

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 4:00 p.m. on June 12, 2024.

Board Members present: President Robert Colgrove, Vice-President James Pesicka, Secretary/Treasurer John Willcox and Director Cindy Dent and Director Richard Dull.

District Personnel present: Fire Chief Shawn Bittle via telephone and Administrative Chief Dottie Barrett.

Audience members: Volunteer Steve Carter, Consultant Joe O'Donnell, Blue Ribbon Panel representatives Mastin Agee, Gloria Epps, Steve Parker, Jen Buckley and Kathy Corcoran.

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

It was moved and seconded (Pesicka/Willcox) to approve the Board meeting minutes for May 15, 2024. The motion passed unanimously with all Directors voting.

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comment

Unfinished Business

New and Miscellaneous Business:

Fire Chief Report –

- April & May Calls per District – due to several illnesses – this report will be late.
- Status reports –
 - Chiefs' notes –
 - Apparatus - (responsibility assigned to – D/E Patalano)
 - Training (responsibility assigned to – Chief Bittle)
 - Inspections (responsibility assigned to – Mark Stanwood)
 - Recruiting (responsibility assigned to – Chief Bittle)
 - Recruit Class is going well – the students just finished the Hazmat section and have taken their State Hazmat Test.
 - The next section is the FFI -
 - Gear (responsibility assigned to – FF Jones)
 - EMS (responsibility assigned to D/E Bosch)
 - B Shift (Ortiz/Rhodes) had a clinical save on a 34-year-old woman and staff is monitoring her recovery.

- Wildland (responsibility assigned to D/E Ortiz)

Administrative Chief Report

Nothing to report

Reserve Driver Job Description Update

Chief Bittle informed the Board at the May Board meeting that he updated this Job Description and is requesting the update be approved on the second and final reading. It was moved and seconded (Pesicka/Dull) to approve the Reserve Driver Job Description update on the second and final reading. The motion passed unanimously with all Directors voting.

Blue-Ribbon Panel Recommendation (BRP)

Jen Buckley from the Blue-Ribbon Panel read a presentation that she wrote for the Board's consideration of a Mill-Levy increase. Several other members of the BRP gave statements on how much they have learned from the three (3) months of meetings, graphs, budget statements etc. that was presented to them that convinced the members that the Fire District needs a Mill Levy increase to continue operating. Ms. Buckley informed the Board that the BRP came up with a ten (10) Mill Levy increase to help hire more personnel, purchase a Tactical Tender for Wildland Deployments and help put funds away for future vehicle purchases. President Colgrove thanked all members of the BRP for their time and work they contributed to help come up with the conclusion they have. It was moved and seconded (Pesicka/Willcox) to accept the BRP's recommendation of having a Mill Levy increase on the November Ballot. The motion passed unanimously with all Directors voting.

O'Donnell and O'Donnell LLP

Chief Bittle introduced John O'Donnell from O'Donnell and O'Donnell LLP to the Board of Directors at the May Board meeting and Mr. O'Donnell returned today to find out what the BRP's recommendation would be. Mr. O'Donnell stated he would need to request some information from the Board and the BRP panel so he can formulate some plans for the advertising of the Mill Levy Campaign. It was moved and seconded (Pesicka/Dull) to table this matter until the July Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously with all Directors voting.

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 the contract is due to be renewed at this Board meeting. Allan Ake was notified of the charges of \$699.77 due and has submitted the signed and notarized contract, along with the payment of \$699.77. It was moved and seconded (Pesicka/Dull) 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 State College Contract

Chief Barrett informed the Board that James Gellenbeck of Pikes Peak State College (PPSC) has submitted the annual contract for renewal and the college has increased the contract five (5)% for a total of \$77,612.68 to be paid in four (4) payments of \$19,403.17. It was moved and seconded (Pesicka/Willcox) to accept the Intergovernmental Contract for Fire and EMS Protection with PPSC and allow the President to electronically sign said contract. The motion passed unanimously with all Directors voting.

Frazee Construction Fire Protection Contract

Chief Barrett informed the Board that Mr. Jeremy Frazee of Frazee Construction located at 2875 E. Las Vegas, Colorado Springs, CO 80906 has requested the Fire protection contract with the department to be renewed and due and has already submitted a signed notarized copy of the contract and his payment \$5,172.46. It was moved and seconded (Pesicka/Dull) to approve the Frazee Construction Fire Protection Contract and allow the President and Secretary to sign the contract. The motion passed unanimously with all Directors voting.

Colorado Firefighter Heart, Cancer and Behavioral Health Benefits Trust Resolution

Chief Barrett explained to the Board of Directors that the Fire District currently is a member of the Colorado Firefighter Trust Heart and Cancer Award Coverage, however, we are not a participant in the Heart Award Program. The enclosed resolution includes all three (3) programs, and the Heart Award Program is reimbursed to the Department through DOLA (Department of Local Affairs) and the program allows the full-time firefighters to get a yearly heart exam for their health and if there is any heart issues upon retirement, they are insured through this program. It was moved and seconded (Pesicka/Willcox) to approve the Colorado Firefighter Heart, Cancer and Behavioral Health Benefits Trust Resolution and have President Colgrove and Secretary/Treasurer Willcox sign the resolution. The motion passed unanimously with all Directors voting.

Financial Reports

The May 2024 check register report where the taxes and employee retirement (Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT)) payments are highlighted was enclosed for the Directors' review. It was moved and seconded (Pesicka/Dull) to approve the financial reports as presented for the District for the month of May 2024, 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.

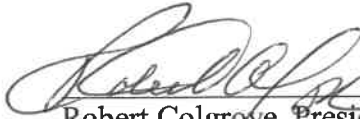
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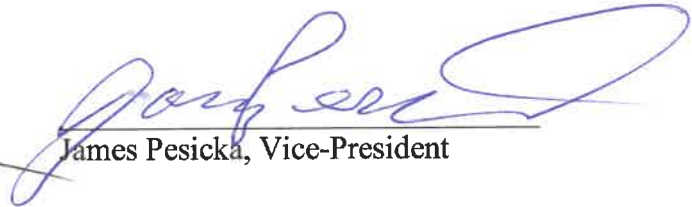
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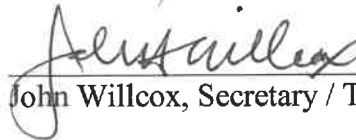
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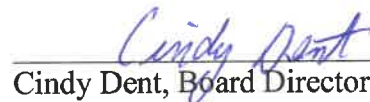
It was noted that the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting would be held at 3:00 p.m. on July 17, 2024, at 2160 B Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80906.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 pm. (Pesicka/Willcox)



Robert Colgrove, President

James Pesicka, Vice-President

John Willcox, Secretary / Treasurer

Cindy Dent, Board Director

Richard Dull, Board Director