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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 March 21, 2018, at Black Forest Fire Station One, such meeting duly posted for public notice.

A quorum present, the meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

Directors present: R. McMorrان/PJ Langmaid/J. Hinton/R. Nearhoof/B. Kroto
Directors absent: None
Also present: B. Jack/J. Rebitski/D. Arkowski/D. Hoffpauir/fire department personnel/community members

Roll Call: All directors were present.

Public Comment None

Minutes A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2018 meeting.

Financial Reports Treasurer Hinton advised that small amounts of tax collections are beginning to be received, and the District is out of debt. Mr. Hinton has been in discussions with Moody's and learned the District is rated A1 and should be moving up in its credit rating. Survey questions have been answered for Moody's, and the rating will change. Mr. Hinton also asked for board input on disposition of the Wells Fargo investment account, suggesting that the \$270,000 deposit for the new chassis could be taken from that account, or that the funds could be invested in a different instrument. The board concurred that the chassis payment will be covered by funds from the Wells Fargo account, and that any remaining balance will be invested in an alternative instrument. Chief Jack added that payroll over time charges have been running high due to illness of employees. **Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the board approved the financial report; motion carried unanimously.**

Operations Report Given by Chief Jack. (A written report was prepared by Chief Jack, copy attached to the minutes.)

Response/Service

- 72 responses in last month and 37 transports.
- There have been many assists to other agencies for wild fires; 300,000 acres have burned nationally year to date, resulting from 8,713 fires. Fire danger continues to be extreme in the region for the next several months. Stage 1 burn restrictions are in effect.

Training

- 146 training hours in last month.
- All shifts have completed RT-130 and pack tests will be done in next 30 days.
- A chainsaw class will be scheduled soon.
- Wilderness EMS class was held at station 1 on March 17, 2018
- Active shooter training will be held with TLMFPD on March 23 and 28.

EMS

- Ambulance 780 is in the shop for air ride system repairs.
- County EMS ambulance inspector conducted annual inspections today.
- There were 16 overlapping calls in last month; none for AMR.

Apparatus and Equipment

- 741 was OOS for two days for repairs done in-house.
- Chief Jack and Captain Bell attended a pre-build meeting at SVI for new engine.

Facilities and Grounds

- Nothing to report.

Other

- A new nine-home development has been proposed for the Vollmer/Shoup area on the

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northwest corner.

- Staffing was 4.55 operational per day in last month and should reach 6.5 to 7 for March.
- The department's response time continues to be praised by board members.

Old Business Election Update: Three nominating petitions were submitted for three board vacancies. As allowed by statute, Designated Election Official Melissa Bottorff canceled the election and the candidates PJ Langmaid, Richard Nearhoof, and David Hoffpauir were deemed elected by acclamation because there were not more candidates than positions to be filled. All forms and notifications were completed as required by statute. Mr. Hoffpauir was present and introduced himself.

Resolution 2018-03 – A Resolution Notifying Cancellation of Election and Declaration Deeming Candidates Elected. The board of directors considered Resolution 2018-03 to finalize the election cancellation process. **A motion was duly made to adopt Resolution 2018-03, cancelling the May 2018 directors' election, and deeming the candidates PJ Langmaid, Richard Nearhoof, and David Hoffpauir elected by acclamation for four-year terms. The motion was seconded. A vote was called, and the motion carried unanimously.** The three directors will be sworn into office at the May 2018 board meeting.

Property Exclusion Update Attorney Linda Glesne has not been contacted by the Colorado Springs attorney as yet; matter is on hold.

Traffic Issues Mr. Hinton has left a message with the traffic department, but has not been contacted.

New Business The annual report for 2017 was presented by Chief Jack, with several areas of information highlighted, including alarm responses, EMS activity, staffing, apparatus and equipment, training, facilities, community programs, and goals.

Station 2 Staffing Discussion ensued concerning staffing levels, fiscal health, mill levy considerations, reducing employee turnover by offering more competitive wages and benefits, and addressing the impacts of the Gallagher and TABOR Amendments on budgeting operations. The board was in agreement that the budget would allow for hiring three new fire fighters on July 1, 2018, but the fire hazard forecast for the region dictates a more immediate need for personnel. Treasurer Hinton will meet with Chief Jack before the next board meeting to discuss budgetary constraints and possible strategy.

Reports on Workshops and Meetings The citizens contractor group is prepared for the fire season, and a preparatory drill will be conducted by Chief Jack.

Correspondence A letter from the Park Forest Water District provided an update on some issues with a constituent. The fire district will not become involved in the controversy.

Future Meetings The next regular meeting will be held April 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment There being no further business, **and upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried,** the board adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Arkowski, Secretary