

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 4:16 p.m. on October 16, 2024.

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

District Personnel present: Fire Chief Shawn Bittle and Administrative Chief Dottie Barrett. Audience members: Steve Carter; Volunteer for the District.

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

It was moved and seconded (Pesicka/Willcox) to approve the Board meeting minutes for September 18, 2024. The motion passed unanimously with all Directors voting.

Approval of Agenda

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

- Calls per District – Due to deployments this report is late
- Status reports
 - Chiefs' notes –
 - Reported that one (1) of the Troubled Youth Outreach program members was removed from the program.
 - The other youth is thriving and doing quite well.
 - Apparatus - (responsibility assigned to – D/E Patalano)
 - **Engine 410:** In Service – Just returned from Northeast Teller County Fire for annual inspection. **Total Cost of Inspection and Repairs \$5,930.00.**
 - **Engine 418:** In Service – Just returned from Northeast Teller County Fire for annual inspection. **Total Cost of Inspection and Repairs \$475.00.** Returned today 10-16-2024 for warranty work. **Total Cost of Repairs \$0.00.**
 - **Engine 414:** In Service – Will be going to Northeast Teller County Fire by the end of the month.

- **Brush Truck 441:** In Service – Will be going to Northeast Teller County Fire by the end of the month.
- **Brush Truck 440:** In Service - Just returned from Northeast Teller County Fire for annual inspection. **Total Cost of Inspection and Repairs \$367.00**
 - Training (responsibility assigned to – Chief Bittle)
 - Inspections (responsibility assigned to – Mark Stanwood)
 - Recruiting (responsibility assigned to – Chief Bittle)
 - Graduation this Saturday, October 19, 2024 @ 1500 hrs. at the Church For All Nations 2188 Executive Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80906
 - Gear (responsibility assigned to – FF Jones)
 - EMS (responsibility assigned to D/E Bosch)
 - Wildland (responsibility assigned to D/E Ortiz)

Administrative Chief Report

Informed the Board of Directors of who the gentleman was that sent the Board of Directors a letter regarding the Mill Levy Ballot proposal.

2025 Budget

Chief Barrett informed the Board that Colorado Statute requires that the Budget Officer submit the proposed 2025 budget to the Board by October 15th. The proposed Budget was delivered to the Board of Directors on Friday, September 27, 2024. Upon receipt of the proposed budget the Board must publish the “Notice of Budget” setting a date and time for public comment on the proposed budget. It was moved and seconded by (Pesicka/Willcox) to acknowledge receipt of the proposed 2025 budget. To set and publish a public hearing as required by Colorado Statute for November 20, 2024, at the Board of Directors meeting. To set the date of December 11, 2024, at 3:00 pm for the Board of Directors meeting to adopt the final budget. The motion passed unanimously with all Directors voting.

FDIC Resolution

At the September Board of Directors meeting Chief Bittle requested the raise that the Board was going to give him be put into a FDIC Training Budget to send several employees and volunteers to the annual conference. It was moved and seconded (Pesicka/Willcox) to approve Resolution No. 2024-04 FDIC Training Budget. The motion passed unanimously with all Directors voting.

Financial Reports

The September 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/Willcox) to approve the financial reports as presented for the District for the month of September 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

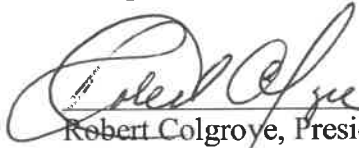
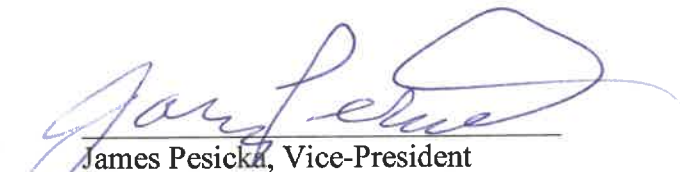
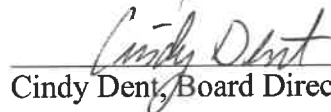
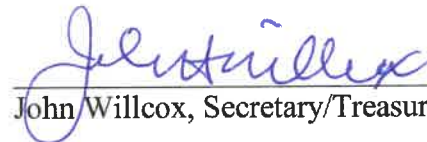
Other Business

- Chief Bittle informed the Board that he has heard numerous rumors that a group of individuals are spreading false information regarding the Mill Levy Increase, as a result, he will be doing a Live presentation of the Slide Show on the Fire Department's Facebook page, and it will remain on the Facebook page until the Election.

Adjournment

It was noted that the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting would be held at 3:00 p.m. on November 20, 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 4:27 pm. (Pesicka/Dent)


Robert Colgrove, President
James Pesicka, Vice-President
Cindy Dent, Board Director
John Willcox, Secretary/Treasurer