

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 August 17, 2022, such meeting duly posted for public notice.

Before convening for the Board meeting, the Board members and several others were outside the station examining the newly delivered Pierce engine.

A quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Chair Dowden.

Directors present: N. Dowden/J. Abendschan/J. Hinton/C. Behnken (via Zoom)/K. Tarvainen

Directors absent: None

Also present: D. Arkowski/fire department personnel/community members/and others via Zoom

Roll Call: All directors were present.

Minutes A motion was made and seconded to approve the board meeting minutes for the July 20, 2022 regular board meeting; upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports Treasurer Hinton reported that the District has assets of \$3.396 million, with tax revenues dropping considerably for the remainder of 2022. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the financial reports; the motion carried unanimously.**

Operations Report A written report was prepared by Chief Langmaid and given to all directors. A copy is attached to the minutes.

Finance and Administrative – Admin. Officer Rachel Dunn:

- Notable revenues last month were ambulance receipts - \$6,509, tax revenues - \$84,818.
- Notable expenditures - none.
- Procurement – trench equipment and fleet maintenance equipment.

Branch II Logistics – Planning and Prevention – Deputy Chief James Rebitski

- Ordinary repairs and maintenance done in-house by EVT Gavin Smith.
- Working to convert training barn into a ground support unit for equipment R&M.
- The 2022 Pierce Enforcer Engine was delivered to Colorado.
- Ms. Dunn interviewed and hired an administrative assistant to begin working in August.
- Work has begun on paint, graphics, and LED lighting for Tower Ladder.
- New fire danger signs have been installed in the District.
- Sterling Ranch planning and expansion continues.

Facilities Unit

- No significant items to report.

Operations – Deputy Chief Piepenburg

- Training hours last month – 624 hours above minimum required for a total of 1,344 hours.
- Hosted an 8 hour forcible entry class.
- Several wildland fire chainsaw certifications completed.
- Completed a weeklong MCI training class with several departments participating.
- A type-3 engine was deployed to San Angelo, TX and a type-6 engine deployed to Wichita Falls, TX.
- An outbuilding fire was responded to in Black Forest (chicken coop).
- Assisted with a wildland fire in Elbert County.
- 63 calls in preceding month.
- Data provided by Training Branch Director Captain Jason Morrison.

Command/Strategic – Chief PJ Langmaid

Chief Langmaid reported on 2023 budget preparations, noting the state reduction in the Residential Assessment Rate will impact revenue, along with exclusions in dual service areas, and the board will need to examine the mill levy rate for the District. Final property valuations from the County Assessor will be received at the end of August. The Chief will prepare a comprehensive report for the board on strategic planning and budget requirements for the coming year.

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Old Business None.

New Business None

Reports on Workshops and Meetings Director Tarvainen attended a very worthwhile incident training exercise with the City FD.

Correspondence None.

Public Comments Resident John Tarvainen questioned the need for the purchase of a ladder truck. Chief Langmaid replied there is presently no complement of ground ladders in the northern part of the County and the ladder truck will enhance this greatly. It will be of significant assistance in search and rescue and ventilation at fires. The aerial ladder is only one component of the vehicle, whereas the truck will bring ground ladders for operations. The total price was about \$329,000 for this used vehicle; a new model would cost \$1.5 million or more. This purchase was being considered for 2024, but due to the suggestion of a resident, this used vehicle was found. The District will now move forward with the hiring and training of personnel to operate this vehicle.

Future Meetings The next regular meeting will be September 21, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment There being no further business, the board adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Arkowski, Secretary