

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BLACK FOREST FIRE/RESCUE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Black Forest Fire/Rescue Protection District held a regular board meeting on June 16, 2021, such meeting duly posted for public notice.

A quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Nearhoof.

Directors present: R. Nearhoof/N. Dowden/J. Hinton/D. Hoffpauir/J. Abendschan

Directors absent: None

Also present: Chief Rebitski/D. Arkowski/fire department personnel/Community Members

Roll Call: All directors were present.

Minutes A motion was made and seconded to approve the board meeting minutes for the May 19, 2021 regular board meeting; upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Financial Reports Treasurer Hinton reported the GO bond for station 1 has been paid in full. There are total assets of \$2,252,240, with reserves funded. A few line items show a high percentage of budget already expended, and this is because of one-time payments made early in the year. Employee compensation is below budget due to losing six firefighters and those positions have not all been filled as yet. Also, the six new budgeted positions have not been filled yet. Overtime is over budget due to the need to backfill shifts when positions are uncovered. The budget is doing well. Treasurer Hinton noted the State is considering reducing property taxes in 2022 and 2023, which could create a loss of possibly 25% in special district revenues. The BFFRPD passed ballot measures to de-TABOR and de-Gallagher, so has the option of adjusting the mill levy to maintain revenues at the same level. A legal opinion will be obtained on this matter. The District has been reimbursed about \$19,000 from the State for extra expenses caused by covid (overtime and equipment costs), and a second request is being prepared. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the financial report; the motion carried unanimously.**

Chief's Report Given by Chief Rebitski. A written report was prepared by Chief Langmaid and sent to all directors. A copy is attached to the minutes.

Administrative:

- Personnel – Rachel Dunn is the newly hired Administrative Officer, and formerly worked with the Wescott FPD.
- Finance – The CPA firm that was hired is now current with all financial reporting and is preparing for the 2020 audit.

Logistics:

- Fleet – After final report was received from SVI and options considered, it was decided to retain this vehicle and continue using it.
- Pierce has notified BFFRPD that the new truck will be ready in May 2022.
- Capital equipment is being purchased: Two thermal imagers; two auto extrication tools; 1,500 feet of attack hose; cardiac monitor; two sets of bunker gear; purchase of SCBAs is being considered.

Operations:

- Incident reporting software upgrade online and reduces duplication problems.
- A roster has been developed for potential deployments.
- Working on operational communication issues and evaluating solutions.
- Training – Working on wildland initial attack and driver operator. CSFD sent 23 recruits to the fire training facility at BFFRPD and was greatly impressed with the services provided and the personnel at BF.

Planning

- Firewise assessments and burn permits are easily accessible on the BF website.
- Fire personnel have been installing signs identifying BFFRPD cisterns and water sources.

Old Business There has been no response from Mr. Richard Painter.

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New Business Rachel Dunn will be the liability pool appointee.

Reports on Workshops and Meetings None.

Correspondence None.

Public Comments Linda Smith noted that the SO has rescinded the fireworks ban and expressed concern because of the coming July 4 holiday. Chief Rebitski advised that a fireworks ban may be instituted if conditions warrant it, and additional staff will be on duty that day.

Future Meetings The next regular meeting will be July 21, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment There being no further business, **and upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried,** the board adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Arkowski, Secretary