

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

BASALT & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING February 25, 2021

Roll:

President Ed Van Walraven called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. Other Board members present were Leroy Duroux, Mark Kittle, and Vonda Williams. Chief Scott Thompson, Deputy Chief Pete Bradshaw, Human Resources Director Renee Thomas, Finance Director Jennifer Thompson, IT Director Erik Johnson, Captain Robert Sardinsky, Firefighter Bryce Christensen.

Minutes of December 10, 2020:

Director Vonda Williams made a motion to accept the minutes, the motion was seconded by Director Leroy Duroux. All were in favor and the motion carried 4 – 0.

Chief's Report:

Chief Thompson stated that the additional \$75,000 in matching grant money from the State for the well for Station 46 was approved. This brings the total amount of our grant with DOLA to \$975,000. We have received for a grant extension on the \$900,000 until 2021. The well permit was submitted to water court. We've just paid the required percentage of the permit fee and are now in queue for a building permit. It will be nine to ten months before we can get a building permit. DOLA is also giving Pitkin County \$4,000,000 in grant money for the public safety radio and microwave system. We are going to try to get our permit by next spring.

The Pitkin County Building Department is going to charge us approximately \$18,000 for a building permit. Chief Thompson is going to go before the Board of County Commissioners and ask them to help us out with some of their discretionary funds. We hope to receive a building permit next summer.

Deputy Chief of Operations Report:

Deputy Chief Pete Bradshaw thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to serve the District. He appreciates the time that he has spent here. He has accepted the Fire Chief's position in Lafayette, Colorado and will be leaving us 3/19/21.

Deputy Chief of Administration Report:

No Report

Division Chief of EMS Report:

No Report

Division Chief of Training Report:

No Report

Attorney's Report:

No Report

Finance Report:

Finance Director Jennifer Thompson stated that the on-site portion of the audit went smoothly. She was able to submit 95% of the documentation electronically. A few operational items were brought up regarding inventory. We should start our property tax checks from Pitkin County via auto-deposit very soon.

We received the S & P global rating for both Districts. B&RFPD received a rating of AA- and SWFPD received a rating of AA.

HR Report:

HR Director Thomas stated that we just promoted two part-time personnel to full-time positions. Another full-time position opening closes tomorrow. We have recently advertised for fleet maintenance technician and more part-time personnel.

We will begin working on replacing Deputy Chief Bradshaw in the near future.

Board Member Comments:

Director Van Walraven stated that he had attended the virtual life saver awards ceremony. It was very impressive. He was happy the way things turned out. All of the agencies worked well together. All of the training that they've done worked out. Thanks to everyone involved.

Director Kittle and Williams thanked administration for the gift of the bag and key chain.

Staff Comments:

None

Public Comments:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

Authority Board Report:

Chief Thompson explained the COVID vaccination policy for the Board. The policy has been well received. We have vaccinated 95% of our personnel. There are no agencies in the State of Colorado that Attorney Bob Cole can find that have adopted a mandatory vaccination policy.

We had some additional people qualify for LOSAP in 2020 due to the decreased requirements because of COVID restrictions. Twenty-five people qualified in 2020 for a total of \$25,000.

Executive Session:

None

Training Opportunities:

None

Non-Agenda Items:

Director John Young stated that he will attend the virtual Town Hall style volunteer meeting on March 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Director Mark Kittle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Director Leroy Duroux, and the motion carried 4 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

To view this meeting in its entirety, please follow the link below.

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