



**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 18, 2024**

Roll Call: President Van Walraven, Board Member Young, Vice President Arthur, Treasure Striegler, Board Member Duroux, HR Director Thomas, Finance Director Thompson, Chief Thompson, Deputy Chief Issel, Executive Administrative Assistant Diamond, Deputy Chief Cornelius, IT Director Johnson, Deputy Fire Marshal Stott, and Fire Marshal Mele (Lifesize).

-Swearing in of Watkins, Whitlock

9:05—President Van Walraven called the meeting to order. There was a discussion about fixing the roll call names from the last meeting. Treasure Striegler motioned to accept the minutes with the correction. Board Member Duroux seconded the motion. The motion passed, and none were opposed.

Chief's report: Chief Thompson said Station 46 irrigation and landscaping is done. Chief Thompson will work with our attorney to figure out compensation for the loss of \$250,000.

-Chief Thompson said Station 42 will remodel its site to add 6000 sq ft, and the design crew is working on the final numbers.

-Chief Thompson said there is a hearing today with Fire Marshals and the public regarding Whiskey Mountain. Chief Thompson reminded the Board that abiding by the International Fire Codes is what we do.

-Chief Thompson said our new Wildfire Severity Crew training has been successful. Chief Thompson added that they have demonstrated a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm, and we are all pleased to have their extra help.

Finance Report: Finance Director Thompson said the preliminary draft report for Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority came with several adjustments from last year. Finance Director Thompson said if the Board wants the auditor to come up, we must tell them by the end of July.

-Finance Director Thompson said the fixed assets were the oversized items; those assets are set at \$5,000 and up. Finance Director Thompson noted this fall, we will work on a plan for a good, easy, cost-effective program to audit our fixed assets. Chief Thompson suggests *fixit* that we already have to tag assets.

-Discussion on the depreciation on capital purchases over 5,000 dollars for the fiscal year.

-Finance Director Thompson said the bond interest payment has been promptly made, and we are awaiting more Station 46 bills.

HR Report: HR Director Thomas presented the Board with the same presentation she gave to the entire staff for the 2024 compensation presentation, which was recorded for anyone to review if they missed it. Discussion included overtime, FPPA, and the financial means to roll out and fund the program. The Board likes the step program and thinks this will reinforce our future; good job attracting and retaining the members you have and are getting. The HR Director comments that the staff is appreciative.

Fire Marshal Report: Fire Marshal Stott echoed what Chief Thompson said about Whiskey Mountain: we abide by the International Fire Code.

-Fire Marshal Stott said the fire danger is high

-Treasure Young discussed hardening homes and making it easier for citizens to obtain a county permit. Treasure Young wants the Board to consider their support for making it easier for homeowners. Discussion to get change to happen ensued.

Deputy Cornelius Report: Deputy Cornelius gave the Board the year-to-date data.

-Deputy Cornelius reviewed licensing on ambulances.

-Deputy Cornelius welcomed Firefighter Paramedic Tyler Yoder to the paramedic program in Denver. Deputy Chief Cornelius told the Board that Paramedic Sethan Sass will be onboarding on July 1, 2024.

-Deputy Cornelius told the Board that the new Severity Crew has completed the onboarding process. Deputy Cornelius said they had a patrol on the east side and west side of the district. Deputy Cornelius thinks we will go on a wildfire assignment soon.

-Deputy Cornelius advised the Board that the PANO AI cameras are now up on Crown Mountain and will be trained next week by PANO AI, including PCSO and federal partners.

-Deputy Cornelius advised the Board that EMT Gerbaz started paramedic school on June 10, EMT Printy will graduate on July 11, and EMT Braun will go in August. Deputy Cornelius adds that many more are working on their prerequisites for attending paramedic school in January.

-Deputy Cornelius said a pilot program with Denver Health Paramedic will start soon.

-Deputy Cornelius said Colorado Mountain College is getting a new local program up and running beginning in August.

-Deputy Cornelius reminded the Board of the resurfacing project on Highway 82; the longer delays should taper off by the end of June.

Deputy Chief Issel Report: Deputy Chief Issel told the Board that the two vacant housing units for the new hires would be occupied later this month.

-Deputy Chief Issel said one of our firefighters is bidding on a home; he was happy to say that this is the goal for the firefighters to have employee housing and move on to purchase their own home. Deputy Chief Issel said, with this in mind we may have an open unit for rent.

- Deputy Chief Issel said the ladder that was damaged in the Willows fire is back in service.

-Deputy Chief Issel said he is listing a surplus ambulance for sale this week.

-Deputy Chief Issel said finding housing for a Paramedic school in Denver is challenging as we pay for housing and living expenses. Discussion ensued around paramedic school.

- After discussion, it was decided to post a paramedic fundraiser flyer on social media; Executive Assistant Diamond will handle this. Chief Thompson said he would also send the flyer to the homeowners in Sopris Mountain Ranch.

Master Plan Discussion: Chief Thompson said the LEPC is the County's hazmat and emergency reporting and where hazards are stored etc. have now been blended into the Public Safety Council meetings. Chief Thompson said the goal is to up the number of conversations around hazardous materials; this meets one of our strategic planning goals.

- Chief Thompson said we are very close to meeting our staffing goals as we stated we should meet 12 people minimum we are now at 10 people minimum, a step in the right direction.

Public Comments: None

Board Member Comments: Treasure Striegler tells the Board the 30th anniversary of the Storm King Fire on July 6, 2024; it is an important thing to remember the tragedy that happened in our Valley.

-Board Member Duroux told the Board how grateful the family of a 3-year-old boy who broke his ankle and was transported to Valley View Hospital came to the fire station to hang out and say thanks; the family was very grateful for the care and so thankful to the fire department.

- Board Member Duroux verified the Valley View Hospital fire alarms went off they work!

Staff Comments: None

Old Business-: IT Director Johnson shared the 2023 Annual Report document to the Board.

-IT Director Johnson showed the Board the new website, roaringforkfire.gov, with its new domain. IT Director Johnson said we worked with Streamline to make this website accessible, meet standards, and be easy to update and maintain.

Volunteer Meeting: July 2nd President Van Walraven will attend.

Adjournment: Vice President Arthur motioned to adjourn the meeting, Board Member Duroux seconded the motion and the meeting ended at 10:25 a.m.

To see the video of the Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority Board Meeting use this link: <https://youtu.be/RWvtZ1rekqw>