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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 16, 2022, such meeting duly posted for public notice.

A quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Nearhoof.

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

Directors absent: None

Also present: Chief Langmaid/Chief Rebitski/C. Piepenburg/D. Arkowski/R. Dunn/fire department personnel/and others via Zoom

Roll Call: All directors were present.

An oath and badge pinning ceremony for Dustin Courter was planned, but due to weather conditions, he was not present. This will be delayed until the April board meeting.

The Board was pleased to present a service award to Chairman Rick Nearhoof, recognizing him for his eight years of service on the Board of Directors.

Minutes A motion was made and seconded to approve the board meeting minutes for the February 16, 2022 regular board meeting; upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously with Treasurer Hinton abstaining.

Financial Reports Treasurer Hinton reported \$2.926 million in assets, \$1.471 million taxes received year to date, and 13.6% of budget expended to date. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the financial report; the motion carried unanimously.**

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

Previous Month Overview and Primary Focus

- Two structure fires in February
- Participated in a celebration of life ceremony for Director David Hoffpaur
- Four new temporary full-time wildland technicians identified and offered positions for mitigation work and deployments. Two will begin in March and two in May.
- Have been attending many meetings

Finance and Administrative:

- Tax revenue Feb. 2022 - \$1,471,794; ambulance revenue - \$14,340
- Notable expenses and arrivals – tires, bunker gear, portable radios, MDCs

Logistics:

- IT – Transfer in progress
- Fleet – repairs in some areas
- Facilities – overhead door repair; water drainage repair has begun at station 2

Operations:

- Training – well above minimum with 1187.5 recorded

Planning

- Flying Horse North will submit their revised plan to the County in March
- AMR staffing issues not impacting BFFR very much due to BF using BLS transport model

Community Risk Unit

- BFFR moved back to stage 1 fire restrictions but during red flag days will return to stage 2 restrictions. Notification to the public will be done through the BFFR website, social media, and signs.
- A 10,000 gallon cistern was approved along Bridle Bit Road

Responding to a question on wildland maps, Captain Piepenburg reported the maps are progressing well with the district broken into two strategic areas. All 91 tactical maps are plotted out with

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information pertaining to drop and dip sites, number of homes, and resources required.

Old Business 2022 Election Report – DEO Rachel Dunn: Four self-nominations were received for the three board vacancies, but only three of the individuals were eligible electors. Therefore, the election will be canceled and the three eligible nominees will be Chad Behnken, Nate Dowden (the incumbent vice chair), and Kierstan Tarvainen.

New Business None

Reports on Workshops and Meetings None

Vice Chair Dowden praised the department for the informative and professional videos that have been posted on social media.

Correspondence A thank-you letter was received from Mountain View FPD in Boulder County expressing appreciation for the assistance provided by BFFR in containing the Marshall Fire. Firefighter John Dillon was present and advised that he and a crew deployed December 30 to the Marshall Fire and spent five days assisting with suppression activities.

A thank-you note was received from Deb Hoffpauir, the widow of Director David Hoffpauir, thanking the district for the participation of the Honor Guard in the ceremony for David.

A thank-you note was received from a Black Forest family expressing gratitude for the BFFR's assistance throughout the illness of a family member.

It was asked if there has been any progress in identifying the problem properties that were included in recent public complaints for homes that were being used as Airbnb rentals in which the renters were loud and disruptive and building fires on the properties. This is a difficult situation, as many homes are being utilized in this way, and the fire department and the Sheriff's Office are attempting to enforce property use rules.

Public Comments Linda Smith questioned whether the multiple grass fires recently burning alongside Black Forest Road were considered intentional. Chief Langmaid stated the cause of the fires was undetermined and it is unknown if they were intentional.

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

Executive Session **A motion was made to adjourn into executive session per §24-6-402(4)(d) CRS to discuss security issues; the motion was seconded; calling for a vote, the motion carried unanimously.** The Board adjourned into executive session at 7:23 p.m.

The Board reconvened into open session at 8:11 p.m.

Adjournment There being no further business, the board adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Arkowski, Secretary