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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 22, 2022, such meeting duly posted for public notice.

A quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Dowden.

Directors present: N. Dowden/J. Abendschan/J. Hinton/C. Behnken/K. Tarvainen

Directors absent: None

Also present: Chief Langmaid/DC Rebitski/D. Arkowski/R. Dunn/fire department personnel/community members/and others via Zoom

Roll Call: All directors were present.

Swearing In of Probationary Staff Department Chaplain, Father Brad Noonan, offered a prayer before the ceremony. Chair Nate Dowden administered the oath to Lt. Cody Poole and Lt. Brandon Jones, and Firefighters John Singsheim and Luke Morrone. Family members and friends pinned badges on the newly sworn in employees. Firefighters Michael Alvarado and Maria Fine were unable to attend the ceremony.

Minutes A motion was made and seconded to approve the board meeting minutes for the May 18, 2022 regular board meeting; upon a vote, with Treasurer Hinton abstaining, the motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports Treasurer Hinton found all items in order. Current assets total \$3.14 million, including capital improvement funds. Expenditures are tracking normally and are slightly below budget projections. A motion was made and seconded to approve the financial reports; the motion carried unanimously.

Operations Report Given by Chief Langmaid and section managers. 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 - \$14,190, tax revenues - \$268,887.
- Notable expenditures were uniform items - \$4,149; tires - \$2,683 and \$4,173.
- Notable arrivals were tires and wildland equipment.
- Time Unit – 6,961 hours worked, with 380 hours in deployment hours.
- IT Unit – Platte River Network is complete.

Branch II Logistics - Communications – Deputy Chief James Rebitski

- Station alerting system wiring installed.
- Attended Zonehaven evacuation communication platform workshop with regional partners.

Ground Support (Fleet Services)

- Multiple items of routine maintenance.

Facilities Unit

- No significant items to report.

Planning and Prevention

- Pierce engine production on schedule.
- Drought continues to be of major importance in operations; currently in Stage 1 restrictions.

Community Risk – Inspections, Investigations, Mitigation

- Sketch plans, comment submittals and commitment on subdivisions ongoing.
- Two employees completed fire investigations class and will work with Regional Investigation Unit.
- Wildfire risk assessments completed for 82 properties; working with regional partners to enhance program.

Operations – Deputy Chief Piepenburg

- Training hours far exceed minimum required; training occurs daily.

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- Significant training events included FDTN Engine Company Operations 1, TEEEX for Trench Rescue, CO-TF1 USAR training, Man v. Machine, North Group VES training; 81 calls last month.
- BFFR Type 6 truck deployed to Teller County fire for three days.
- Assisted with grass and outside fires in Colorado Springs and Security.

Command/Strategic – Chief PJ Langmaid

Chief Langmaid described an event that occurred June 1, 2022 that illustrates the issues with communications difficulties. The call came in as an explosion or possible active shooter, with varying descriptions in County and City departments. It was difficult for City, County, and Black Forest dispatch operators to determine exactly what happened due to inability to use faulty communication equipment and systems. The incident was probably due to deployment of multiple air bags in truck that left the scene.

Sterling Ranch is offering a small parcel for a fire station to BFFRPD. This will be discussed further in coming months.

Tower Ladder Truck Proposal

Chief Langmaid gave an overview of the tower ladder matter, noting that such a purchase has been under discussion since May 2022. The Board was advised that a new truck would cost about \$1.5 million for a basic mid-mount ladder truck. The price caused concern and it was suggested that a used tower ladder be considered. DC Piepenburg located a 2005 Pierce Aerialscope, with 25,000 miles, priced at \$500,000. After further investigation, the truck could be purchased for \$250,000 without any upgrades. Options needed to bring the truck to BFFD standards would include paint and graphics, upgrading the light package, and would bring the price to \$328,883. This work could be done at Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus in Alabama, where the truck is currently located. Transport costs would be \$10,500.

DC Piepenburg traveled to Brindlee to inspect the truck, with instructions from BFFD mechanic Gavin Smith on optimum inspection techniques. The inspection report indicated the truck was in very good condition, with only minor repairs needed. The maintenance logs are not available, and are being searched for.

The District has sufficient cash on hand to pay for the aerial truck in 2022, and be able to have funding available in August 2023 when the Pierce tender is due to be delivered. The 2023 budget, cash on hand, and possible financing will provide the ability to pay for the tender. Discussion ensued on the handling of mechanical issues for the Tower Ladder, warranty questions, testing protocols, performing work on the truck in Colorado vs. Alabama, engine hours reported, training personnel for the truck, the ability of the BFFD mechanic to work on the Aerialscope, and when the truck would be placed in service. It is anticipated the aerial will go into service in 2024 and that sufficient personnel will be hired and trained then. The BFFD mechanic has not worked on this specific model of truck, but could be trained by the Pierce location in Frederick, CO. After lengthy discussion on the most effective method for moving forward on this purchase, **A motion was made to purchase the Pierce Aerialscope Tower Ladder for \$250,000, to include transport costs of an additional \$10,500, and to authorize the Board Chair, Board Treasurer and the Chief, along with staff input, to determine the best options for paint, graphics, and LED lighting, for a total price not to exceed \$350,000; the motion was seconded. Upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

Old Business None.

New Business None.

Reports on Workshops and Meetings Chair Dowden reported that he and Director Tarvainen attended a valuable leadership conference, recommended by Chief Langmaid.

Correspondence None.

Public Comments None.

Future Meetings The next regular meeting will be July 20, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment There being no further business, the board adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Donna Arkowski, Secretary