

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 4:15 p.m. on July 18, 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.

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

It was moved and seconded (Pesicka/Willcox) to approve the Board meeting minutes for June 12, 2024. The motion passed unanimously with all Directors voting.

Approval of Agenda

Chief Barrett informed the Board that the date on the Agenda was incorrect and should be July 17, 2024.

Chief Bittle informed the Board that F-1 – O'Donnell and O'Donnell LLP item needs to be removed until Fire District Attorney Andrew Swan has a chance to look over the agreement and Mr. Swan stated the Board should not be signing this agreement. Chief Bittle informed the Board that he instead wants to add Wildland Radio Purchase to the F-1 position.

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

Public Comment

Unfinished Business

New and Miscellaneous Business:

Fire Chief Report

- April, May and June Calls per District – Chief Bittle reported that April and May were busy months, but June slowed down a lot.
- Status reports
 - Chiefs' notes – see attached informational sheet)
 - Chief stated that he felt Jen Buckley from the BRP did an excellent job with her presentation at the June Board meeting and is looking forward to working with all of the members for the Mill-Levy Increase Campaign.
 - Chief asked the Board if they were able to read the notes from District residents and Hanover FD that were included in

their packets. He informed the Board of the incident that took place with the lady who came in for a hug and walked out feeling better about coming here.

- Apparatus - (responsibility assigned to – D/E Patalano)
 - Brush Truck 440 is deployed to Cambel County, Wyoming to Sleepy Hollow Park – Severity Watch.
 - Brush Truck 441 is out of Service due to Transmission Issues. The transmission repair should be covered by Jasper Transmissions. The truck is currently at Eagle Automotive in Loveland Colorado.
 - 451 is also deployed to Cambel County, Wyoming.
- Training (responsibility assigned to – Chief Bittle)
- Inspections (responsibility assigned to – Mark Stanwood)
- Recruiting (responsibility assigned to – Chief Bittle)
 - Chief reported that the Recruit Class is going well, and the students are almost done with FFI and will move onto FFII program.
 - Graduation is still scheduled for Saturday, October 19th at 15:00 hrs.
- Gear (responsibility assigned to – FF Jones)
- EMS (responsibility assigned to D/E Bosch)
- Wildland (responsibility assigned to D/E Ortiz)

Administrative Chief Report

Nothing to report

O'Donnell and O'Donnell LLP

Chief Bittle informed the Board that the Fire District Attorney Andrew Swan is looking over the agreement and has recommended that the Board does not sign this agreement. Mr. Swan stated that the campaign committee Chairperson and Co-Chairperson should sign this agreement instead.

Wildland Radio Purchase

Chief Bittle presented a Radio Purchase package for VHF/800 Bendix Wildland Radios to the Board and informed them that staff does not have enough Wildland Radios to man two (2) trucks for deployments. Chief explained how the radios work on a Wildland deployment and stated that by purchasing the VHF/800 Bendix Wildland Radios, staff can deploy two (2) trucks at a time and both vehicles will have the correct equipment on them. It was moved and seconded (Pesicka/Willcox) to approve the \$19,133.00 purchase of four (4) Wildland Bendix radios. The motion passed unanimously with all Directors voting.

Financial Reports

The June 2024 check register report where the taxes and employee retirement (Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT)) payments are highlighted was enclosed for the Directors' review. Chief Barrett informed the Board that the State released the funds that the District lost with the new Residential Rate Assessment in May. It was moved and seconded (Pesicka/Willcox) to approve the financial reports as presented for the District for the month of June 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.

VII. Executive Session

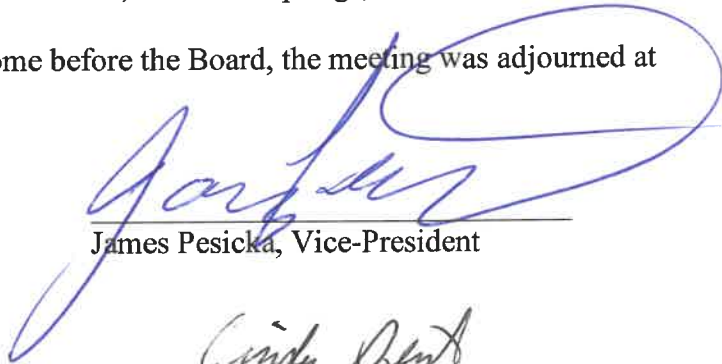
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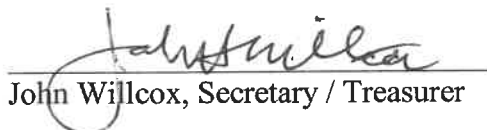
Adjournment

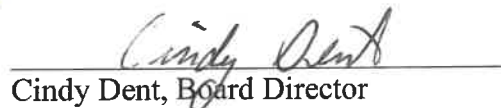
It was noted that the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting would be held at 3:00 p.m. on August 21, 2024, at 2160 B Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80906.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm. (Pesicka/Willcox)


Robert Colgrove, President


James Pesicka, Vice-President


John Willcox, Secretary / Treasurer


Cindy Dent, Board Director


Richard Dull, Board Director