

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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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 September 9, 2020, such meeting duly posted for public notice.

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

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

Directors absent: None

Also present: Chief Langmaid/DC Rebitski/D. Arkowski/fire department personnel/OCN reporter  
Natalie Barszcz/Community Members

**Roll Call:** All directors were present.

**Minutes** A motion was made and seconded to approve the board meeting minutes for the August 19, 2020 regular board meeting; upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

**Financial Reports** Treasurer Hinton reported total unrestricted funds of \$1.283 million, with most of property taxes collected for the year. Overtime expenditures have increased due to covid and deployments and a shortage of three firefighters. This situation will be alleviated soon as four additional personnel have been hired. Mr. Hinton addressed Amendment B on the November 3 ballot, which, if passed, will eliminate the Gallagher Amendment and freeze current assessment rates at 7.15% for residential and 29% for commercial. If Amendment B does not pass, state economists predict the residential rate could drop to 5.8%, resulting in a 19% drop in revenue. Because the District has very little commercial property, this could cause a loss of more than \$500,000 for the District. In that event, the District could invoke their ability to increase the mill levy from 12.5 to the full 14.5 mills approved by voters in a past ballot question. If the City annexes Flying Horse North and Sterling Ranch, in concert perhaps with a falling residential rate, the District could be forced to cease operation. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the financial report; the motion carried unanimously.**

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

#### Administrative:

- Finance – Frances Esty has resigned her accounting position.
- Budget – drafting of the 2021 budget has begun. Each director was asked to submit a short bio to accompany the budget package.
- Personnel – four openings have been filled.

#### Logistics:

- Facilities – parking lots have been repaired; weed mitigation completed; inspection preparation is ongoing.
- Communications – the District will not receive an AFG grant for radio upgrades, and working with local agencies to improve communications.

In response to questioning from the board regarding the AFG grant, Chief Langmaid stated it is unclear why the grant was denied and will be investigated. The denial, however, does not affect the purchase of MDCs and a strategy is in progress to determine alternative methods for obtaining this equipment.

#### Operations:

- 96 calls last month.
- Deployment - two fire fighters deployed to the Grizzly Fire to relieve two who were deployed earlier; all four have returned. Captain Piepenburg deployed to Louisiana with FEMA to assist with Hurricane Laura and has returned. The District sent two captains and one firefighter with a type 3 engine to assist the Fort Collins area fire; they were relieved due to a snowfall that reduced the fire danger.
- Fleet – with two new ambulances in service the District may now dispose of three old ambulances and a command vehicle. RFPs for new type 1 engines and tactical tenders have been prepared, with copies provided to the directors.

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### Planning

- Fire Marshal Division – many requests being fielded for property address signs; impact fees have been questioned, noting that Security FD is unable to collect these fees.
- Training – work on the training center has been delayed slightly due to deployments but will be ready for utilization in a month or two.
- On-duty crews are engaging in training with CSFD.
- Crews have begun “Tactical Tuesday” training sessions.
- An overhead drill was successful, with the county responding with heavy equipment within ten minutes. Contractors are a reliable resource for the department.

### Other

- Shield 616 is a fund-raising effort, in conjunction with KOAA-TV, to raise enough funds to provide fire fighters with protective equipment.

### Old Business

- RFPs for Type 1 Engines and Tactical Tenders: Each director was provided with a large 3-ring binder containing ten RFPs for the potential purchase of fire apparatus. Chief Langmaid requested the board approve authority for the chief to begin the process of gathering cost projections for the equipment described in the RFPs. Director Dowden suggested that any motions on this matter be tabled until the October meeting due to the volume of the material to be studied, noting that the board has just received the RFPs and has not had time to read them. The Chief advised that he would have to amend the dates in the RFPs if the motion is delayed. The subject will be tabled until October.
- Disposition of three ambulances and a Ford Expedition: **A motion was duly made to approve and adopt resolutions to dispose of equipment as follows – Resolution 2020-08 to sell a 2010 Osage ambulance to TriCounty VFD; Resolution 2020-09 to donate a 2007 Wheeled Coach ambulance to Palmer Lake VFD; Resolution 2020-10 to donate a 2004 Wheeled Coach ambulance to Emergency Incident Support; and Resolution 2020-11 to sell a 2001 Ford Expedition to TriCounty VFD; motion received a second; upon a vote the motion was carried unanimously.** The 2010 Osage was sold for \$30,000; the 2001 Ford Expedition was sold for \$5,000.

### New Business None.

### Reports on Workshops and Meetings None.

Correspondence Resident Richard Painter has asked for clarification on the siting of the repeater tower on Swan Road. Chair Nearhoof will contact him.

### Public and Local 4502 Comments None.

Future Meetings The next regular meeting will be October 21, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment There being no further business, **and upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried,** the board adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Arkowski, Secretary