

11-19-2024 Authority Board Meeting Minutes

Swearing in: Single Role Paramedic Leslie Arce Palestina, Firefighter Paramedic Austin Childers, and Firefighter Paramedic Sethany Sass

Roll Call: President Van Walraven, Vice President Arthur, Treasurer Striegler, Board Member Duroux, Board Member Heivly, Board Member Young, Deputy Chief of Administration Issel, IT Director Johnson, Deputy Chief of Operations Cornelius (life-size), Finance Director J Thompson, Chief S Thompson, Division Chief of Training Palmer, Fire Marshal Mele, Deputy Fire Marshal Stott, Secretary Diamond. Other team members for the swearing-in.

Call to order: 9:21 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: Treasurer Striegler motioned to approve the October 15, 2024 meeting minutes. Board Member Duroux seconded the motion. All Board Members were in favor, no discussion, and none were opposed to accepting the minutes.

Attorney Report: No Report

Chief Thompson Report: Chief Thompson congratulated Single Role Paramedic Leslie Arce Palestina, Firefighter Paramedic Austin Childers, and Firefighter Paramedic Sethany Sass, who were sworn in today.

-Chief Thompson said Board Member Young told him about an issue that needed to be addressed. Chief Thompson said many volunteers since 2020 have yet to receive their years of service award for more than ten years of service at Roaring Fork Fire Rescue. Chief Thompson would like to give them awards at the Annual Award Dinner in January. Chief Thompson would also like to extend this to paid staff when they leave with over 10 years of service. Board Member Young agrees that volunteers are needed, and we must thank them for their work.

-Chief Thompson reminds the Board of the groundbreaking ceremony today at 10:00 a.m. following the Board Meeting.

Finance Report: Finance Director J Thompson noted changes under capital outlay replacement on page 27. Finance Director J Thompson said some of the change occurred because of the movement between when we were going to get the trucks and when they were ordered. Finance Director J Thompson told the Board the first change was that we had a tender scheduled for 2023 delivery, now being delivered in 2025, adding \$400,000 to the line item. Finance Director J Thompson said we were supposed to receive a brush truck in 2024, and now we will receive it in 2025, but since we prepaid for both the trucks, that lowered the price, and we will now receive two trucks in 2025. Finance Director J Thompson said the 2025 Thomasville type one truck priced at \$450,000 is now coming in at \$550,000, a \$100,000 increase. Finance Director J Thompson told the Board that the Battalion Four vehicle costs \$100,000. Finance Director J Thompson said we went up 4% on capital purchases, from \$900,000 to 1.6 million.

-Finance Director J Thompson told the Board that the second reading for all the budgets is December 3, 2024. Finance Director J Thompson told the Board that Eagle County said they would get me the final assessments the last week in November. Finance Director J Thompson said Pitkin County assessments may be in on December 2, 2024. Finance Director J Thompson hopes to have all the numbers in time for the December Board Meeting. Finance Director J Thompson said if Pitkin County does not have the numbers in time, I will ask the Board to pre-approve the second reading, knowing we will slightly change

the numbers. Finance Director J Thompson told the Board that once the mill levy is set and the numbers are in, she has a deadline of December 15, 2024, to send them to the counties, which means they will go out by December 7, 2024. Finance Director J Thompson said the adopted budget needs to be submitted to the State by the end of December. President Van Walraven asks the Finance Director to email the final updates to the Board when they are finished.

-Finance Director J Thompson offered the Finance Specialist position to an applicant and is waiting to hear about the start date

HR Report: Human Resource Director Thomas was unable to attend the meeting and had Secretary Diamond read the following memo:

- At the December 3 board meeting, HR will present a new volunteer program with updated Member-in-Good-Standing guidelines, Health and Wellness benefits, and retirement (LOSAP). We would move to approval and implementation for January 2025 if approved.
- On October 20, 2024, we started a new volunteer academy that was completed on November 3, 2024. We have, in total, 12 new volunteers with the Authority.
- We are starting the new part-time members on December 1, 2024. We have seven (7) new part-time members starting.
- We started Bamboo HR project implementation on November 5, 2024. Weekly project meetings are scheduled, and homework is assigned for each meeting. The anticipated project completion date is December 11, 2024.

Fire Marshal Report: President Van Walraven commended Fire Marshal Mele in the press article on lithium batteries. Great job.

Deputy Fire Marshall Stott requests an amendment to the code adoption from 2023 regarding new underground parking for electric vehicles (E V) charging to be designed to a higher standard. Deputy Fire Marshall Stott is asking this amendment to be added to code adoption for new parking garages only.
Discussion

Motion: Vice President Arthur motioned to accept the amendment for new parking garages to be designed to a higher standard for electric vehicles. Board Member Heivly seconded the motion, and all Board Members favored the motion, with none opposed.

Cornelius Report: Deputy Chief Cornelius told the Board that for October, there were 225.5 total volunteer hours and 223 total incidents, and 88 were EMS-related incidents. Deputy Chief Cornelius said there was a total of 195 incidents in October and 74 EMS-related incidents, an increase of 28 incidents or 14.4%. Deputy Chief Cornelius said that, for the 2024 year to date, there were 2331 total incidents and 1084 EMS-related incidents. Deputy Chief Cornelius compared this to the 2023 year to date with 2224 total incidents and 1001 EMS-related incidents, for an increase of 107 incidents or +4.8%.

-Deputy Chief Cornelius told the Board that Marcus Gerbaz is enrolled in the Denver Health Paramedic Education Program, and Nick Braun is enrolled in the Colorado Mountain College Paramedic Education Program. Deputy Chief Cornelius said Marcus has entered the capstone phase of his field internship and will graduate on Friday, December 13, 2024. Deputy Chief Cornelius said Nick is completing hospital clinicals throughout November.

- Deputy Chief Cornelius told the Board that Leslie "Lucy" Arce Palestina, Jacob Cader, and Peter Whitlock are nearing completion of the CMC Fire Academy. Deputy Chief Cornelius said they are completing the Hazardous Materials portion, and their graduation is planned for Friday, December 13, 2024.

- Deputy Chief Cornelius said Aaron, Crae, and himself traveled to Washington for an October 17th pre-construction meeting for the new ambulance. Deputy Chief Cornelius said the anticipated delivery date is September or October 2025.

-Deputy Chief Cornelius told the Board that due to delays from ITURRI's suppliers in some key components, the first Wildland 3 will be delayed. Deputy Chief Cornelius said the anticipated delivery will now be in February 2025. Deputy Chief Cornelius said our chassis has already been painted at the ITURRI factory in Creswell. Deputy Chief Cornelius told the Board they are traveling for a December 5th pre-construction meeting for the first Mini-Pumper, and the delivery is anticipated in June.

Issel Report: Deputy Chief Issel said all six stations are winterized, and all 19 units are rented.

Deputy Chief Issel asks permission to take home vehicles even if out of the area during the Station 42 construction period as we need to make more parking space. Vice President Arthur wanted to make sure the vehicles had logos. Deputy Chief Issel said Yes. Board Members were okay with this during the Station 42 construction.

Master Plan Discussion: Chief Thompson updated several items on the master plan, and the list is current.

Public Comments: None

Board Member Comments: Board Member Young commented on a call for service where RFFR responds to a citizen who needs a lift assist. Board Member Young said that simply helping an immobile person is a small help that we provide, and it touches the lives of people who need it; your services are extraordinary.

Staff Comments: Chief Thompson wants to thank the union members for the Highway 82 Clean-up from Original Road to El Jebel.

Old Business: none

New Business: Volunteer meeting December 3, 2024. Vice President Arthur volunteered to attend.

Adjournment: Board Member Duroux motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Vice President Arthur seconded the motion. All were in favor of ending the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Ground Breaking Ceremony occurred at 10:00 a.m.

To watch the full video, use the link: <https://youtu.be/pHFOZSGCCbE>.