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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 April 22, 2026, such meeting duly posted for public notice.

A quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair K. Tarvainen.

Directors present: K. Tarvainen/J. Abendschan/T. Joyce/N. Dowden/J. Tarvainen

Directors absent: None

Also present: Chief Rocco via telephone/Chief Bartlett/Chief Cerrone/L. Emry/D. Arkowski/fire department personnel

Roll Call: All directors were present. A quorum was declared.

Agenda Approval: A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes A motion was made and seconded to approve the board meeting minutes for the March 25, 2026 regular board meeting; the motion carried unanimously.

Operations Reports A written report was prepared and given to all directors. A copy is attached to the minutes.

Finance and Administrative – Section Lead Lisa Emry:

- Notable revenues – property tax \$504,293; ambulance revenue \$32,290.
- Notable expenses – Knox Box in engine \$2,123; Knox Box in Station 1 \$2,372; three sets of rescue gear for single function paramedics \$3,825.
- Hours worked – Total hours 6,752, 28 OT, 523 hours deployment.

Logistics and Planning – Section Lead Rachel Dunn; report by Lisa Emry:

- Community Risk Reduction – Mitigation open house May 16 to include EPSO, FACO, MVEA, FM Joyce.

Fleet Management (Gavin Smith)

- Repair on Type 3 has begun.

Facilities

- HVAC - new units in Station 1.

Deployment

- Crew deployed to Highway 24 fire.
- Single resource virtually deployed.

Chief Cerrone Operations Report

- 99 total calls - 11 fire, 70 EMS, 18 other; 511 training hours – quality vs. quantity training time; mutual aid with MFD for chimney fire.

Inspections

- Cistern identification and inspection under development. Grants may be available for repairs.
- Commercial occupancy building inspection program under development. Purchasing software for this program that has been used by MFD. Approximately 40 commercial buildings in BFFRPD. Letters will be sent to the properties before an inspection.
- Daily fire danger determination continues with daily adjustments of signs.

Chief Rocco – Updates from the Chief's Office

- The impact fee is still in a 60-day cycle.
- Re possible transfer of Stimple land to BFFRPD, process is still under consideration. The land may be suitable for fire district use.
- The fire danger is extreme for the coming summer season and the district is focusing on preparedness, evacuation, increased volunteerism, town hall meetings, public information, and wild land skills for BFFRPD and neighboring areas.
- Fire engine that was purchased is planned for the proposed Station 3, which may or may not be built. The price of this type of engine has risen significantly since BFFRPD ordered it, and if the district should decide to sell it, a healthy profit would be realized. Upon delivery, this truck will be mothballed and not put into service. The truck will be delivered this summer, and the bank has agreed to loan the district the necessary funds for its purchase. It was noted that Appendix B of the

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board packet contains a letter from Front Range Fire Apparatus outlining the details of the truck purchase.

- Public Alliance training session is offered for staff concerning special district regulations. It was agreed to hold the session following the June 24 board meeting. Ms. Emry will organize.

Stimple land parcel Chief Cerrone inspected the parcel, and reported it is a wetland, has a utility line through the center, and the Black Forest Trails Organization (BFTO) is also present there. Potential plans for a fire station would utilize possibly 10,000 square feet. Discussions with the BFTO indicate they would be agreeable to cooperative land use for the fire district and the BFTO and the existing easements.

Old Business Nothing to report.

New Business Request for property exclusion: Property owner Karen Catov-Goodell, who owns three parcels at the north end of the BFFRPD, has requested exclusion of one of the parcels from the BFFRPD. One parcel is in the Monument FPD, and that department, rather than BFFRPD, has responded to her property in the past for calls. Ms. Catov-Goodell is paying fire protection taxes to both MFPD and BFFRPD. To avoid dual taxation, she wishes to be excluded from BFFRPD. The property description on the exclusion documents listed the property as 6650 Walker Road, 80918, and also as SW 4 NE 4 (the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter) Sec 18-11-65 and map sheet 5100033. Given the uncertainty concerning the correct legal property description, the board concurred that they were not averse to granting the exclusion request, but were requesting an accurate legal property description to accompany the request. As such, the exclusion request was tabled until such time that Ms. Catov-Goodell can provide the district an accurate legal property description.

WRC Update: Treasurer Joyce reported on recent meetings and briefs and progress being made on the IFC matter. There is agreement on processes to be followed, and cooperation among the petitioners. The IFC is on track for successful completion.

BFFRPD By-laws: The by-laws were amended in April of 2024 and changes were to be approved at the April 17, 2024 meeting. The amended by-laws were to be produced, but due to turmoil in district business at that time, the updating of the by-laws was overlooked, and the changes were never incorporated into the by-laws. This business will be included in the May 2026 agenda.

Concerning the adoption of impact fees and the updated fee schedule, these items will be included on the agenda for the May 27, 2026 board meeting.

Correspondence: None.

Public Comment: None.

Future Meetings: The next regular board meeting will be held on May 27, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment: There being no further business, **upon a motion, second, and unanimous vote, the board adjourned at 6:42 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Arkowski
Recording Secretary