

CARBONDALE & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CARBONDALE FIRE HEADQUARTERS

SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District held a held an in-person meeting and teleconference for a special meeting on September 23, 2020.

Vice-President Mike Kennedy called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Directors present were: Mike Kennedy, and Gretchen Stock Bell. Secretary/Treasurer Michael Hassig and Director Sydney Schalit attended by teleconference. Also present were Rob Goodwin, Jenny Cutright, Mike Wagner, and Frank Nadell. President Gene Schilling absent.

RESOLUTION 2020-008, A RESOLUTION ADVOCATING VOTER APPROVAL OF THE FIRE DISTRICT'S REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO STABILIZE ITS TAX REVENUE DURING THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ELECTION

This is a resolution encouraging voters to approve the November 3 ballot question. General discussion followed.

MOTION: made by Gretchen Stock Bell, seconded by Sydney Schalit to approve Resolution 2020-008, A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District Advocating Voter Approval of the Fire District's Request For Authority to Stabilize Its Tax Revenue During the November 3, 2020 Election. It carried and passed 4-0.

PUBLIC SECTOR HEALTH CARE GROUP

The proposed insurance carrier change means moving to Public Sector Health Care Group. They are very similar to the current insurance group but are much larger. Staff will be well informed about the changes and the change to PSHCG will reduce premiums roughly 5% without a big reduction in coverage. Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District will receive a rebate for part of reserve balance in WSHCG once the runout is complete.

MOTION: made by Gretchen Stock Bell, seconded by Sydney Schalit to change health insurance groups to Public Sector Health Care Group as of January 1, 2021. It carried and passed 4-0.

OTHER

Wildfire Assignment The engine and crew assigned to the August Complex Fire returned. They received great job performance reviews. General discussion regarding wildfire assignments followed.

Bond Projects Station 84 is scheduled to be done on October 9. It was decided to hold the October 14 Regular Board meeting there if the building is ready. A brush truck and ambulance will be housed at Station 84, along with some staffing during 2021.

Station 83 is expected to be completed about a month after Station 84, before Thanksgiving. Station 83 will be a jewel in Marble and the community is very excited about it.

The five apparatus are scheduled to arrive by the end of October. The trucks will need to have the equipment mounted and personnel trained before they can go in service.

Other Recruitment drives have begun at Station 83 and 84. The Fire Prevention Week Open House will be held October 10, and will be a COVID safe event. The outreach goes back to the District's ability to be great on 9-1-1 calls.

Impact Fees The District received \$26,000 in impact fees from the new residential development at the Marketplace.

Wildfires There are still warm days but they are shorter and the nights are cooler, which is helping the fire danger. There was a lightning strike fire yesterday. It was a small fire near Foster Creek, above Sewell Mesa. The crew used the drone to fly the fire area and report to BLM. BLM will be extinguishing the fire today.

Stage I Fire Restriction are in effective in Garfield and Pitkin Counties. Gunnison and Marble should drop to Stage I next week.

Election Staff is creating a fact sheet about the Gallagher Issue for the public. It should be complete by the end of the week.

MOTION: made by Gretchen Stock Bell, seconded by Sydney Schalit, to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting at 11:19 a.m. It carried and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Cutright, Recording Secretary

Mike Kennedy, Vice-President