

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 for the Black Forest Fire/Rescue Protection District held a regular board meeting on August 15, 2018, at Black Forest Fire Station One, such meeting duly posted for public notice. A quorum present, the meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

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

Roll Call All Directors were present.

Town hall discussion: Mill levy increase

Chief Jack gave an overview of the District, starting with the types of services that we offer. Additional services were discussed including fire prevention, regional fire department training, the community room and fire mitigation. A map of the District was reviewed, depicting the boundaries and our two stations. Our fire apparatus were identified by type and purpose. A roster of current staffing was presented. Chief Jack explained our staffing model and how we handle call responses.

Chair Langmaid spoke about the anticipated growth and measures the Board has taken to try and prepare. The strategic plan was discussed as well as apparatus replacement.

Treasurer Hinton spoke about the Gallagher Amendment and Tabor and explained their detrimental effects on our budget.

Vice-Chair McMorrان mentioned medical transports under our current model and how long our ambulance stays out of the District during transports. He brought up staffing Station Two and how that will affect our ability to cover calls. He then discussed how a mill levy works.

Proposed ballot language was discussed and how it will affect taxes on residential properties. The "up to" language was explained, as it allows the Board to set the mill levy lower than the 14.5 mills in the proposal as appropriate. Some measures that have already been employed to help with the financial situation were presented such as paying off Station Two and the apparatus lease purchase agreements early.

Director Langmaid explained some of the modern day changes in fire behavior and how fast a fire will double and spread in a residential structure fire. This is why having adequate staff available to get on scene quickly is so important.

The floor was then opened for members of the public to ask questions. A commendation was offered by a citizen for the work the Board has done thus far.

Treasurer Hinton mentioned some of the other programs that have been used to increase staffing, such as the Intern program.

In response to a comment from the public about getting the word out to citizens about the issue, Vice-Chair McMorran discussed some of the recent public meetings where our fire danger has been discussed, as well as a flier that the District will be sending out to residents.

Chair Langmaid asked that the public come out to the ballot boxes and let the Board know what the citizens want done with the District. He mentioned the growth again and asked for the public's support in speaking with the County Commissioners about fire impact fees and getting the process approved. Vice-Chair McMorran provided an explanation of what impact fees are and how the Commissioners have blocked the District's ability to collect them.

Minutes A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2018, regular board meeting; motion carried unanimously. Chair Langmaid clarified a statement in the minutes regarding having two personnel at Station Two and two at Station One when four are on duty. He stated that he does not support binding the Chief into that type of staffing model.

Financial Reports Treasurer Hinton reported we are 2% under budget so far. All finances are in good order. **Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the board approved the financial report; motion carried unanimously.**

Operations Report Given by Chief Jack.

Response/Service

- 97 responses and 38 transports. The numbers of acres burned nationally was discussed, which is quite elevated, but not locally.

Training

- 102 hours of training have been accomplished for the month of July.

EMS

- We are awaiting our new cardiac monitors to arrive from the State.

Apparatus and Equipment

- One tender had a pump issue and one ambulance is in the shop.

Facilities and Grounds

- A hot water issue and the sump pump have been taken care of at Station Two.

Other

- Community Open House and BBQ on July 14 – very well attended
- Average of 4.8 personnel on staff per day in July
- Full staffing for 21 days in August
- Seven complete blackout days for August – possibly down to four in September
- Talked with Chief Harwig about cooperative staffing from Falcon – no current interest, maybe in the future
- SAFER update: Awards have begun. No awards in Colorado thus far
- One inclusion request for a seven-lot parcel (40 acres) – properly registered

Old Business:

Minimum Staffing: This topic was already discussed during the public forum.

New Website: The new website will go live this Friday, August 17. Chief Rebitski reported that the new website has been loaded with a copy of the strategic plan, voter information, the audit and other items will be there and it is ready to go. Chair Langmaid emphasized that the new website needs to be kept current and recommended that a cadre of people be established to maintain it.

Ballot Measure Flyer: The proposed flyer was presented with the addition of language to explain the current potential cuts due to Gallagher. **Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved sending out the flyer; motion carried unanimously.** It was recommended that a work session be scheduled in the form of a town hall meeting to answer questions about the mill levy measure.

Submittal of ballot language: Chief Jack reported that he would submit the ballot language to the County on August 28th, 2018.

New Business:

None

Reports on Workshops and Meetings:

SDA Conference: Two members attended the conference this year.

Falcon Herald: Chair Langmaid provided an interview with the newspaper regarding the mill levy increase.

Correspondence:

Election IGA: The IGA was received today and approved by District general counsel. **A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the IGA; motion carried unanimously.**

Cancer and Heart Benefit: Chief Jack received a re-payment agreement wherein the District would agree to re-pay the trust should the District leave the liability pool. **A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the agreement; motion carried unanimously.**

Thank You: A "thank you" was presented thanking the District for saving the citizen's wife during a medical emergency and even checking on her later.

High Forest Ranch: An invitation was received inviting our firefighters and families to attend the annual BBQ on August 26 from 12-4 p.m.

Future Meetings The next regular board meeting will be held on September 19, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. An additional town hall meeting will be held September 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 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard McMorran, Board Vice-Chair