

CARBONDALE & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CARBONDALE FIRE HEADQUARTERS

AUGUST 12, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District held an in-person meeting and teleconference for their regular meeting on August 12, 2020.

President Gene Schilling called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. The follow directors were present in person: Mike Kennedy, Michael Hassig, and Sydney Schalit. The following directors were present via teleconference: Gretchen Stock Bell. Also present in person were Rob Goodwin, Jenny Cutright, Mike Wagner, and Frank Nadell. Also present via teleconference were: Eric Gross, and Michelle Ferguson from Ireland Stapleton.

CONSENT AGENDA

The items on the consent agenda were:

- Approve Current Bills and Balances

MOTION: 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 or on the teleconference.

NOVEMBER 2020 ELECTION

Ballot Language Discussion The Gallagher election resolution and ballot language were discussed. The draft ballot question has been refined by Ireland Stapleton to anticipate what will happen if the State Gallagher measure and District ballot question passes. Discussion regarding the ballot language followed. Michelle Ferguson noted that many agencies are removing the reference to the Gallagher Amendment in the ballot question.

Intergovernmental Agreements with County Clerks

MOTION: made by Michael Hassig, seconded by Sydney Schalit, to approve the IGAs with the County Clerks. It carried and passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Donation The District received a \$20,000 anonymous donation from Goldman Sachs Philanthropic division. The District is very appreciative to the donor, even though they cannot be personally thanked.

BOND PROJECTS

The buildings and apparatus time frames are still on schedule, with Station 84 to be completed around October 23 and Station 83 on November 30. The engines are expected at the end of October and the new ambulance is in service. The second brush truck will be ordered in the fall, so it will be in service for the 2021 wildfire season. It was noted that the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District grant will cover \$85,000 of the cost.

2021 BUDGET

Appoint Budget Officer

MOTION: to appoint Rob Goodwin as 2021 budget officer. It carried and passed unanimously.

2021 Draft Budget The 2021 draft budget is based on the worst-case scenario. It is estimated that the Gallagher Amendment will net a \$500,000 loss in annual revenue. The budget is calculated with 3% growth and \$300,000 cut. This budget would require \$200,000 to be used from reserves to balance the budget. Discussion regarding the draft budget followed.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief's Report Rob Goodwin reported that there is a Type III Engine and crew on the Pine Gulch fire. They will be there for 14-21 days. The Pine Gulch Fire is currently 52,000 acres and some structures have been lost.

Carbondale Fire provided an impressive response on initial attack of the Grizzly Creek Fire. Brush trucks, tenders, and Type III Overhead were on the fire on the initial attack assisting Glenwood Springs Fire Department. The federal government has taken over command of the fire, with the command post at Eagle Valley High School. The fire will be a Type I managed fire tomorrow, with numerous resources ordered. Rob Goodwin reviewed the current situation status of Grizzly Creek Fire. He added I-70 is expected to be closed for some time. The fire is driven by terrain and wind. We are in good contact with ICP, local agencies. We will stay engaged.

The ERCs and thousand-hour fuels are at historic levels, with forecasts of warmer than normal and below average precipitation forecast through October.

Fire Restrictions Garfield and Pitkin Counties, USFS and BLM are going to Stage II Fire Restrictions. Gunnison County is not in any fire restrictions at this time.

MOTION: made to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting at 11:58 a.m. It carried and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Cutright, Recording Secretary

Gene Schilling, President