparatus to determine what funds are available for 2021. There are options such as using the capital replacement funds, lease purchasing, and grants to finish the bond projects. Discussion regarding asking partners such as CMC and the Town of Carbondale for financial assistance to partner in the training building followed. No action was taken.

2021 BUDGET

The revised draft 2021 budget was presented. Discussion regarding 2022 revenues if the Gallagher Amendment ballot questions fail and specific budget lines followed.

President Gene Schilling left the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

The public information plan for the 2021 budget followed. It was noted follow the same plan as 2019.

At some point during the meeting Director Gretchen Stock Bell lost the teleconnection to the meeting, time unknown.

MOTION: to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting at 11:49 a.m. It carried and passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Cutright, Recording Secretary

Gene Schilling, President