

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF STRATMOOR HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors for the Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District was held pursuant to notice at 4:10 p.m. on June 16, 2021. Board Members present: President Robert Colgrove, Vice-President James Pesicka, Secretary/Treasurer John Willcox, Director Joseph Novak, and Director Dianne Cooper. District Personnel present: Fire Chief Shawn Bittle and Administrative Chief Dottie Barrett.

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

It was moved and seconded (Pesicka/Willcox) to approve the Board meeting minutes for May 19, 2021. The motion passed unanimously with all Directors voting.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved and seconded (Pesicka/Willcox) to approve the published agenda. The motion passed unanimously with all Directors voting.

Public Comment

Unfinished Business

Fire Chief Report

- May Calls per District
- Status reports
 - Chiefs' notes – see attached informational sheet-
 - Informed the Board that Captain Ortega applied to the El Pomar Foundation for the same fire truck that he applied for under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant. El Pomar has contacted staff several times for more financial and vehicle specifications information and hopefully staff will hear something by the end of July. Chief reported the worst that can happen is that we end up with two (2) new fire trucks.
 - Reported that the painting schedule continues – the foyer and bathroom will be finished soon. Supply cabinets have been ordered and are ready for install in the big bathroom to help keep the supplies clean and orderly. Once the main part of the station is finished, then the carpet in the training room, bunk room and back office will be removed, and flooring will be replaced. The training room will also be painted, the bookshelves will be removed, and the stage will possibly be removed as well.

- Apparatus - (responsibility assigned to – D/E Lindsey)
 - 414 Multi-plexor problem has been fixed – it was a computer on the Driver's side back compartment that had water damage. HME replaced the part for free.
 - The Ambulance and Suburban are both on the Auction block and the Auction ends in 8-10 days. The Ambulance bid is up to \$3,000.00 and the Suburban is up to \$2,600.00.
 - Brush Truck 440's water pump is in the shop for repairs.
 - Brush Truck 441 had some repairs to the steering box and steering column; however, it is still wobbly when all of the equipment is loaded. The truck is going to Rocky Mountain Springs vehicle shop on Thursday, June 17, 2021, for possible repairs on the spring mounts. The springs were replaced in 2016 so they may need to be replaced again.
 - Brush Truck 441's car stereo was replaced, and the Wildland Firefighter Radio was installed this week.
- Training (responsibility assigned to – Chief Bittle)
- Inspections (responsibility assigned to – Mark Stanwood)
- Recruiting (responsibility assigned to – Chief Bittle)
 - The current recruits are still doing great in the Fire Academy and will graduate on September 11, 2021.
 - Staff is planning the next recruit Academy to start at the end of July with possibly bringing on Sixteen (16) more recruits. If the department does bring on that many recruits, then Chief plans on promoting another Volunteer to an Administrative Lt. to help with the span of control for members.
- Gear (responsibility assigned to – D/E Frazier)
- EMS (responsibility assigned to D/E Bosch)

Administrative Chief Report

- Discussed with the Board that they Special District Association (SDA) Annual Regional Virtual Workshop will be aired on Tuesday, June 29, 2021. This is a free Workshop for them to attend.
- Discussed with the Board that at the August 19, 2020, Board meeting, former CEO Darin Anstine informed the Board that TOMA Alliance Group, LLC, c/o Danny Mientka of the Equity Group LLC filed a Petition of Exclusion for the property located at 2864 S. Circle Dr. The Board approved the Exclusion in a Resolution, however, Danny Mientka called Chief Barrett on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, and informed her that he never filed the Petition with the courts. As a result the Fire District has continued to received property tax revenue for this property – he will be filing the Petition soon and once it is approved through the courts, the Fire District will no longer receive those taxes. Mr. Mientka did state that the District will not have to pay back the funds but moving forward we will no longer collect any tax revenue. The loss of revenue will be approximately \$24,000.00 to the Fire District.

Mule Train Fire Protection Contract

Chief Barrett informed the Board that the Al-Kaly Mule Train located at 3415 Janitell Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80906 has a Fire protection contract with the department, and it needs to be renewed at this Board meeting. Allan Ake has notified of the Fire District that they are wanting to renew and will submit his signed contract and payment for the President and Secretary to sign. It was moved and seconded (Willcox/Pesicka) to approve the Mule Train Fire Protection Contract and allow the President and Secretary to sign the contract. The motion passed unanimously with all Directors voting

Pikes Peak Community College Contract

Chief Barrett informed the Board that Rockie Hurrell of Pikes Peak Community College (PPCC) has submitted the 3rd year renewal of the 5-year Intergovernmental Contract with Pikes Peak Community College. Chief Barrett received the renewal with an increase of 2.7% and the District will receive \$63,196.12 for the year payable per quarter of \$15,799.03. Copies of the contract were distributed to the Board members. It was moved and seconded (Pesicka/Willcox) to accept the Intergovernmental Contract for Fire and EMS Protection with PPCC and allow the President to electronically sign said contract. The motion passed unanimously with all Directors voting

V1 Volunteer Membership Requirements Policy Update

Chief Bittle presented this policy at the May Board meeting for approval and is now requesting approval on the second and final reading. Director Cooper informed the Board that when she came on the Board in 2016, the Fire District's Attorney, Glenn Schlabs informed her that the District needs to have separate policies for the career staff and volunteers. Chief Bittle stated he showed the policy to several surrounding Fire Department Fire Chiefs, and they all agreed that the policy was very precise and defined regarding the department's expectations of Volunteers. It was moved and seconded (Pesicka/Willcox) to approve V1 Volunteer Membership Requirements Policy update on the second and final reading. The motion passed unanimously with all Directors voting

Financial Reports

The May check register report where the taxes, employee retirement and paycheck (Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT)) payments are highlighted; was enclosed for the Directors' review. It was moved and seconded (Pesicka/Willcox) to approve the financial reports as presented for the District for the month of May 2021, subject to audit. The motion passed unanimously with all Directors voting. Copies of the financial reports are attached to these minutes and made a part hereof.

Chief Barrett informed the Board that Ann Terry, Executive Director of the Special District Association emailed a Legislative Article on bill SB 21-293 – Property Tax Classification and Assessment Rates. This bill addresses property tax assessments by reducing some assessment rates for a short period of time (2-years) effecting years 2022 and 2023. The reduction affects single and multiple residential property

agricultural and non-residential property used to produce renewable energy. Per Ann, this bill is expected to decrease local government property tax revenue by \$193.1 million in 2023 and by \$209.5 million in 2024. This bill could cost Special District's approximately 18.9% - 20% across the board. SB 21-293 was introduced to help fight off a November 2021 Ballot issue (2021-2022 #27) that has been proposed to be a permanent tax assessment rate reduction from 7.15% to 6.5% for single family residents and 29% to 26.4% for non-resident - which could cost Special District approximately \$200.6 million. Ann Terry stated this will be an uphill battle for the SDA especially if the voters approve the 2021-2022 #27 ballot issue. Staff will continue to keep the Board informed.

Executive Session

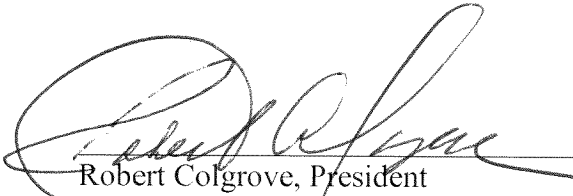
Other Business

Adjournment

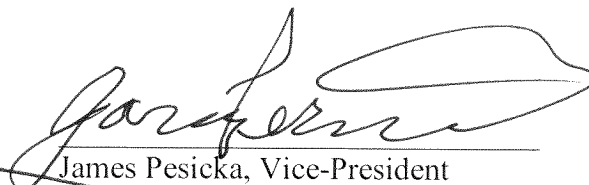
It was noted that the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting would be held at 3:00 p.m. on July 20, 2021, at 2160 B Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80906.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at

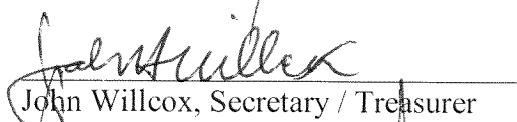
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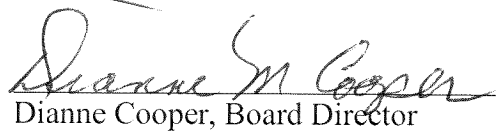
Robert Colgrove, President



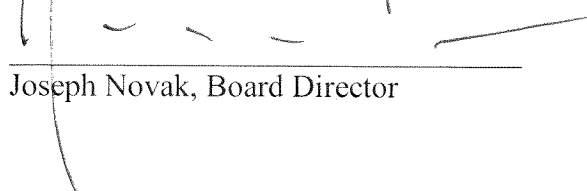
James Pesicka, Vice-President



John Willcox, Secretary / Treasurer



Dianne Cooper, Board Director



Joseph Novak, Board Director