

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

### **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **CARBONDALE FIRE HEADQUARTERS**

**JULY 8, 2020**

The Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District held an in-person meeting and teleconference for their regular meeting on July 8, 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, Gretchen Stock Bell. The following directors were present via teleconference: Sydney Schalit. Also present in person were Rob Goodwin, Jenny Cutright, Mike Wagner, Eric Gross, Frank Nadell, and Ryan Allison.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The items on the consent agenda were:

Minutes to Approve

- Approve the Minutes of the June 10, 2020 Regular Meeting
- Approve the Minutes of the June 1, 2020, June 8, 2020, June 15, 2020, and June 24, 2020 Special Meetings
- 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.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Chief's Report There has been one engine patrolling and a second engine will start patrolling on the fourth of July weekend. The fuel moistures and energy release components (ERCs) are extremely high now. They may reach record levels soon. The mission of the initial attack team is to keep small fires small and that there are no deaths.

The Streeter Fire started yesterday and ran 1,100 acres. It is in the southern portion of Moffat County

There has been a small spike in COVID cases, but it is slowing down again. Staff is working on a COVID grant from DOLA.

Attorney's Report Dino Ross will address the Board at the June 24, 2020 meeting. Ireland Stapleton, the District's Special Counsel for Gallagher, has been working directly with our attorney and staff. Examples of ballot questions will be presented to the Board of Directors soon, in case the Board decides to move forward with a ballot question for the November 3, 202 election.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Audit The audit was expected to be here for this meeting but is not quite done. It will be sent as soon as it is done.

2021 Budget Once the audit arrived the 2021 budget can be started. There will be a draft audit at the August 12, 2020 regular meeting. General discussion regarding the RAR for 2021 followed. If the RAR drops to 5.88, it expected to equate a 12-13% revenue drop.

## **BOND PROJECTS**

Buildings The foundation stem walls were poured at Station 84 yesterday. The insulation is next. The excavation at Station 83 has started. The training ground project is in the planning/programming stage.

Apparatus The new ambulance will arrive by the end of July.

Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District Resolution 2020-006 Resolution 2020-006 allows the District to apply for a FMLD grant for the training ground project.

**MOTION:** to approve Resolution 2020-006, A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District Supporting the Grant Application for a Grant from the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District for a Regional Training Center and Associated Equipment. It carried and passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Brush Fire There was a small brush fire near the Days Inn hotel last week. Someone shot a 2" mortar in to a north facing hillside near the river. The grass was green but burned like dry cheat gras, due to the abnormal dryness.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Fourth Wednesday Special Meetings General discussion regarding the special meetings scheduled on the fourth Wednesday of the month followed. It was decided to hold these meetings until the end of 2020.

**MOTION:** made to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting at 11:30 a.m. It carried and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jenny Cutright, Recording Secretary

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Gene Schilling, President